

# Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2011

<i>Parish Staff Team 756-3145</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>			
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	Fourth Sunday Of Advent	9:00 pm	<b>For all Parishioners, especially Christmas peace, joy and love</b>	Pastor
	Sun. Dec. 25	9:00 am	<b>For all Parishioners, especially Christmas deco- rators, donors and liturgical ministers</b>	Pastor
	Mon. Dec. 26 St. Stephen		<b>NO MASS here 8 AM Mass at St. Mary's Coxsackie</b>	
	Tues. Dec. 27 St. John		<b>NO MASS here 8 AM St Mary's Coxsackie</b>	
	Wed. Dec. 28 Holly Innocents		<b>NO MASS here 8 AM St Mary's Coxsackie</b>	
	Thurs. Dec. 29		<b>NO MASS here 8AM St. Mary's Coxsackie</b>	
	Fri. Dec. 30 Holy Family		<b>NO MASS here</b>	
	Sat. Dec. 31	9:00 am	<b>NO MASS here</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Patrick's Cemetery</b></p> <p><b>Cemetery Manager:</b> Mrs. Lori Nunziato <b>Sexton:</b> Mr. Charles Burns <b>Groundskeeper:</b> Mr. Angel Perez Any questions regarding cemetery plots and/or mausoleum space please call 756-3145.</p>	Sat. Dec 31	4:00 pm	<b>Mary Vasto</b>
(Vigil)		8:00 am	<b>Orlando Ferraro</b>	Catherine Giacomini
Octave Day of Christmas Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace New Year's Day		10:00 am	<b>For all Parishioners, especially, peace, on this World Day of Prayer for Peace</b>	Pastor
Sun. Jan 1				
<p><b><i>New Families</i></b></p> <p>WELCOME! We would like to include you in our Parish Family. Please call the rectory or stop by to register.</p>				
<p> <b><i>Handicapped Accessible</i></b></p> <p>Personal amplifying units available for the hearing impaired</p> <p>Restrooms in the Parish Center</p>				


## 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.

 <b>Stewardship</b> <small>A Way of Life</small>	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2010
<b>Envelopes &amp; Checks</b>	127	25.24	3,206.00	4,333.00
<b>Loose cash</b>			305.00	447.00
<b>Totals: 12/17-18</b>			3,511.00	4,780.00
<b>Budget</b>			4,846.00	
<b>Stewardship</b>			176.00	
<b>2nd Collection</b>				

### Reflection

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

### Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who rejoice because the Word became flesh and dwells among us! O come let us adore Him !

Attendance for the weekend of 12/17-18 was 391 (total number of registered families = 891)

### **Linens - January - Jackie Lynch**

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

### **Thrift Shop**

Jan 5 - Lois Williams - Betty Jane Costanza  
 Jan 6 - Angie Meilak - Rose Schermerhorn  
 Jan 7 - Rae Panico - Marie Wilsey

### **Pantry News**

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

Dec 1st thru Dec 16th

# of families	55
# of children 0-17	82
# of adults 18-64	98
# of seniors 65+	12
# using diapers, formula	6

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The "Pantry" is closed December 19th thru  
 December 30th (Jan 3)

~Diane Hoffman, Coordinator

### **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:**

“Every year, as we start to think of Christmas, the world is bathed in a warm current of love. It is a celebration of joy and love. This is the star toward which all of us are moving.” -St. Edith Stein

**Prayer of the Week:**

“Oh, God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.”

-Robert Louis Stevenson

**Question of the Week:**

“In what ways does the Christ Child invite you and me to the serious call of discipleship?”

Pastoral Patterns (Winter 2011-2012)

**From the Pastor’s Desk:**

*CHRISTMAS PEACE, JOY AND LOVE FROM YOUR PASTOR AND PASTORAL STAFF.*

*~Fr. Jim Kane*

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR**

**ADMINISTRATION:** I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Decorating Committee for the beautiful job done in decorating our church, it is truly beautiful. I would also like to thank Diane Hoffman the Director of the Food Pantry and her helpers and Donna Hagen the Chairperson of the Giving Tree and her assistants for a wonderful job in preparing for the Christmas Giving. Thank you for your time and efforts in making the less fortunate have a brighter Christmas.  
~Lori Nunziato

**Faith Formation Ministry**

My Dear Parishioners:

Today is the beginning of the most beautiful story ever told. The fact that God loved us so much that He sent his only begotten Son that we might have life eternal. I often wonder if we realize the impact of such a beautiful event. It is because of God’s plan for redemption and sending us a savior that we are allowed to enter heaven. We also celebrate Mary’s response to God when she was told by the angel Gabriel that she was to be the mother of Jesus. Her beautiful “fiat” be it done to me according to your word,” was indeed an acceptance of God’s will for her. Do we accept God’s plan or will for us? Are we willing to play our part in the story he has written for us?

