

ADVENT EDUCATION

Fr. Jim Warnke will be leading a guided reflection entitled "What Star Have You Followed?"

As the frenetic holiday season begins, compounded with tense times in our nation, we offer this series as a respite and an opportunity to recapture the spiritual opportunity Advent represents.

This time of discussion and prayer will be hosted on Zoom and followed immediately by Compline (night prayer) at 8:00 p.m. The series is free and no prior registration is needed.

The remaining discussion date is Thursday 12/19. Please see the St. Martin's weekly email or the St. Martin's website under Education for the Zoom link.

GREENING OUR CHURCHES

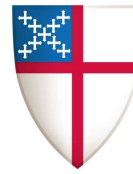
St. Matthew's will meet on Friday, 12/20 at 6pm to decorate the church for Christmas. Pizza will be provided.

St. Martin's will meet on Thursday 12/19 at 3:30pm to decorate the church for Christmas and set up the parish hall for our 12/22 party.

CALENDAR

(updates are highlighted)

Dec	15	10 AM Holy Eucharist at St. Matthew's Fr. Rubén Jurado, Celebrant
	22	10 AM Holy Eucharist at St. Martin's Fr. Rubén Jurado, Celebrant
		11 AM 2StMs Joint Christmas Party
	24	4:30 PM Christmas Eve Service at St. Matthew's Fr. Rubén Jurado, Celebrant
	29	10 AM Holy Eucharist at St. Matthew's Rev Liz Golub, Celebrant (no service at St Martin's)
Jan	5	10 AM Holy Eucharist at St. Matthew's Fr. Rubén Jurado, Celebrant
	12	10 AM Holy Eucharist at St. Martin's Fr. Rubén Jurado, Celebrant



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OUR MISSION STATEMENTS

To welcome everyone in the name of Christ;
to love and serve the Lord;
and to spread the Gospel wherever we may be.

We, the Congregation of St. Matthew's seek to know the gifts that Christ has given us, to use them as he would have us, in a ministry of love and encouragement, to each other and the community, with God's help.

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The Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

This week:

We give thanks for: Brianna Greenblatt (12/16), Tracy Joosten (12/19) and Fr. Rubén Jurado (12/21) who will be celebrating a birthday this week.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of John Ralph and Kevin Finnegan

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God in memory of Thomas Pflugh

Prayers needed:

For those who are ill or convalescing: Albert, Bishop Errol, Debbie, Douglas, Elias, Eva, Kathy F., Laura, Len, Lucia, Mara, Meghan, Nancy, Nell, Ordith, Pat, Richie, Teagan, Tom and Winnifred. Scott, Amanda, Joey, Vinnie, Diane, Sylvia, David, Chris, William, Donna, Carol, Debbie, Erin, Richard and HS.

For family & friends currently serving in the Armed Forces:

Olivia Beattie – US Army, Ryan O’Connell – US Army, Zach Harris – US Army

For those who are unable to attend church: Leslie.

The 2 Saint M's

St. Martin's in Maywood and St. Matthew's in Paramus are the 2StMs.

We share worship and fellowship, in order to leverage the strengths of each congregation. Please look for information about events both liturgical and social, to be posted on our website on the About Us page.

WEEKLY NOTES:



Donate toward altar flowers in honor of your loved ones.

At St. Martin's - Send an email to the office with your dates and names. Flower payments can be made online.

At St. Matthew's - contact Linda Finnegan, manager of the calendar, at 973-928-5508 or 201-370-8192 or e-mail: lfinn24@gmail.com. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew's Church with "Altar flowers for (name and requested date)" or "Sanctuary candle for (name and requested date)" noted on the memo line.

Please submit your names for our weekly prayer list, include anyone serving in the armed forces, anyone ill or convalescing, and anyone who cannot attend church. Email either office.

ONLINE GIVING

To Donate to **St. Matthew's** online, please see the church website.

To donate to **St. Martin's** online, pay for flowers or donate to outreach, please scan this QR Code with the camera on your smartphone.



OUTREACH

NOTE: St. Matthew's is not doing a Mitten Tree this year. Instead, we will be participating in the St. Martin's December Outreach. Unwrapped gifts need to be dropped off in the St. Matthew's narthex or brought to St. Martin's by December 8 for delivery to the shelter before 12/13.

DECEMBER OUTREACH

THANK YOU to everyone for your generous donations. We brought a car full of toys and a monetary donation of \$450 for the Center for Hope and Safety.

Ongoing Outreach: Paramus Community Pantry

<https://paramuscommunitypantry.org/>. We are asking you to help by donating items for the pantry. Please make sure the product dates have not expired. A complete list of needs is posted on the website and all donations are appreciated.

FELLOWSHIP

Our joint HOLIDAY PARTY will be on 12/22 after the service. Potluck items needed! Please see Donna for the sign-up sheet at coffee hour today.



COFFEE HOUR UPDATE

We have weekly coffee hour and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to contribute in any way! See Donna, Cindy or Vivian if you can help.

