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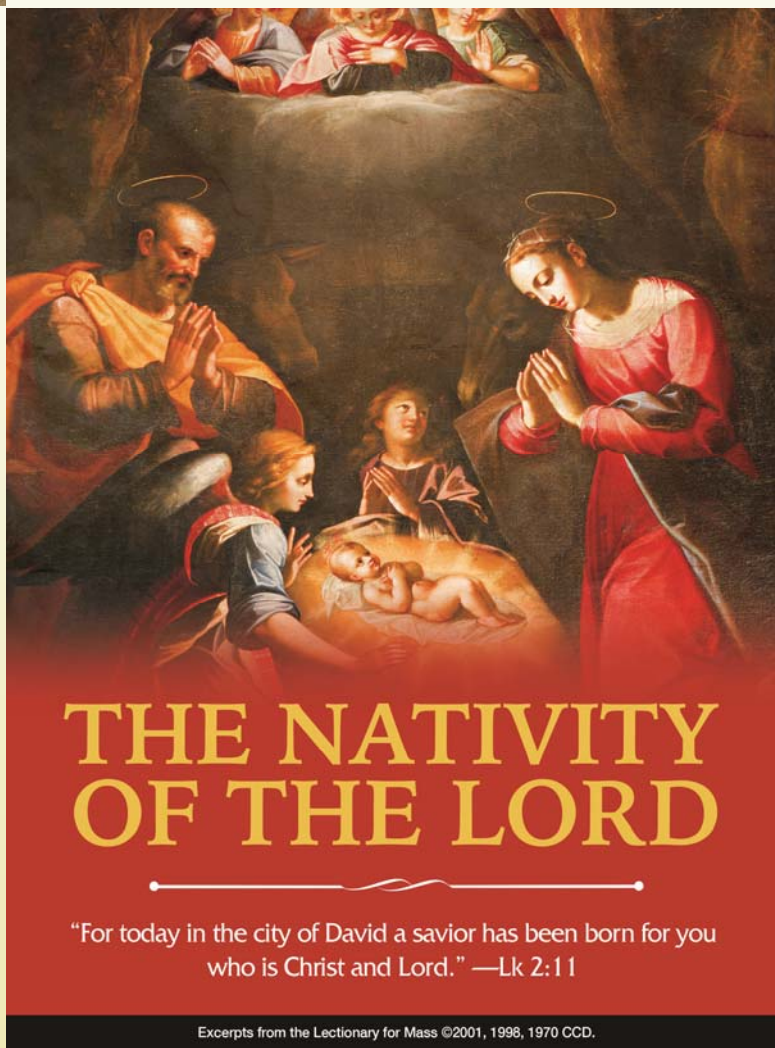
Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published. Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." —Lk 2:11

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday:

9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday):

4:00 pm

Sunday:

7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

First Friday:

9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass

First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass

Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS



The Nativity of the Lord

MONDAY, December 26
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, December 27
9:00 **Rebecca Tighe**, requested by *Michael and Mary Ledwidge*

WEDNESDAY, December 28
9:00 **Carolyn Calcagni**, requested by *the family*

THURSDAY, December 29
9:00 **Dr. Lothar Candels (1st Ann)**, requested by *the family*

FRIDAY, December 30
9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, December 31
4:00 **Juliet Mozzicato**, requested by *the family*

SUNDAY, January 1, 2017
7:30 **Special Intentions**
9:30 **Special Intentions**
11:00 **Special Intentions**

WELCOME!



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, December 26
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: will return Jan. 2, 2017

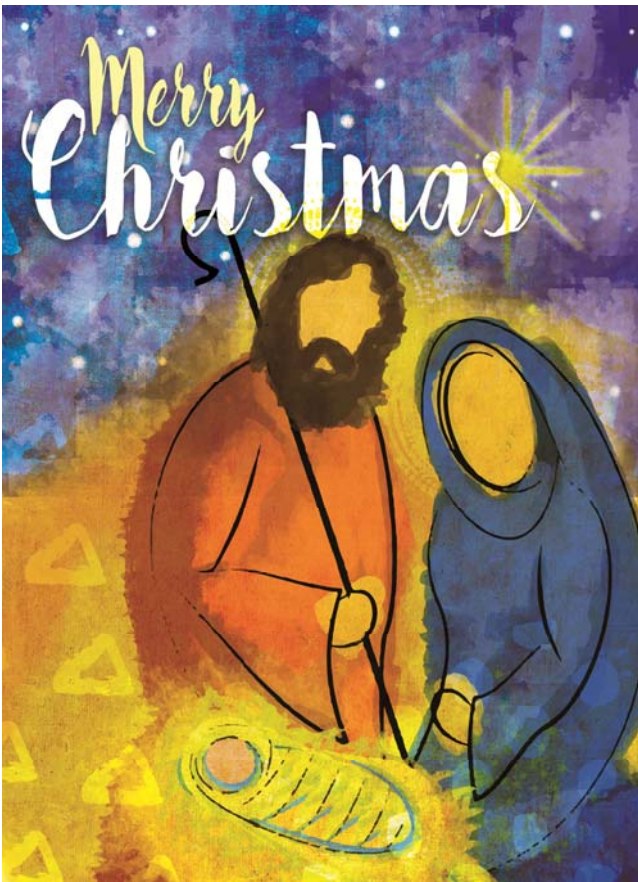
TUESDAY, December 27
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3 (per leader)

