

Nativity of Our Lord

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www.nativityofourlordop.com

Diocesan Website: www.buffalodiocese.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Vigils:..... 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday:..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m.,
..... 6:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass (September - May)

Monday through Friday:..... 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday..... 8:00 a.m. only

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:25 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated as a community at Mass at 1:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month outside of Lent. Parents who wish to present a child for Baptism call for an appointment with one of the priests, to discuss the meaning of the Sacrament and the responsibilities being undertaken. The date and time for Baptism will be arranged at this meeting.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Meet with a priest to express your intentions and freedom to marry. Once this is established a date and time may be secured. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference is required. All arrangements for a wedding must be completed one month before your wedding day.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please notify a priest for those seriously ill. Please make arrangements while your loved one is still conscious and can personally accept this eternal grace.

Letters of Recommendation: Letters of Recommendation to act as sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are given to registered members of the parish who attend Mass and Communion regularly and either have raised or are raising their own children (if any) in the Faith.

New Parishioners: Formal registration in the parish is accepted at the Parish Office. Please introduce yourself to our parish priests at Mass on Sunday. If you are moving or there is a change in address, please notify the parish office.

Adoration Chapel: Open to public from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. Rosary Hours - Monday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at Noon. To schedule a holy hour, please call Patty Allman—667-7431.

Our Mission to Others

www.mklaymissionaries.org

www.jesuitvolunteers.org www.cfcausa.org

Check the above website for becoming a volunteer.

We are twinned with our sisters and brothers in Haiti in the parish of St. Michael's, Coq Chante. We are committed in support of St. Michael's Parish, clinic, school, water project and basic necessities for families. Their physical needs are an opportunity for us to give and in return receive the grace-filled prayers and blessings of the poor.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday— 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday—8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For appointments please call directly.

Pastor

Rev. Bernard U. Nowak, ext. 145

Deacons

Dennis Conroy, ext. 140

Deacon Gary P. Anelora, ext. 142

Deacon Sean Paul Fleming, Ext. 140

Assistant Priest

Msgr. George Brennan, Rev. Peter Drilling &
Rev. James Croglia

Business Manager

Robert M. Joslyn, Sr., ext. 125

Director of Life Teen

Patrick Murphy, (716) 508-0258

Director of Music

Mr. Robert T. Kiersz, ext. 123

Parish Outreach

Sr. Beth Hays S.S.M.N., 716-662-1302

Faith Formation Office

S-4414 South Buffalo St. • 716-662-2169

Director: Mary Barone, ext. 126

www.nativityofourlordop.com Faith Formation

Nativity of Our Lord School

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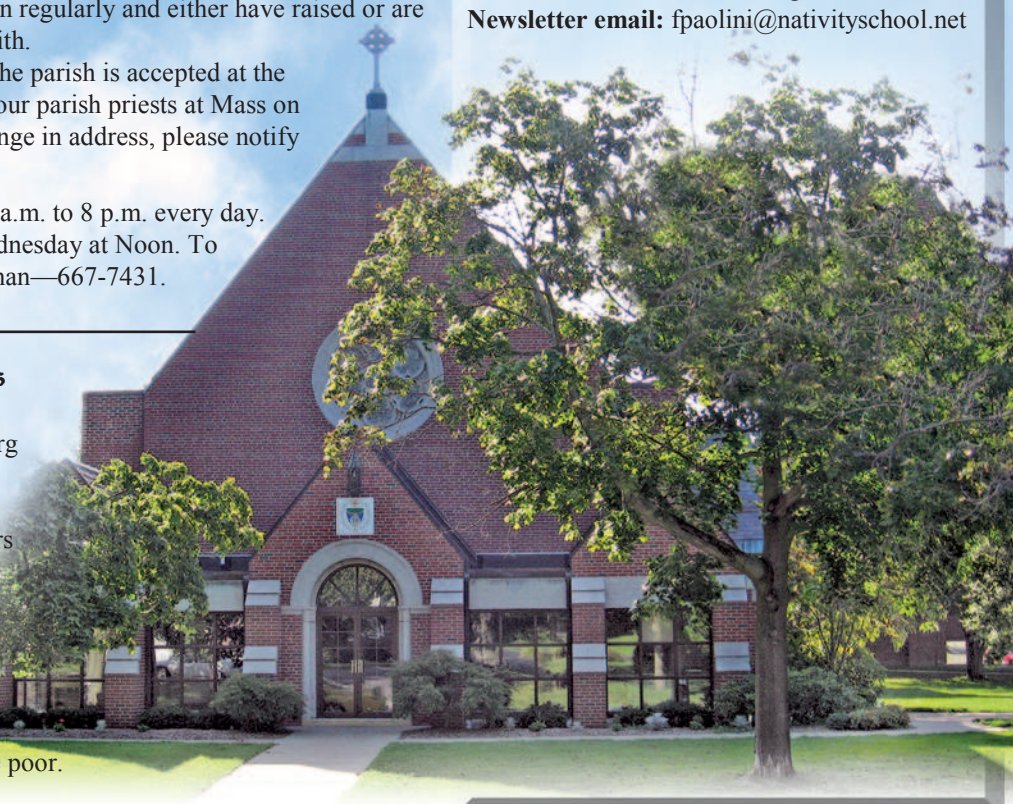
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Facilities: James Flading, ext. 117