Our faith formation students have been involved in learning about the advent season and of course the celebration of the event that we know as Christmas. I stopped into the practice for the Christmas pageant and you could just see the wonder in the eyes of the children as they prepared for the birth of Christ. If we could only have that same sense of awe and wonder and see these events through the eyes of a child. Perhaps we would realize most that in their innocence that have captured the true meaning of Christmas.

At Christmas time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faith formation staff for their gift to our families and children for all that they do to enlighten their hearts and minds with the word of God. I would like to thank those involved in putting together our Christmas pageant. What a wonderful example of passing on the living word of God.

You are reminded that classes resume January 8th for K-8. Grades 9 & 10 resume on Sunday January 22nd. Confirmation students are reminded to have their journals with them and to complete the work on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May all of you enjoy a blessed and happy Christmas and New Year! Find a home in your hearts for that little tiny child and in this season of giving ask yourself what are you prepared to give him?

Did you know that St. Francis of Assisi and his brothers were responsible for the tradition of the nativity scene?

In Christ and Francis,

*Br. Ronald-Francis Davis, FSD,-*

Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation

**Church Calendar**

- Dec. 26 - **Rectory office closed** for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 30 - **Rectory office closed** for New Year’s holiday.
- Jan. 2 - **Rectory office closed** for New Year’s holiday
- Jan. 3 - Prayer & Worship Mtg, 7 PM, Rectory
- Jan. 4 - Events Committee Mtg, 7 PM, Room 5

**Faith Formation Calendar**

**Religion Classes**

- Dec. 25- No Classes**
- Jan. 1 - No Classes**
- Jan. 8 - K- 8**
- Jan. 15 - No Classes**

**What does Christmas really mean  
By Warren H. Hedden**

**What does Christmas really mean?  
Packages wrapped in red and green  
Reindeer pulling a flying sled  
Carrying a fat man dressed in red.**

**Colored lights on Christmas trees  
New ice skates or maybe skis  
Packages piled up on the floor  
And mistletoe, hung over the door.**

**Finding places to hide the toys  
The dolls for Girls and bikes for Boys  
Turkey piles on plates so high  
With mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie.**

**Office party's with lots of booze  
Are these all things we should choose?  
Or, should we celebrate in another way  
The birth of the Savior born that day.**

**So what does Christmas really mean?  
There are deeper meanings than what is seen  
Bright lights & tinsel don't mean a thing  
If we forget about the new born King.**

**So keep in mind on Christmas morn  
This is the day that Christ was born  
And every year upon this date  
He is the reason we celebrate.**

**Why Christmas never grows old**

**I think Christmas never grows old,  
because it is a deeply human,  
as well as a divine mystery.**

**God, in becoming a human being,  
raised humanity  
to the dizzy heights of the divine,  
but at the same time he made it manifest,  
disclosing its mystery to people in ecstasy.**

**Christmas means the warmth of the family,  
The amazing phenomenon of motherhood,  
The continuity of life through fatherhood.**

**Christmas means, for the Christian and  
For humanity --  
besides the dawn of the redemption --  
the day in which humanity rediscovers  
itself, its true self,  
because it is grafted into God.**

**~Chiara Lubich**

**From Christmas Joy, New City Press, 1999**



**Christmas means: He has come.**

**He has illuminated the night. He has made the night of our darkness, the night of our lack of understanding, the cruel night of our fears, And our hopelessness into Christmas, the holy night.**

**In the Word made flesh, God has sent his last Word, his most profound Word, his most beautiful Word into the world. And that Word means: I love you, world and humanity.**

**Light the candles! They have more right to be here than darkness.**

**~Karl Rahner From We Have Seen a Great Light: 99 sayings on Christmas, New City Press, 2007**



*Let Us Pray*

*For The Dead.*

Our deceased loved ones,  
parishioners and benefactors:

**Andrew Giacomini**



In Loving Memory of

**Joseph C. Vasto**

Love,  
Mary

In Loving Memory of

**Louise Persico**

Love,  
Josephine, Tom, Thomas  
& Teddy

In Loving Memory of

**Geraldine Bruno**

Love,  
Jimmy & Daughters

Sanctuary Lamp - December  
In Loving Memory of

**Christopher J. Biscone**

Love,  
Angie

Altar Bread - December  
In Loving Memory of

**Justin John Bonafide**

Love,  
Grammy & Poppy

Altar Candles - December

Deceased members of the  
Amedio & Biscone Families

Love,  
Angie

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*Sacraments*

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**Baptism:**

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

January 13 th-Baptism Prep Class 7 pm  
Room 5

January 15th - Baptisms - noon

**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

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**Marriage:**

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

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

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