


DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	SPECIAL EVENTS	DAILY READINGS,
SUNDAY 12/11/2016 	10:00 AM—Mass ☩ Mary Beatty	RCIA after 10:00 Mass 3:00 PM— Christmas Concert 	<i>Is 35:1-6a, 10</i> <i>Ps 146:6-10</i> <i>Jas 5:7-10</i> <i>Mt 11:2-11</i>
Monday 12/12/2016	NO MASS		<i>Zec 2:14-17</i> <i>Lk 1:26-38</i>
Tuesday 12/13/2016	4:00 PM— Mass Jennie & Frank LaMonica by Joe & Jan Plazerine	Bible Study CANCELLED until January 3, 2017. Contemplative Prayer after Mass.	<i>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13</i> <i>Mt 21:28-32</i>
Wednesday 12/14/2016	8:00 AM— Mass ☩ Pro-Life Rosary after Mass.	Book of Psalms — CANCELLED until Jan. 4th. 7:00 PM— Holy Spirit Prayer Group. 7:00 PM— KofC meeting in Parish Hall.	<i>Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25</i> <i>Lk 7:18b-23</i>
Thursday 12/15/2016	8:00 AM—Mass ☩ Mildred Murphy Kaiser by Hess Family	7:00 PM—Parish Council Meeting in Parish Hall.	<i>Is 54:1-10</i> <i>Lk 7:24-30</i>
Friday 12/16/2016	8:00 AM— Mass ☩ Judy Chapman by Dennis Chapman		<i>Is 56:1-3a, 6-8</i> <i>Jn 5:33-36</i>
Saturday 12/17/2016	8:00 AM—Mass ☩ Ida Hiatt by Lee Hiatt 4:00 PM—Mass ☩	3:15-3:45 PM— Reconciliation Following 4:00 Mass : 8-12th Grade Youth Group meeting in Parish Hall.	<i>Gn 49:2, 8-10</i> <i>Mt 1:1-17</i>
SUNDAY 12/18/2016 	10:00 AM— Mass ☩ 2:00 PM— Healing Mass	RCIA after 10:00 Mass Faith Formation after 10:00 Mass.	<i>Is 7:10-14</i> <i>Ps 24:1-6</i> <i>Rom 1:1-7</i> <i>Mt 1:18-24</i>

DECEMBER 11, 2016

 Some of the obstacles that keep us from “making a straight path” for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God’s will.

NOTE: Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website; therefore, any information in the bulletin is out there in cyberspace, accessible to anyone. Please let the office know if this is an issue for you.

Our Mission Statement : To Fulfill Fr. Michael Murphy's dream to be a welcoming community
*To grow in the love of the Lord
*To follow the teachings of the Church
*To serve one another and the community.



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Third Sunday of Advent

Office Hours: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM Monday—Friday
Office located next to the Church. (Closed on all Holy Days and Holidays)

MASSES — *Tues. 4:00 PM—Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 AM
RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:15—3:45 PM (or by appointment)

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: By appointment

HOLY DAY MASSES: Vigil 6:30 PM, 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM
**see calendar on back for possible time changes*

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

***WINTER:** Nov. 1ST to the last Sunday before Memorial Day
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM

***WINTER SNOW DAYS—SUNDAY MASS WILL BE AT 2:00 PM**
SUMMER: Memorial Day Weekend until October 31ST
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

ASSESSED GOAL	AMT. PAID	PLEDGE BAL.	OVER/(UNDER)
16,135.00	16,475.00	80.00	420.00

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL...
Whatever you do...

Your **contributions can also be made online @**

www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Please designate it for: **St. Margaret of Scotland #85.**

Only a few weeks left to fulfill your DSA pedge. Thank you for your support!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today’s second collection.

TO ALL ST. MARGARET PARISHIONERS:

We are in need of Eucharistic ministers, either Sunday mornings or Saturdays at 4PM Mass. If you regularly attend Mass, won’t you please seriously consider serving at Mass once a month? This will help you to fulfill an obligation to get involved in your church...and it’s a blessing! Please call Lynn Loetz 926-1148 and join one of our groups.

REMINDER: PRISONER CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please place Christmas Cards and Envelopes with postage in the basket upon entry to church by **this Sunday, December 11th** so they can be delivered to the prisoners for mailing before Christmas. Thank you.

HURRICANE MATHEW COLLECTION

The letter from the Diocese requesting us to have a second collection on the weekend of Oct 29 & 30 for Hurricane Mathew Relief never reached us, so we will be having a late collection next week for this. One third of the funds collected will be forwarded to our neighbor diocese of Raleigh– to be used by their local Catholic Charities for both immediate relief and long-term assistance to victims of the hurricane in the eastern half of our state. The balance of the funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide immediate humanitarian aid and long-term support to communities suffering widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the Caribbean and the US. Thank you.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

R.Allan, Tom Beyer, Ginny Condren, Bobbi DeBaldo, Jeanne Devlin, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Evelyn Fairbanks, Patti Fullbright, Caroline Greene, David & Christina Hefke, Ray Hoefler, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Jerry LaPointe, Matt Loetz, G.Lydia, Lisa M., R.Mas, Kathleen Mercogliano, Robert Missana, Jeanne Mitchel, Joseph Orvos, Suzanne Palmière, Pat & George Pastore, Carroll Smathers, Boone Tilley, Olivia Triollo, Barb & Bob Williams, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington- **AND ALL THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER. NAMES WILL EMAIN FOR ONE MONTH, UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.**



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

All newcomers interested in officially joining the parish are asked to call the church office to register.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice.” Although Advent is a season of penitence and preparation, today is always set aside by the Church to relax and rejoice in the Lord. All of our readings today deal with Christian joy. This may seem not in keeping with the overall mood encouraged for Advent, but it is most definitely in keeping with what we need to feel, and it is definitely appropriate for those who embrace stewardship as a way of life.

Stewardship is, of course, based upon an “attitude of gratitude” and today is a day to focus on the joy that results from that gratitude. Father Henri Nouwen was a well known Catholic priest, professor, writer, and theologian. In describing the significance of this particular day, Father Nouwen clarified the difference between joy and happiness. He said, “While happiness is dependent upon external conditions, joy is the experience of knowing that we are unconditionally loved by God and nothing — not sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death — can take that love away. Joy can be present in the midst of sadness.”

This “joy” that is reflected in lives of stewardship was also emphasized by Pope Francis, who said in his homily for Gaudete Sunday in 2014, “Today is a day of joy. Rather than fretting about all we have not done or accomplished to prepare for Christmas during Advent, we need to think of all the good things God, and life, has given us.” Copyright20www.thecatholicsteward.com

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VOTIVES.....	15.70
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