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
OCTOBER, 2011**

Monthly Needs for October, (4 wks).....	\$105,000.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/02	\$26,540.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/09	\$21,729.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/16	\$19,206.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/23	\$18,378.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/30	\$19,808.00
Favorable<Unfavorable> Budget for the month	\$662.00
Favorable<Unfavorable> Budget for the year.....	\$1,036.00
Monthly Needs for November (4 wks).....	\$94,000.00

Fiscal Year is September 1 to August 31

The following facts and figures represent this year compared to last year. The average weekly envelopes used in October were 833 compared to 915 last year. Total gross contributions received for October is \$108,287.30 compared to \$116,042.07 last year. The “Weekend/Monthly Collection” is \$105,661.30 versus \$108,879.07 last year. This year \$4,831.00 was loose cash not in envelopes compared to \$4,937.00 last year. The special collections were \$2,626.00 this year and \$6,668.00 (Family Justice Ctr.) last year. Special collections received this month included \$5.00 for Catholic Education, \$10.00 for Outreach, and \$2,611.00 for Mission.

Our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your support and generosity in our **Parish Stewardship in Faith** program; please remember your commitment to **Time, Talent and Treasure**.

STEWARDSHIP

During this fall season let us recall the way of discipleship is privileged beyond any other. Jesus says: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10). But discipleship is not an easy way. “If you wish to come after me,” Jesus also says, “you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it” (Lk 9:23-24).

The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter it is changed with intense joy. Like Paul, the good steward is able to say, “I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy. Like Paul, the good steward is able to say, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction” (2Cor 7:4).

After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense. All of their essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as “handmaid” in terms of service and fidelity. Blessed be her Immaculate Conception which we celebrate in December.

In light of all this, it only remains for all of us to ask ourselves this question: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ? The Spirit is ready to show us the way—a way of which *stewardship* is a part.

A growing number of parishioners are transitioning to a stewardship way of life, which includes the offering of time, treasure, and talent for God and others. Using a percentage of time, a percentage of treasure, members are finding themselves in a more graceful, less stressful way of life. Accenting charity as a priority in family life over material things, entertainment, status, etc.—transforms a family’s life-style to a deeper love, filial devotion and joyous living.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

The weekend of December 10/11, the Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be taken up.

Salaries and stipends to religious were earmarked primarily for good works, new ministries, and training and education that would ensure adequate staffing and administration for ministries rather than retirement. Church and diocesan pension plans did not include religious institutes, which are organized separately. Today, however, elderly religious who are retired from paid ministry far outnumber wage-earning religious. Health care costs have skyrocketed and the number of elderly religious in assisted living or nursing facilities has risen dramatically.

