# Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, January 1, 2012

Parish Staff Team 756-3145		Mass Intentions			
Pastor : Rev. Fr. James J. Kane	Sat. Dec. 31 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Mary Vasto	Kathy & Mike DiNapoli	
frjim@tcosp.org Ext. 301  Deacon:  Deacon James E. O'Rourke  dcnjim528@gmail.com Ext. 308	Octave Day of Christmas Blessed Virgin Mary, The	8:00 am	Orlando Ferraro	Katherine Giacomini	
Pastoral Associate for Administration:  Mrs. Lori Nunziato  lori@tcosp.org Ext. 302  Pastoral Associate/D.R.E. for Faith	Mother of God  World Day of Prayer & Peace  Sun. Jan. 1	10:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially, peace, on this World Day of Prayer for Peace	Pastor	
Formation:  Br. Ron Davis, FSD Ext. 304 broron@tcosp.org	Mon. Jan. 2 St. Basis		NO MASS here 8 AM Mass at St. Mary's Coxsackie		
Pastoral Associate for Music:  Mr. John Schmitt  john@tcosp.org Ext. 303	Tues. Jan. 3 The Most Holy Name Jesus	9:00 am	All Souls	Pastor	
Wolunteer Office Assistants:  Mrs. Donna Hagen Ext. 300  Mrs. Tina Irwin	Wed. Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	7:00 am	Priest's Intention	Pastor	
Mrs. Michelle Fralick church@tcosp.org  Volunteer Sacristan: Mrs. Joan A. Lipscomb Ext. 300  Facilities Maintenance: Mr. Ron Racine ron@tcosp.org Ext. 308	Thurs. Jan. 5 St. John Neumann	9:00 am	Daniel Persico	Ellen O'Connor	
	Fri. Jan. 6 St. Andre' Bessette	7:00 am	Tommy Persico	The Family	
	Sat. Jan. 7	9:00 am	William A. Pape	Mary Pape	
St. Patrick's Cemetery Cemetery Manager: Mrs. Lori Nunziato Sexton: Mr. Charles Burns	Sat. Jan. 7 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Eugene LaBocetta	Clayton Sumner	
Any questions regarding cemetery plots and/or mausoleum space please call 756-3145.  New Families		8:00 am	For All Parishioners, espe- cially all children, on this "Little Christmas",	Pastor	
WELCOME! We would like to include you in our Parish Family. Please call the rectory or stop by to register.		10:00 am	George H. Lipscomb	Ellen O'Connor	
Handicapped Accessible Personal amplifying units available for the hearing impaired Restrooms in the Parish Center	The Epiphany of The Lord				

## Stewardship

## Ministry Schedules

## Altar Servers - Eucharistic Ministers - Lectors -Counters - Greeters - Camera

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 Group B January 7/8 - Group C January 14/15 - Group D January 21/22 Group E January 28/29 Group A February 4/5 - Group B

Attention Eucharist Ministers: Those serving Mass during the weekend are asked to PLEASE come into the Sacristy to sign in.

Stewardship	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2010
A Way of Life Envelopes & Checks	94	37.56	3,531.00	2,646.00
Loose cash			1,123.00	172.00
Totals: 12/24- 25			4,654.00	2,818.00
Budget			4,846.00	
Stewardship			232.70	
2nd Collection	Christmas	Collection	4,374.00	

## Reflection

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully.

## Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who provide for the physical, social and emotional health of young women facing mother-hood without adequate resources by supporting Regina Residence through Catholic Charities.

Attendance for the weekend of 12/24-25 was 620 (total number of registered families = 891)

THANK YOU" Letters have been received for your contributions to: "Annual Baby Bottle Drive: \$132 (Alight Center) and Irene Relief Fund \$917 (Catholic Charities).

## *Linens -* January - Jackie Lynch

Anyone willing to do church linens please call the Rectory 756-3145

## Pantry News

## Thank You to all of those who donated money for the Christmas baskets

The "Pantry" is **closed** December 19th thru Jan 2. **Thank you** to Tom & Lois Williams, Jeffrey Burns, Aaron Bradt, Clayton Sumner, Mike Mason, Edie Wagoner, Don & Rita Gager, Liz Flach, Mary Tice, Jeanne Biernacki, Neal DeVoe, Michelle, Jillian, and Donna Hagen for helping to fill and distribute the Christmas food. **Thank you** to the 4th grade class at St. Thomas the Apostle School and to 6th, 7th and 8th faith formation class for the cards they made, and to Girl Scout # 1932 for the candy canes they made to be given to the clients

~ Diane Hoffman, Coordinator

## Thrift Shop

Jan 5 - Lois Williams - Betty Jane Costanza

Jan 6 - Angie Meilak - Rose Schermerhorn

Jan 7 - Rae Panico - Marie Wilsey

## Thrift Shop Hours

Thursday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Jan 5)

Friday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Jan 6)

Saturday - 10:00 am - noon (Jan 7)

## Pantry Hours

Tuesdays - 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Jan 3)

Wednesdays - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Jan 4)

Fridays - 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Jan 6)

#### Quote of the Week: "First Coming"

"God did not wait till the world was ready...God came when the Heavens were unsteady...God did not wait for the perfect time. He came when the need was deep and great...To a world like ours, of anguished shame God came, and his Light would not go out...We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice, for to share our grief, to touch our pain, God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice! -Madeleine L'Engle

#### Prayer for the New Year:

"O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts in all that I do, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above, all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to you.