WEDNESDAY, December 28
Lectio Divina: will return in January

THURSDAY, December 29
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft (per director)
Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft (per leader)
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft (per director)

FRIDAY, December 30
SATURDAY, December 31
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, January 1, 2017



We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful
Christmastide
With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours
With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,
The **Christ** child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.



How We Can Help the Homeless During the Winter...

We would appreciate donations of warm sox, hats, or gloves to go into Christmas gift bags for the guests of the Immacare shelter and the No-Freeze emergency shelter. For many this will be the only gift they get- and the items are greatly needed!

Also- if you have blankets or sleeping bags, or men's coats, we are trying to round up those items for both shelters. They don't have to be new- just warm and clean!

Thanks so much. All items can be left in church kitchen and please mark them "Immacare".

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

December 18, 2016:
unavailable due to early deadline

Online Giving:
unavailable due to early deadline

Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Solemnity of Mary



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stannavon.org

Did you know that you can also read our weekly bulletin in full color on our website? Check it out!

CHRISTMAS



SAVE THE DATE

The 9th Annual Book Sale January 6-8, 2017

All proceeds go to Catholic High School Student Scholarships.

Please donate books in good condition during the following book sale collection dates/times:

- Wednesday, January 4th, between 9:30 AM - 6 PM
- Thursday, January 5th, between 9:30 AM - 6 PM
- Friday, January 6th between 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Please donate: best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, collectibles, large print, children's books, young readers, memoirs, books-on-CD, music CDs, movies on DVD, and (new this year) record albums.

Please do NOT donate: encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, VHS movies, records, or cassette tapes.

In addition to books, please donate sturdy computer paper boxes and box tops.

January 2017 Book Sale dates:

- Friday, January 6th - 5 PM - 8 PM - \$5 adult admission
- Saturday, January 7th - 9 AM - 6 PM (no admission fee)
- Sunday, January 8th - 8 AM - 12:30 PM (no admission fee)

Volunteers are needed for sorting books on Jan. 4th & 5th.

To volunteer at the January 2017 Book Sale, please contact Nancy Casey (860.673.3141) nancekc@gmail.com or Constance Rotondo (860.404.0204) constance.rotondo@comcast.net

Thank you!

The poinsettias decorating the altar for Christmas have been donated in honor of or in memory of the following persons:*

Eugene Duarte
 Cynthia Capeci
 The Gray & Scully Families
 Edward Stepien
 Mr & Mrs Robert Glynn
 Mr & Mrs Joseph Kreivenas
 Jonathan Michael Gilotti
 The Gilotti and Valeri Families
 Aldo & Elizabeth Zeffiro
 Mary O'Brien Stevens
 William J. Stevens
 Christine Klatt
 Afsar Khoshnevis
 Ahmad Khoshnevis
 Robert Turmelle
 Joseph, Dahlia
 & Carolyn Calcagni
 Julie Ann Rotondo Poll
 William Peck
 Pauline Peck
 Dr. Paul T. Bauer
 Robert "Ray" DuBois
 Miriam & Walter Hill
 Mortimer J Murphy Jr & Jane Murphy
 Gene Overmyer
 Andy Moe
 Yolande Michaud
 Olivin Michaud
 Leon & Apolonia
 Wawrzynowski
 Our Parents
 John & Helen Mogielnicki
 Clara & Myron Szymanski
 The families of John
 & Marie Peluso
 The Corso & Rucci Families
 Carl T. Dubiel
 Mr. & Mrs. Geo Kubik
 Julia Curtin
 Rick St. Onge
 Marie Enrico
 Geno Enrico
 Lucille Sheehan
 Kathleen Talbot
 George & Cathie Jerto
 Linda Beloin
 Lucie Carstens Daly
 Dominick Assaro
 The Gagne Family
 The Williams Family
 Patrick & Mary Marra
 Vincent & Anna Vitkauskas