**A FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11—5:00 PM
ORCHARD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Led by the choirs of:

- Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
- Nativity of Our Lord RC Church
- Orchard Park Wesleyan Church
- St. Mark Episcopal Church
- Orchard Park United Methodist Church
- Orchard Park Community Church
- St. John’s Lutheran Church

OUTREACH

Planning Christmas Projects: Once again the Outreach Office will be sending Christmas Cookies to our homebound. If you have any cookies to share we would appreciate receiving them for this project no later than December 16. We will need volunteers to deliver them. If you can be of help, please call Sr. Beth.

Christmas Angel Project: If you took a name of a child or adult and purchased a Christmas gift, please remember: **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT, BUT PUT IT IN A BOX WITH THE TREE TAPED TO THE OUTSIDE.** Bring your gift to either the School Office or the Outreach Office no later than December 16. Gifts will be distributed the following week. Thank you!



Please welcome the following new members to our Nativity of our Lord Parish Community: Mathew & Jill Masset, Chirico & Katie Rozsa, Jack & Allison Bartels, John & Mildred Flickinger, Donald & Karen Ertman.

DISCIPLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Disciples of Divine Mercy will come and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for your loved one who may be sick or dying. For more information call Terry at 662-2323 or Patricia at 662-4931.

UNITED IN CHRIST

Our parish community announces with joy the upcoming marriage of Ann Schrier and Christopher Licata on December 3rd.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Father Bernard, Fr. Peter, Msgr. Brennan and the Parish community would like to express deep and profound condolences to the family of: William Flannery, Ed McGrath & Sophia Rochford.

LITURGICAL PARTICIPATION

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at “the center of the whole Christian life” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 16), **is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through** the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly a “participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity” (GIRM, no. 18). To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation we make the actions and prayers of the Liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ’s redeeming act and perfect worship.

“In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God’s own possession and a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration...Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the sacrifice and by a participating together at the Lord’s table” (GIRM, nos. 95, 96).

The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part.

ORDAINED MINISTRIES IN THE LITURGY

Bishops and priests are called to act in the Liturgy in the very person of Christ, on behalf of his people, pronouncing the most sacred prayers of our faith, presiding over the celebration of the sacred mysteries, explaining God’s Word and feeding God’s People on the Body and Blood of Christ. A bishop has the added responsibility of being the chief shepherd, the principal liturgist of his diocese in his role as the successor of the Apostles. By God’s grace others are ordained to the ministry of deacon. In the celebration of the mass deacons proclaim the Gospel, occasionally preach the homily, and assist the bishop and priest in exercising their sacred duties.

OTHER LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

In addition to the ordained ministries, some roles in the Liturgy are exercised by lay people who place their time and talent at the service of the liturgical assembly as acolytes (altar servers), lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song, and ushers. Others contribute their time and talent to planning and organizing the Liturgy; to keeping the church and the vestments, vessels, and appointments clean and well ordered; or to providing decorations that reflect the spirit of the liturgical feast or season.

This variety of offices and roles is desirable and should be maintained. It is desirable that individuals function in roles of service at Mass. For example, if a deacon is present, the priest celebrant or a concelebrant should not read the Gospel. The lector should not take on the role of a server or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. A wide variety of services needs to be performed, and it is preferable that different individuals exercise those services so that the talents and gifts God has placed within the Christian community are fully used and that these roles of

service are not monopolized by a few.

Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be well prepared for those roles and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity, and understanding. Receiving the proper preparation requires a further gift of time on the part of the person being prepared as well as on the part of those in the parish responsible for the training of liturgical ministers. Finally, the practical task of assigning individuals to particular Masses and organizing the distribution of roles is another indispensable element in the fabric of well-ordered liturgical ministry in a parish.

All the baptized need to understand that part of their duty regarding the Liturgy is to accept some responsibility for the Liturgy, to place themselves and their God-given talents at the service of the liturgical community whenever possible. Whether one brings up the gifts at the Presentation; reads the Word of God; assists with the distribution of Communion and brings the Eucharist to those unable to be present at Mass; serves at the altar; provides music that augments the joy, solemnity, and festivity of the celebration; or serves the assembled community as an usher, he or she is contributing to the worship of the community and fulfilling the responsibility that comes with Baptism.

