

# Altar Server News

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If you haven't received the Server Schedule by email too, please contact Marguerita Sasser

## Welcome New Altar Servers!

We welcome 13 new Altar Servers into the ministry!

- Clare Brady
- Isabelle Cecilio
- Maggie Cecilio
- Kyle Cruzen
- John Gallarate
- Evan Hague
- Jack Hague
- Kathryn LeBaron
- Emma Ryan
- Kevin Shea
- Claire Sulek
- Alex Tawfik
- Colin Tralongo

Please help the new Servers when they are scheduled with you. Also, please make a special effort to show up when you are scheduled or to get a sub when you can't serve, so they won't be on their own.

### Altar Server Gathering

We hope you all enjoyed the Server Gathering with Father Chris. He gave lots of useful pointers for serving, such as how to hold the Sacramentary for the priests, set up items on the altar, assist the priest with washing his hands,.... He also reminded everyone to smile. ☺

You can see and download photos from the gathering at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stmartinparish/>

## Advent and Christmas Masses

During Advent, you'll notice a change in colors, and the **altar candles will not be lit at the beginning of Mass.** The Eucharistic Ministers will light them during the collection as we pray for the light of Christ to grow brighter in our world.

As Christmas approaches, there will be sign-up sheets in the sacristy for the Christmas Masses.

**The Christmas Schedule** of Masses will be as follows:

- ❖ **Christmas Eve Masses:**  
4:00 and 6:00 p.m. and  
Midnight Mass (*which begins at 11:30 p.m.*)
- ❖ **Christmas Day Masses:**  
7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am

The masses on Christmas Eve are a little more complex than usual, but the masses on Christmas Day are very simple.