Mr & Mrs Charles E. Devanney
 Mr & Mrs Miner L. Fyler Sr.
 The Hennig Family
 The Ward Family
 The Shukell Family
 Katharine & George DeVita
 Evelina Tedeschi
 Margaret Mahon
 Thomas Ledwidge
 Rebecca Tighe
 Matthew LaBounty
 Trevor Duffy
 Leopardo Salvador
 Charles & Anna McNamara
 Tim Buckley
 Gerald Buckley
 The Sullivan & Juda Families
 Helen Randall
 Gerald Gill
 Paul Irving
 The Banasiewicz Family
 The Swider Family
 Timothy Prete, Jr.
 Paul Prete
 Anita Prete
 Richard Mitera
 Joseph Jacob
 M.J. Jacob
 The Angelina Family
 The Kuzia & Herman Families
 Frank & Joan Wirth
 Rita Pellegrini
 John Pellegrini
 Al & Lily Apuzzo
 George & Catherine Taverna
 Francis Oneglia
 Len Snoyer
 Mary & James Martino
 Hope & Harold Whalen
 Ann Marie & Jack Gominiak
 The Fregeau
 & Nashlenas Families
 William LaMonica Sr.
 Katherine LaMonica
 James Waldron
 Gertrude Waldron
 John McCusker
 Walter Pietrusinski
 Alice Pietrusinski
 John Pietrusinski
 George Korch
 Eileen & Robert Rooney

Leonard Hudak
 The Healey & Shoulder Families
 Ann Tromza
 Pete Tromza
 Jack Tromza
 Paul Topolosky
 Kenneth Raynor
 The Biscoglio
 & Tomlinson Families
 Louise DiLeo
 The Lenihan & Miller Families
 David G. Matthes
 The Lupo & Matthes Families
 The Fee Family
 The Peregrin Family
 Neda & John Ruk
 Rev. James Cronin
 Eleanor McGrath
 Carl & Mildred Lawrynowicz
 Corinne Elizabeth Wall
 George Walls
 Helen Walls
 Ruth & Natale Balich
 Frances & John Curran
 Ruby Sutherland
 Lisa Huston
 Albert & Olga Weiss
 America & Agnes Accomasso
 Bill Ryan
 Rosemarie & Joseph Wallack
 Larry Scelza
 John & Dorothy McCoy
 Francine Sider
 The Szydlo Family
 The Magiera Family
 Edmund Sikora
 The Sikora-Kidikowski Family
 Kathleen Congoma
 Elizabeth, John Sr.
 & John Jr Douglass
 Eric K. Rebillard
 Leonard Novia
 Lynn Rossini
 Fred Bielefeld
 Joey Jazwich
 Kathleen Congoma
 Helen Welter
 Jack Welter
 Jean Leavitt
 Lucy Rose
 The Bondhus & Vuono Families
 Father Thomas P. Quinn

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Mr & Mrs. Vincent DiDominzio
 Mr & Mrs Victor Del Cioppo
 Mr. & Mrs. Gandathaja
 Joanna Puma
 Fran Aiello
 Lorraine & Peter Antink
 Douglas Blood
 Dee Dee Sullivan
 Helen Perrone
 Frank Perrone
 Helen Chrapwitzky
 Vincent Lewandowski
 Horace & Anita Abate
 Joseph & Margaret Juliano
 Clayton Cooke
 Evelyn Cooke
 The Coulturi Family
 The Cooke Family
 My family
 Their family
 Hanna Jablonska
 Mira Zarska
 Father Vince Youngberg
 William Sharp
 Nancy Ciavarella
 The Driscoll & O'Neill Families
 Tim Murphy
 John T. LaVia
 Gabrielle St. Jean
 Eddie Consuegra
 The Dubin
 & Kasmovitis Families
 Arthur & Elizabeth Godbout
 George & Virginia Yurch
 Eric Edman
 The Babcock Family
 The Widman Family
 The parents of Gene Reno
 Frances Connors
 Marion Connors
 Theresa Benoit
 Paulette Barham
 Robert & Eva Drake
 Marion Toce
 The Girard & Ahern Families
 The Marcotte & Messier Families
 Sophie DeFronzo
 John Murphy
 Mr & Mrs Luman Sipperly