Not all members of the parish community will have the time, energy, strength, or ability to serve in these roles. However, individuals must be careful not to excuse themselves too easily. What is important is that all understand that the celebration of Liturgy is not just the responsibility of the pastor, although he is delegated by the bishop to oversee the liturgical life of the parish. Pastors need the help of people who are serious about living out their baptismal right and responsibility to worship.

THE ROLE OF THE BAPTIZED

This catalog of specialized roles might give the impression that those who are not exercising one of these roles are free to sit back passively and simply let the Liturgy happen around them. Nothing could be further from the truth. **Those who come together for Liturgy do not have the luxury of acting as spectators**, waiting for all to be done for them. “Full, conscious, and active participation” in the Liturgy (as commended by the second Vatican Council) is not only their right but also their duty and their responsibility. That responsibility includes full engagement throughout the liturgical celebration. The baptized faithful who form the congregation are called to join in praise and thanksgiving in song and spoken word, to listen attentively to God’s Word, and **to exercise their baptismal priesthood in prayer for the Church**, the world, and all in need during the General Intercessions.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist the **baptized faithful join their prayer** to that of the priest celebrant, offering Christ the Victim, “not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him,” and offer themselves as well (GIRM, no. 95). Their participation in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the sacrament that unites them more fully with Christ their Head and with one another. We need to be aware, therefore, that “participation” does not refer primarily to external activity or function during the celebration of Mass; rather, **it refers to a deeply spiritual, interior participation of mind and heart**, filled with devotion and penetrating the very depths of the mysteries we celebrate.

In their sincere efforts to participate, those present minister to the priest celebrant, to others who serve in liturgical roles, and to one another. Their attention and active engagement in the celebration can draw from the priest celebrant and other ministers the best they have to offer. (Continued on Page 4)

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Their enthusiastic song and verbal responses made with conviction can encourage others to sing and respond; their very presence at the celebration of Mass when so many other enticing options might have been chosen instead supports and reinforces others who have made the same choice.

The Liturgy, then, is about the action of God's own people, each with different offices and roles. When we play our roles in the Liturgy with our bodies, minds, and hearts fully engaged, we make to God a perfect sacrifice of praise.

HOLIDAY GIFT SUGGESTION—MAKE A GIFT DONATION THAT WILL ASSIST FAMILIES IN HAITI

Our 2010 Christmas Gifting program was very successful. \$8,605.00 was raised for our twin parish in Coq Chante, Haiti, to provide livestock, school tuition, medical supplies, and sanitation facilities. To participate in the 2011 program, use the donation form below to select the specific gift contribution(s) that you want to make. Our display in the back of church also provides gift cards for you to give your gift recipient to inform them of the donation made in their name and what the donation specifically provided to a family in Haiti. The display and gift cards will be available November 26th through December 18th. After the 18th, you can contact Frank Lewandowski at 652-9118 or Lynne Thornton at 667-1524 to assist you with last minute gift inquiries.

To provide your gift donation:

- Drop off this gift request form and donation in the weekly collection in an envelope marked "Haiti Gifts"
- Mail this gift request form and donation to: Nativity of Our Lord Church, Attn: "Lisa Ricotta/Haiti Connection", 43 Argyle Pl., Orchard Park, NY 14127.
- If your child attends Nativity School, either use option 1 or 2. Suzanne can be contacted at 662-5804 regarding any school order inquiries.
- Faith Formation Families may donate in the manner indicated at numbers 1 or 2 above.

Please be sure to pick a corresponding gift card from our display at the back of the church.

Make checks payable to: Nativity of Our Lord Church, with "Haiti" in the memo line of the check.

<u>Donation to Haitian Family</u>	<u>Donation Amt.</u>	<u># Gifts</u>
3 Chickens	\$10.00	
1 Goat	\$25.00	
1 Pig	\$40.00	
Medicines for 5 Families	\$40.00	
6 Months of tuition for a child	\$60.00	
Full year tuition	\$120.00	
1 Sanitation Facility for a Family	\$120.00	
Total Amt. \$		_____

Please provide your name, address and phone number:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone or email address (optional) _____

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to those students who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time on November 8 and November 22.

