

Sunday

Monday

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# December 2018

## Welcome James Dansey, Dorothy Keith, Claire Douris!



<p>2 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Hangman 1:30 <b>Fun w/ Gail</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>3 9:00 <b>Holy Rosary w/ Legions of Mary</b> 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Trivia 1:30 <b>Fairley Line Dance</b> <small>First Day of Hanukkah</small></p>	<p>4 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Toss &amp; Talk Ball 1:30 Bingo w/ Justine* 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>5 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Singalong w/ Bing Crosby 1:30 Bowling 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>6 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Horse Racing 2:00 Computer Club 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>7 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 You Be the Judge 1:30 Holy Rosary 2:00 <b>Manicure Day ADORATION</b></p>	<p>8 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Discuss &amp; Recall 1:30 <b>Music w/ Ted</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary <b>Breakfast Buffet</b></p>	
<p>9 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Numerals 1:30 <b>Christmas Show Rehearsal</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>10 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 <b>Christmas Show Rehearsal</b> 1:30 <b>Charter Tech Caroling</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>11 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Would You Rather 1:30 Bingo w/ Justine 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>12 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Beanbag Toss 1:30 <b>White Elephant Sale</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>13 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Let's Write A Story 1:30 <b>Nostalgic Duo</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>14 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Balloon Volleyball 1:30 <b>Christmas Show Rehearsal</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>15 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 <b>Christmas Show Rehearsal</b> 1:30 <b>Christmas Show (Live!)</b></p>	
<p>16 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Scattergories 1:30 <b>Fun w/ Gail</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>17 9:00 <b>Holy Rosary w/ Legions of Mary</b> 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Anagrams 1:30 <b>Caesars Mobile Casino</b></p>	<p>18 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Virtual Vacation 1:30 Bingo w/ Justine* 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>19 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Price is Right 1:30 Holiday Baking 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>20 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Velcro Toss 2:00 Computer Club 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>21 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Name that Tune! 1:30 <b>Manicure Day</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary <small>Winter Begins</small></p>	<p>22 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Dean Martin Christmas Show 1:30 <b>Christmas Party Breakfast Buffet</b></p>	
<p>23 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Crossword Puzzle 1:30 Musical Bingo 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>24 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Numerals 1:30 Movie Matinee 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>25 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Christmas Movie 11:30 <b>Christmas Dinner</b> <small>Christmas Day</small></p>	<p>26 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Bible Trivia 1:30 <b>Sentimental Songsters</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary <small>Kwanzaa Begins</small></p>	<p>27 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Price is Right 2:00 Computer Club 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>28 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Basketball Toss 1:30 <b>December Birthday Party</b></p>	<p>29 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Deal or No Deal 1:30 <b>Resident's Council Meeting</b> 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	
<p>30 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Trivia 1:30 Bingo 4:00 Holy Rosary</p>	<p>31 9:00 Holy Rosary 9:30 Holy Mass 10:00 Hangman 6:00 <b>New Year's Eve Party</b> <small>New Year's Eve</small></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“December’s wintery breath is already clouding the pond, frosting the pane, obscuring summer’s memory.”</b> ~ John Geddes, A Familiar Rain</p>					

# Villa News December 2018

## Go A-Wassailing

Caroling, or performing folk songs of well-wishes to neighbors, became traditional during local festivals and on holidays like May Day. It was during Victorian England that Christmas became more popular and commercialized. Publishers began compiling and printing vast anthologies of carols. Some went so far as to take ancient songs and rewrite them as hymns to the birth of Christ. Many of the most famous Christmas carols date from this period, including "The First Noel," and "Joy to the World." Nowadays, Christmas caroling is almost uniquely found during church services. Rarely do carolers venture door-to-door *a-wassailing* as they once did in olden times. But on December 20, Go Caroling Day, the practice may be revived. So don't be surprised if you hear a knock on your door and a choir of voices

## Birthdays

Arlene Selover 11<sup>th</sup>  
Miriam Hyberg 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mary Catherine Bennett 28<sup>th</sup>

## Home for the Holidays

Here are some facts about gingerbread. It is made from ginger root and it originated in East Asia. It may be surprising that one of the most enduring holiday traditions was popularized by the tale of a witch attempting to eat two children by luring them into her gingerbread house. But the religious significance of gingerbread has deeper roots than *Hansel and Gretel*. Perhaps it stems from the development of gingerbread by German monks. Or the use of gingerbread in religious ceremonies. Whatever the reason, warm, spicy gingerbread has become synonymous with the Christmas season.

## December Full Moon

Known as the cold moon, the long night moon, or the wolf moon, for Native Americans it was a symbol of coming full circle. As we reach the end of the year and look forward to the beginning of a new year, take some time this month to reflect and appreciate the past year. What are your hopes for the coming year?

## What's Lucky?

Lucky Colors: Blue, Green  
Lucky Days: Tuesday, Saturday  
Lucky Numbers: 2 and 8  
Lucky Letters: D and R  
Lucky Animal: Reindeer

## Anniversaries

Alice Brangan

## Mary's Corner

The birthstone for December is Turquoise. This stone is a valuable gemstone. Native Americans called the stone *chal-cui-hui-tal*, meaning "the highest and most valued thing in the world." They believed the stone protected them from harm. Upon seeing a crack in their turquoise stone, they would say, "The stone took it"—that is, the turquoise took the force of a blow for me. Turquoise is also often used as a love charm. Some of Shakespeare's characters gave the stone as a gift to earn the affection of others. In Russia, the stone is commonly used in wedding rings.

Flower of the month is narcissus (daffodil). Although it may seem odd that the winter month of December has a spring bloomer for its flower, it makes a lot of sense when you consider that the daffodil symbolizes rebirth—in this case, the "birth" of the New Year. The Chinese believe that if you succeed in forcing a narcissus to bloom on New Year's Day, you have secured good fortune for the whole year.

Why anyone would want to celebrate Wear a Plunger on Your Head Day on December 18 is a mystery. The plunger's history may have begun in 1777 when one Samuel Prosser received a patent for a wholly new kind of water closet known as the plunger closet, whereby the lavatory would flush with the lift of a plunger. It is likely that as materials such as wood and rubber became more available during the mid-19th century, the plunger was invented. It was during this time that the suction cup was also invented, which supports this theory. Plungers have long been used beyond the confines of the lavatory, though. During the 1920s, jazz musicians used rubber cups to "mute" the end of their trumpets. In the 1980s, plungers were even used on three separate documented occasions to perform CPR and save lives.

For many of us women who had dishwashers our thanks must go to Josephine Cocrane whom in December 28, 1886 invented automatic dishwashers. She took her idea in 1893 to Chicago World's Fair, where she won the highest prize.

Enclosing this newsletter is Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It has been a real pleasure writing this newsletter this year. Mary Pres