Amen." -Author Unknown

#### Question of the Week:

"What does the example of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, recommend for our reflection when, as Christian disciples, we ponder in our hearts the promise and peril of the year ahead?"

-Pastoral Patterns (Winter 2011-2012)

From the Pastor's Desk: There is a wonderful custom of saving one's Christmas cards taking one a day and praying for that person/family. The Church's Christmas season begins Christmas Eve, and this year it ends on Monday, January 9. You might want to keep some Christmas decorations up in your home until the Christmas season ends. Also, our Orthodox Christian neighbors celebrate Christmas Jan 6th.

~Fr. Jim Kane

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#### Church Calendar

Jan. 2 - Rectory office closed for New Year's holiday

Jan. 3 - Prayer & Worship Mtg, 5:30 PM, Rectory

Jan. 4 - Events Committee Mtg, 7 PM, Room 5

Jan. 8—Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:00 Mass)

## Faith Formation Ministry

My Dear Parishioners:

As had been foretold, the birth of the Messiah has come to pass. How has this wondrous event changed our lives? Will we be ready when he comes again? When that takes place we will be asked to give an account of how his birth as our Messiah changed our lives. It will be something different for each of us. Each of us has a special reason for our creation. No one else can accomplish that but us. It is that which will be the key to our eternal salvation. Just as the three wise men sought signs and followed the star we should do the same in our own lives so that we are pleasing to Almighty God.

Christmas was truly a beautiful time at St. Patrick's. Upon entering the church, it was truly breathtaking. From the manger scene, to the absolutely beautiful new angel banners. From the beautiful anthem done by the Choir, In the Bleak Midwinter, to the chorus of children who sang so beautifully announcing Jesus' birth. We have been given so much. For several weeks so many volunteers, too many to mention, brought their talents, skills and abilities together to welcome the new born king to our humble church. In the silence of our hearts, know that each of you has been remembered in a special way in my Christmas prayer.

Throughout our celebrations we have seen the importance of Mary week after week. Let us not forget to emulate her as an example when called upon to follow God's will for us. Remember her courage, humility, and love for the Lord. Key ingredients to anyone's calling to follow the Lord Jesus.

May I wish each of you a very happy and blessed New Year full of abundant blessings!

In Christ and Francis,

Br. Ronald-Francis Davis, FSD,-

Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation

#### Faith Formation Calendar

#### **Religion Classes**

Jan. 1 - No Classes

Jan. 8 - K-8

Jan. 15 - No Classes

Jan. 22 - K - 5 9 & 10

### Thank You

A special thank you to all of those that helped with another successful year of the Christmas House Tours.

A congratulations goes out to the many winners of the mini raffles.

We were able to raise a total of \$923 for our Community Giving Tree to help the less fortunate of our community.

Thanks for your generosity.

## "SPIRIT OF ASSISI"

Lord, make us true instruments of your peace by traveling the path of justice.

Where there is hatred and indifference, let us sow love beginning with an attitude of selfworth and mutual respect;

Where there is injury and abuse, let us extend pardon that liberates;

Where there is discord and violence, let us travel the road of union through peaceful conflict resolution;

Where there is doubt, let us deepen our faith in You who will bring all things to light; Where there is despair, let us be apostles of hope that is rooted in the resilience of our

being;

Where there is darkness, let us shine the light of your truth and goodness;

Where there is sadness, let us radiate joy that is rooted in your Presence.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand:

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying to selfishness, pride, and greed that we are born to eternal life.

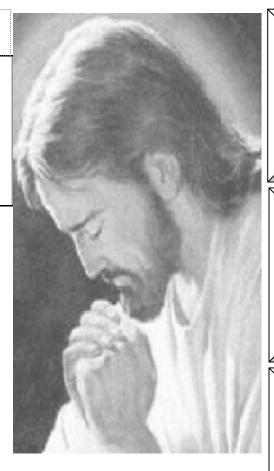
This paper was composed for the "Spirit of Assisi Day" at Graymoor, Garrison, NY, October 27, 2011

Let Us Pray For The Dead

Our deceased loved ones. parishioners and benefactors:

> In Loving Memory of **Geraldine Bruno** Love, Jimmy & Daughters

In Loving Memory of **Bus Robbins** Love, Toni



Sanctuary Lamp - January In Loving Memory of

**Tommy Persico** 

Love, The Family

Altar Bread - January In Loving Memory of

Harold & Richard Vadney

Love, **Your Family** 

**Altar Candles - January** Louise Persico

Love, Mary Tiberia & Family

#### Sacraments

#### Baptism:

Please contact the Office to make arrangements. Baptisms take place on a seasonal basis.

> January 13th-Baptism Prep Class 7 pm Room 5 January 15th - Baptisms - noon

#### Marriage:

Please contact the Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

Homebound: 10:00 Mass can be seen on Ch. 11 T.V. at 10 A.M. each Sunday.

#### Memorial [ as in above]

Memorials are available for your loved ones. Call and sign up as soon as possible to insure that you can get your choice.

Sanctuary Lamp - 2 weeks - \$15.00 Altar Candles - 1 month - \$15.00 Altar Bread - 1 month - \$50.00 Memorial Block - 1 month - \$35.00