Pray the Rosary daily



MASS & MEETINGS

Life Teen Mass is every Sunday at 6:30 pm. Directly following Mass, we have our Life Teen Meetings, which run until about 9:00. All high schoolers are welcome. Our EDGE Meetings are Mondays at St. Bernadette's gym from 7:00-8:30 pm. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome to join us. Note: No 6:30 pm Life Teen Mass or Life Teen Meeting Dec. 25. There will be Life Teen Mass on Jan. 1, however, there will be no meeting following. There will be no EDGE meeting on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2.

LASERTRON

Our Lasertron All Nighter is coming up on January 14th. Not sure what this means? We're talking 3 hours of fun and games in the gym, followed by 6 hours of Lasertron with food and sugary carbonated beverages. It starts around 9:00 pm and we return around 8:00 am. The cost is \$50. Permission slips are available at meetings or on the Life Teen website.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Following Lasertron weekend, we will be riding a bus to D.C. for the March for Life.. We leave on January 20th and return January 24th. The cost is \$150.00 which includes the bus, accommodations, and meals. Permission slips are available at meetings or on the Life Teen website.

SAVE THESE TWO DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!
LENTEN FISH FRY'S COMING TO NATIVITY
MARCH 2, 2012 & MARCH 30, 2012
DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT
4-7 PM
WATCH FOR MORE INFO IN JANUARY



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil Mass on Wednesday is at 5:00 pm. Mass on Thursday is at 7:00, 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES VISITING CONFESSORS

- ✠ Monday, November 28th at 7pm
- ✠ Thursday, December 15th at 7pm

BLESSINGS

Msgr. George Brennan, Fr. Peter Drilling, Fr. James Croglio and Fr. Bernard remain at grateful and hopeful prayer for you and your families throughout this Christmas Season.

PARISH CLOSINGS

There have been some questions in the past as to whether certain events are cancelled or not when school is closed. To ensure that all parishioners are kept informed, when the school is closed all other parish events including meetings, Faith Formation, social events, gym and the business office are also cancelled and closed. Mass and funerals will go on as scheduled unless specifically announced on the radio and television. If those events that were cancelled due to the school closing need to be rescheduled, please contact the business office at 662-9339, ext. 110.

REALITY OF POVERTY

MYTH: Food stamps cost the American tax payer too much.
FACT: The benefits of food stamps far outweigh their costs. The USDA estimates that for every \$1 spent on food stamps, \$1.79 is placed back into the local economy. In addition, food stamps often prevents families from falling deeper into poverty and therefore relying on even more human needs programs. **Catholic Social Teaching:** As Catholics, we must come together with a common conviction that we can no longer tolerate the moral scandal of poverty in our land and so much hunger and deprivation in our world. Our faith teaches us that poor people are not issues or problems but sisters and brothers in God's one human family. Place at the Table, U.S. Catholic Bishops Statement, November 13, 2002. **Action:** The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops are sponsoring a program called Fighting Poverty with Faith 2011, "**Working Together to End Hunger,**" which focuses on protecting and strengthening the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). Over 44 million Americans rely on SNAP to provide enough food for their families. 47.5% of SNAP recipients are children and 8.3% are seniors. Visit fightingpovertywithfaith.com and learn more about what acts of justice you can become involved in as a follower of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers will be available in church the weekend of December 10/11—Third Sunday in Advent.

The Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom which is many centuries old. The custom is especially observed by people of Polish heritage who share the Oplatek as part of the Christmas meal. Breaking and sharing the Christmas Wafer in traditional ways is a sign of best wishes to family and friends accompanied by expressions of forgiveness. May almighty God's deepest love expressed as the Christ Child born of the Blessed Virgin Mary enter your hearts with the glory of His divinity. As He embraces you with His heart, may the holy babe bless you with His outstretched hands of love.

BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS

Blessing of a Christmas tree: Sign of the Cross, then

Leader A: Let us glorify Christ our Light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. R. amen

Leader B: Amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea; His birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

Leader A: Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. amen.

Leader: Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,
All: We welcome you, O Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus, hope of the shepherds and the poor,
All: We welcome you, O Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus, glory of the angels,
All: We welcome you, O Lord.

Leader: May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy,
now and forever. R. amen

ADVENT BLESSINGS

In the four weeks of Advent we celebrate, commemorate, and relive the approximately 4000 years the People of God waited for their Redeemer. Advent gives us time to reflect on the meaning of Christ's coming, to long for His coming, and to purify ourselves so that we will be ready for it. It is a time of renewal and preparation for Christmas.

Blessing of Advent Wreath: Sign of the Cross, then

Leader: O God by whose word all things are made holy, pour forth your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. (Sprinkle with holy water)

FIRST WEEK: Light one candle

Leader: Stir up Your might we beg you, O Lord and come, so that we may be saved by your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

SECOND WEEK: Light two candles

Leader: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THIRD WEEK: Light three candles

Leader: We humbly ask you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of your coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen

FOURTH WEEK: Light four candles

Leader: Stir up your might, we pray you, O Lord, and come; rescue us through your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins may be hastened by the grace of your gentle mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

FAITH FORMATION

Dec. 1: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9—7:00-8:15 pm

Dec. 5: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45

Dec. 5: Confirmation Rehearsal, 7:00-8:30 pm, Cafeteria

Dec. 7: No Children's Connection Classes*

Dec. 8: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9—7:00 pm Mass, refreshments following

Dec. 10: Confirmation Liturgy 5:45 pm

Dec. 12: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45

Dec. 14: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45

Dec. 15: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9—7:00-8:15 pm

Dec. 19: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45

Dec. 21: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45

Dec. 22: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9—7:00-8:15 pm

*Families are invited to celebrate as the Body of Christ at 5pm. Mass will be for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Catechists will not meet with children for the usual Faith Formation sessions at 4:15 or 5:45 pm.

ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS OF THE CELEBRANT

Thursday, December 1

7:00 a.m. Margaret Allen by Bill & Sheila Drometer
9:00 a.m. Carol Reimers by Norb and Natalie Lafko

Friday, December 2

7:00 a.m. Richard E. Danieu Jr. by the Ricciardi Family
9:00 a.m. Kathryn Fallis by Mary Fran Lovelace

Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Joseph Sweeney by his Family
2:00 p.m. Wedding: Ann Schrier & Christopher Licata
4:30 p.m. Margaret Hruby by her daughter Rosemarie
7:00 p.m. John P. Vogel by Hugh and Dottie Gardner

Sunday, December 4

7:30 a.m. Neil Hartung by Barbara Tschopp
9:00 a.m. Msgr. Charles T. Griffin by his Family
10:30 a.m. John E. McGrath by Jim and Evelyn Wier
12:00 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
1:15 p.m. Tom Gardner by his Mom and Dad
6:30 p.m. Christian Aubrecht by his Family

Monday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Hildegard Flick by her Estate
9:00 a.m. Don Quinlan by Bob and Sue Kulp

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 a.m. Martha Houser by Jean and Dick Frederick
9:00 a.m. Thomas Herbert by Joan Worth

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 a.m. Carl and Maria Streit by their Estate
9:00 a.m. Edmund S. Brown Jr. by Paul and Annette Cannon

December 7 Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception

5:00 p.m. William Sabio by Kathy, Andrew, Mike & Connor

Thursday, December 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 a.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Weigand by the T. Berniak Family
7:00 p.m. Edmund Burke by the Burke Family

Friday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Frank Breese by Rosemarie Breese
9:00 a.m. Eleanor LaPenta by her Husband

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Tammy Dempsey by Francesca Speranza
4:30 p.m. John T. Igoe by his Daughter
5:45 p.m. Intentions of Our Bishop and the Newly Confirmed

