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St. Mary’s Washingtonville
December 20, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Thank you to all who came out to our St. Nick’s Party! The children had a blast seeing Santa, the Holy Family, and the Three Wise Men! Our “Christmas Star” led the children to see the baby Jesus while Youth Group Director Greg Shilling led them to awesome desserts at our North Pole Café! The Angel and Juan Diego shared their stories with the children and helped them understand the miracles in our Faith! Special thanks to Brian Manngard, Joe Federici, Monell Firehouse, Horizons, Karen Sheboy, Catherine Strohman, and Elena Wakeham for helping put on such an amazing party! If you have any pictures, please share! Send them to saintmaryshorizons@gmail.com.

See you next year!!
Now we are on the last week of Advent. Soon it will be Christmas Day. How many candles were lit at Mass today? What color did the priest wear? Can you try saying the Our Father when the church prays together during Mass?

Christmas Quiz:
Do you know what gifts were brought to the baby Jesus? What gift would you give Jesus on Christmas?

PS - Little Lambs is opening up a new 3 year old program after the New Year. We would like to add some “new toys” to our program - If anyone has a play kitchen set to donate, we would appreciate it! Also, we are still looking for more children to sign up for this 3 year old class in January. Contact Val at 496.7221.
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“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Class Schedule

There will be no classes on December 27, 28 or 29th. The schedule resumes Sunday, January 3rd.

Blessings for a joy-filled Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

The Year of Mercy

The ultimate goal of the Year of Mercy is to help us change our hearts and change our lives so that by next year we will be conduits of God’s mercy at all times and in all places.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Week 4 – God of blessings, we celebrate your good gifts and rejoice at the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Focus on Faith

And there, ahead of them, went the star they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9

Star of Love, shine your goodness through me. Star of Love, unite my heart with the heart of the world. Star of Wonder, keep us mindful of your transforming presence.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Middle School Youth Group Updates!

This past weekend St. Mary’s Middle School Ministry enjoyed baking (and eating cookies) and making tree dimensional snowflakes. We will not be meeting this weekend (12/20). Have a wonderful time with family and friends. There will be adoration on Saturday, January 2nd. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 9th at 4:15 in Fr. Tetreau Hall.

See you then!
Fourth Sunday of Advent

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET MICAH
Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

The word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.” These are offered according to the law. Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second. By this “will,” we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
St. Mary's Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24th
4pm, 4:10pm (Fr. Tetreau Hall),
6pm, 7:30pm, 9pm and Midnight

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25th
7:30am, (No 9:15am),
10:30am and 12 Noon