Mr & Mrs Stanley Kapcinski
 The Prado Family
 Josef Hundhammer
 The Renaud Family
 The Moody Family
 Frantz Etienne
 Jim & Barbara Martino
 Mildred Bonk
 Nora Hole
 Edward Hole
 Robert Bade
 Phyllis Bade
 Pat Clark
 Ona & Patrick Linnane
 Margaret & Peter Meenan
 Mr & Mrs Nicholas Hartonavich
 Mr & Mrs Edwin Jud
 Mary & Tad Peron
 Nadine & Paul Magliotti
 Louise Davenport
 Paul Davenport
 Nicholas & Jeanne Nardoia
 Janet Carroll
 The Anderson, Pirnat
 & Swanson Families
 The Crowley & Kundahl Families
 Anthony & Shirley Catinelli
 The Zanolli Family
 Gabriel Ruta
 Eleanor Ruta
 Elsie and John H.
 Marion, Jamie, & Nelson C.
 Mary Hojnowski
 Henry Hojnowski
 Manda Koch
 Alfred Koch
 Sonya Dockett-Nwachukwu
 The Testa Family
 The Kulesa Family
 Fr. Thomas McCarthy
 Francesca Nigrelli
 Stephen Melniczek, Sr.
 Maria & Charles Whalen
 Hannah & John Deckers
 Maxime & Louise Lozier
 & Family
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 Dennis & Margaret Cahill

Daniel A. Miley
 Richard S. Grossi
 Richard S. Grossi, Jr.
 The Pastizzo Family
 Pat & Ray Hayden
 Joanne Tousignant
 Lawrence Tousignant
 Elsie Fox
 Bill & Judy Olson
 Anita Winn
 Mary Reilly Clark
 John M. Rjelly
 The Leduc & Roy Families
 Mackenzie Malone
 James J. Donnelly
 Anne Rosenthal
 Beth Zagatta
 George Rand
 Julie Ann Poll
 Jack Walsh
 Mary Neamtz
 Charles Generose
 Dolores Aberdale
 Helen Ann Bachhuber
 John Bachhuber
 Rudy Lachut
 Maryann Enderle
 Mildred & Douglas Gould
 Danny, Michael, & John
 Elsie & Addis Daly
 Lucille Tavgigian
 Joseph & Jeremy Savidge
 Mike Gilotti
 Palma Van Blerkom
 The Bialaski Family
 The Brennan Family
 The Lysak Family
 John C. Lloyd
 John Rims
 Lena & Zelindo Salvadori
 The Affelder Family
 The Zalenski Family
 The ZuWallack Family
 The McHugh Family
 Rose, Charlie and Frank

THE YOUTH MINISTRY THANKS YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

DECEMBER 25, 2016 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*And so this is Christmas and what have you done?
Another year over; a new one just begun.*

--John Lennon

This year marks my forty-eighth Christmas! Forty-eight times I have celebrated the feast of God becoming man in the Incarnation. Forty-eight times I have sat in front of a Christmas tree and opened presents from those who love me the most. Forty-eight times. That seems like a lot to me, and for those older than me, that means even more Christmases to celebrate.

I have some great Christmas memories. I also have some memories of Christmas days that didn't end up quite like I had planned. But all in all, there have been forty-eight times when Christmas just took over all my being for a day.

This year, Christmas will begin that really big change in my life. I will turn on the radio and I will be asked in a song, "And so this is Christmas and what have you done?" This year I will say that I fell short again, but next Christmas? Next Christmas, I will say that was the year I truly made a difference in my world. Yes, I am holding out for Christmas number forty-nine.

Hopefully, after reflection about the months gone by, you will be able to say, "This was the best year yet! I really used my gifts from to God to impact the world around me." If not, let's make a resolve to meet up again with next year's Everyday Stewardship reflection for Christmas. This will be the year for which God has been waiting, right?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

--C. S. Lewis

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.
(Is 62:1)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. (Acts 13:23-24)

Gospel:

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:21)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128/ Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us--Emmanuel, "God is with us." Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a HOLY day and as Christians it is OUR day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Merry Christmas! Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord! The Word, Jesus Christ, was with God from the beginning and brought life to the world. What an awesome thought! Jesus being born in time reminds all of us that our birth is not an accident. God uniquely created each one of us and gave us life out of love. He designed us with purpose and blessed each one of us with gifts and talents. Jesus, Emmanuel and Son of God, shows us who we are and who we are meant to become!