Sunday, December 11

7:30 a.m. Alice Krillic by Marcia & Kevin Mugridge
9:00 a.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
10:30 a.m. Molly Bakowski by her Sister
12:00 p.m. Clara Cieslinski & Son Edward by Joan Cieslinski & Family
1:15 p.m. Patrick J. Downing by his Family
6:30 p.m. Josephine and Daniel Uwaifo by their Daughter

Monday, December 12

7:00 a.m. Elaine Diller by Jane Keane
9:00 a.m. Donald Mingen by Jo Gohr

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Sikora by Mary and Joseph Foyle
9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. George Schichtel by their Family

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 a.m. Mildred Zarcone by Anthony Zuppa
9:00 a.m. Gerald Naughton by his wife Agnes

Thursday, December 15

7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Gerald J. Coughlin Family by his Estate
9:00 a.m. Dr. Daniel Curtin by his Wife and Family

Friday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Loretta Stevens by the Amherst Dental Group
9:00 a.m. Catherine Certo by the Hellinger Family

Saturday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Peter Russo by his Mom and Dad
4:30 p.m. Mary Eberhardt by her husband Ronald
7:00 p.m. Daniel Comerford by his Family

Sunday, December 18

7:30 a.m. Rose Hellinger by Mary Williams
9:00 a.m. Jan Zurkowski & Edward Dreja by Irene Zurkowski
10:30 a.m. Frank & Margaret Hruby by daughter Rosemarie Breese
12:00 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
1:15 p.m. Mina Callis by her sister Margaret
6:30 p.m. Tammie Dempsey by Irene Sinclair

Monday, December 19

7:00 a.m. Frances Griffin by her Family
9:00 a.m. Eli Rey by his Wife and Family

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Gerard Adams by Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Justicia-Linde & Faye
9:00 a.m. Rose Hellinger by her Children and Grandchildren

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 a.m. Holly Thillet by Anita Hogan and Family
9:00 a.m. M/M Charles Brockman by M/M George Schichtel

Thursday, December 22

7:00 a.m. Thomas J. Maloney by his Wife and Family
9:00 a.m. Coletta & Jermome Metz by M/M Robert Metz

Friday, December 23

7:00 a.m. Katherine Obrochta by her Family
9:00 a.m. Marie Radice by her Family

Saturday, December 24

8:00 a.m. Rex Brown by his Wife and Family

December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

3:00 p.m. Church & 3:00 p.m. Gym All Souls
5:00 p.m. Church & 5:00 p.m. Gym All Souls
7:45 p.m. Church All Souls
10:00 p.m. Church All Souls

Sunday, December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. All Souls
10:30 a.m. All Souls
12:00 p.m. All Souls

Monday, December 26

7:00 a.m. Joseph Palczynski by his Wife and Family
9:00 a.m. Millie Denardo by Diane & Michael Melerski & Terry Gannon

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Anne E. Rebman by her Family
9:00 a.m. Elinor Lindner by her Family & Friends

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Gertrude and Lawrence Byrnes by Mary & Joseph Foyle
9:00 a.m. Dr. Germante Boncaldo by his Wife

Thursday, December 29

7:00 a.m. Edna Chernowski by Rose Hudak
9:00 a.m. Peter Fasolino by his Family

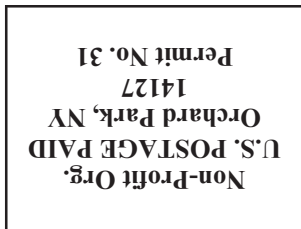
Friday, December 30

7:00 a.m. G. William Coppoly by Kathy & Joe Van Offeren
9:00 a.m. Joan Wagonblott by her friend Sandy

Saturday, December 31

8:00 a.m. J. Joseph Long by Nicholas & Marlene Schmitt
4:30 p.m. Joseph Coppola by his Family
7:00 p.m. Vincent Zarbo by Ralph and Mae Jeswald

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COMPANIONS WITH THE SUFFERING CHRIST

Anna Caserta, Ilka Puig, Dolores Kaitnowski, Cheryl Dusel, Carol Doyle, James Burns, Kenneth Schwandt, Clem Denzel, Michael Webster, Dorothy Stanley, Joseph Bono, Jason Borguzewski, Isabella Searone, Joey Stack, Dawn Tomaski, Maxine Paoletti, Grace Cosentino, Michelle Sylves Berry, James Ryan, Brandon Vegra, Mary Mahoney, Zachary DeVole, Sylvia Davies, Teresa Coppola, Jim Lasker, Maria Evancho, Gifford Walker, Janet Smith, Linda Smith, Dorothy Mazurchuk, Ruth Schwandt, Marjie Prebble, Dale Smith, Norman Klas, Burton Kopaskie, Peter Tomasulo, Regina Moser, Linda Weyand, Delphine Wojtan, Ruth Klizek, Ellie Kalinowski, Richard Ireland, Christine Kukla, Marcia Jurkowski, Marcia McCarthy, Aadyn Booker, Ellen Grudza, Daniel Kowalewski, Fred Raska, Julie Raska, Nancy Dowrey, Laura Merrit, Rachel Reusch, Anne Waligur, Renee Srader, Shari Bauda, Dorothy Kowalewski, Alice Leahy, Kristin LaJoie, Greg Weiss, Michael Melerski, Corey Lelonek, Frances Saraceno, Andrew Pawlak, Maureen Burns, Dora Kowalewski, Tom Ferris, Lucy & Marino Monaco, Frank & Margaret Spano, James Kisicki, Lindsey & Kelsey Kaitnowski, Jack & Family, Connie Reinhardt, Mary Cirelli, Ed Warren, Wanda, Dan Rojek, Christian Scherr, Garrett Weeks, Helen Hilliker, Catherine Smardz, Stephan Bilowus, Ann Marie Gensler, Cathy Washington, Winifred Casciano, Geraldine Wiess, Rose Lally, Donna Bene, Jim Zitnik, Paige Ingrando, Jeanne O'Neill, Dorothy Aubrecht, Bill Heuer, Cathy Hays, Donovan Benzin, Thom Sylves, Brayden Grant, Gina Fitzgerald, Mary Mahoney, Dorothy Moran, Karen Praczakajlo, Randy Zentz, Norma Wilson, Sean J. Hanley, Jr., Melissa Addeo, Michael Bueme, Stephen Warner, Margaret Warner, Deacon Edward Meyer and Beverly Rick.

CONFIRMATION

Young Christians received the sacrament of Confirmation at mass on December 10: Abigail Alexander, Aidan Allman, Michael Anders, John Atkinson, Thomas Bacher, Zachary Besecker, Timothy Biddle, Brendan Blake, Madeline Bohannon, Emily Bonacquisti, Alexander Carlson, Caroline Colpoys, Cassidy Colpoys, William Deuschle, Andrew Dillon, Caroline Duszynski, Andrew Filsinger, Brian Fitch, Kevin Ford, Nicole Frantz, Paige Gannon, Shannon Goodman, Christopher Hamberger, Aydan Hanlon, Patrick Hart, Tyler Hoch, Zakary Jerreld, Hannah Johnson, Calvin Klemmer, Laurie Koller, Taylor Kolniak, Emma Laipple, Stephanie Leahy, Julia Liberto, Robert Maxwell, Lindsey McCarthy, Megan McKendry, Colin McMahan, Elizabeth Mercer, Molly Miranda, Emma Ouweleen, Ryan Partridge, Magdalene Pszonak, Kiersten Putnam, Claire Raab, Sean Resetar, Griffin Ryan, Sara Schmidle, John Shular, Robert Stiller, Meghan Sullivan, Jon Wardner, Peter Weltjen, Daniel Wischerath, Lauren Wischerath, Megan Wischerath, Patrick Wischerath, Kristen Young, Kevin Zablonksi, Christine Zizzi.

MAKING PLANS FOR CHRIST'S MASS
Saturday, December 24: 3pm in Church & 3pm in the gym
5pm in Church & 5pm in the gym
7:45 and 10:00 pm in Church
Sunday, December 25: 9:00, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon