

Parish Staff Team (756-3145)

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Sat. Dec. 29 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Patricia C. Ritty	Jim Ritty
Sun. Dec. 30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &	8:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially all families on this feast of the Holy Family	Pastor
Mon. Dec. 31	10:00 am	John Baccaro	Mary, Jason & John
Tues. Jan 1 Octave Day of Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God	Mon. 4:00 pm	NO MASS 8 AM at St. Mary's Coxsackie	
Wed. Jan. 2, St. Basil & Gregory	9:00 am	ST. MARY'S, Coxsackie	Pastor
Thur. Jan. 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially for peace for all on this World Day of Prayer for Peace	
Fri. Jan. 4, ST. Elizabeth Ann Seton	9:00 am	No Mass here 8 AM at St. Mary's, Coxsackie	
Sat. Jan. 5, St. John Neumann	9:00 am	Orlando Ferraro	Catherine Giacomini
Sat. Jan. 5 (Vigil)	9:00 am	Priest's Intention	Pastor
Sat. Jan. 5 (Vigil)	9:00 am	Guy Persico	Jimmy Bruno
Sun. Jan. 6	4:00 pm	For all Parishioners, especially all children, on this "Little Christmas"	Pastor
	8:00 am	Thomas J. Persico	Family
The Epiphany of the Lord	10:00 am	Shirley Roberts	Rita & Lauren

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Cemetery Manager: Mrs. Lori Nunziato
Sexton: Mr. Charles Burns
Groundskeeper: Mr. Angel Perez
 Any questions regarding cemetery plots and/or mausoleum space please call 756-3145.

New Families

WELCOME! We would like to include you in our Parish Family. Please call the rectory or stop by to register.




Handicapped Accessible

Personal amplifying units available for the hearing impaired
 Restrooms in the Parish Center

Ministry Schedules: December 22/23 Group C

Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Counters and Camera

Attention : Those serving this weekend, PLEASE come into the Sacristy before Mass to sign in.

 Stewardship <i>A Way of Life</i>	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2011	
Envelopes & Checks	123	28.32	3484.00	3206.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Reflection</p> <p>The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Living Stewardship</p> <p>We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace stewardship as a way of life. Their relationships with family, friends and co-workers are now different, influenced by a spirit of generosity and sharing, which affects all aspects of their daily lives.</p>
Loose cash			478.00	305.00	
Totals: 12/22-23			3962.00	3511.00	
Budget			\$3,815.00		
Stewardship			\$ 46.15		
2nd Collection			0.00		

Attendance for the weekend of Dec 22-23 was 353 (total number of registered families= 829.)

Our Christmas Collection for 2012, was \$5,461.28 which consisted of \$4,203.12 in 124 envelopes, averaging \$33.90. We had \$1,258.16 in lose cash/checks. Our attendance for Christmas Masses was 696. The "Christmas Flowers" envelope helps to defray expenses for Christmas Flowers, if there are any donations, we ask for them to be placed in the collection basket or be dropped off at the Rectory before next Thursday 1/3/13.

THE PANTRY

Pantry Hours:

Tuesday & Friday 10-11 am

Wednesday 6-7 pm

Your generous food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

~Diane Hoffman, Coordinator

Please note that the Food Pantry will re-open again on January 2nd.

A special thank you to Lafarge, and Hannaford for your assistance this year!

Happy New Year!

THRIFT SHOP

Thrift Shop Hours:

Thursday 1:00 - 3:00

Friday 1:00 - 3:00

Saturday 1:00 - 3:00

CLOSED Dec. 23 thru Jan. 9th

Volunteers needed: call Jeanne 756-9580

-Jeanne Randio, Coordinator

Church Linens - January - Danielle Parks

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

Quote of the Week:

“With the profound intuition that characterized him, Bl. John XXIII identified the essential conditions for peace in 4 precise requirements of the human spirit: truth, justice, love and freedom. Truth will build peace if every individual sincerely acknowledges not only his rights, but also his duties toward others. Justice will build peace if in practice everyone respects the rights of others and actually fulfills his duties toward them. Love will build peace if people feel the needs of others as their own and share what they have with others, especially the values of mind and spirit that they possess. Freedom will build peace and make it thrive if, in the choice of the means to that end, people act according to reason and assume responsibility for their own actions.”

-Pope John Paul II (1/1/03) - on this World Day of Prayer for Peace

Prayer of the Week: “Prayer for the New Year”

“Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ...”

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

Questions of the Week:

12/30: “Can I identify a specific way in which I can image Christ in each of the ‘families’ to which I belong: my marriage/household, parish, workplace, school, social circle?”

1/1: “How, when, and to whom do I need to become an instrument of God’s peace, like Mary, bearing Christ into the world in this New Year?”

Pastoral Patterns (Winter)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

THANKS to 7 “Archangels,” 2 1/2 “Archangels”, 1@\$400 & 11 “angels” we have met the cost of our bell repairs, however, there is additional costs for installation and electrical work. Donations are still welcomed. :) *Fr. Jim Kane*

My Dear Parishioners,

What a beautiful season! No matter what stage of life we are in, there is something mystical and yet magical about Christmas. It brings the child to life in all of us. It makes us gaze in awe upon the Christmas manger and we realize the unspoken beauty, the wonderful gift that has come to earth for us. Indeed for us, he came to earth and took on our human nature and became like us in everything but sin. Very shortly on the feast of the Epiphany we realize he was sent by his Father for all people of all times.

Certainly you were all saddened by the recent tragedy in Connecticut where the school children and their teachers along with their principal were shot and killed. So many have asked me Brother how could God let this happen. We must never forget God’s gift of free will, the one thing that separates us from the rest of the animals. God allows us to make choices and many times choices are made that are evil, reminding us that we abuse that gift so freely given. Make no mistake about it, there is evil in the world and many are victims of that evil. God is surely disappointed and saddened how we use our gifts. Let us keep all of the victims of this tragedy in our prayers as their parents and families and friends struggle with such an unforgettable tragedy.

Our schools have in many circumstances become places of unrest and blackboard chaos. Most unfortunate! Even in our own district, school children were recently made aware of gun related issues plaguing them at the high school. How difficult an atmosphere to attend school, both for the students and their families, considering the aftermath of the tragedy in Connecticut. Our prayers go out to all schools, their teachers and administrators everywhere, that we can get back to the business of education and rid our schools of those who make such threats. Parents are reminded that Faith Formation sessions resume January 6th after the 10am liturgy. Confirmation Candidates are reminded that all required documents are to be handed in before the Rite of Enrollment on Saturday January 12th at the 4pm liturgy. Any questions Br. Ron should be contacted at 518-756-3145. A Blessed New Year to all!

May Christ find a dwelling place of Faith in your hearts!

Sincerely,

In Christ and Francis,

Br. Ronald Francis Davis, FSD

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation and/DRE

Church Calendar

- Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 - Rectory Offices Closed
- Jan. 4—Concert in our Hall [see page 5]
- Jan. 7-Rosary led by K of C, church, 6:20 pm
- Jan. 7- K of C meeting, 7pm, Room 4

Faith Formation Calendar

- Dec. 30 - NO CLASSES
- Jan. 6 - Classes for K-9
- Jan. 6—Children’s Liturgy of the Word (10:00 Mass)
- Jan. 12 - 10th grade students-4:00 pm Mass - Rite of Enrollment, with parents

**Brian Melick & RCS Community Library with Grace United Methodist Church
presents:**

2013 Acoustic Doorways Concerts:

All About the Drum

Performers:

Reggie Harris, Cheryl Prashker, Barbara Chepatis, and Brian Melick

January 4th at 7pm at St. Patrick's Parish Center Hall.

Tickets available at the Library in advance and at the door, \$5.

All are Welcome!

PASTORAL CARE

An invitation to Pastoral Care Ministry: You are invited to share your gifts and talents here at St. Patrick's Church. As stated in the letter of Paul to Ephesians, " And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ . " There is no greater reward than to ministry to those that are either homebound, sick, terminally ill, or just in need of a visit because they have recently lost a loved one.

God has blessed each and everyone of us with a gift to share with others....is your gift to become part of our Pastoral Care Program at St. Patrick's Church. We have a need for assistance, whether that is one hour a week, one day a week, one day a month we can use you to ministry to someone.

I invite each and everyone of you to consider this ministry. Most of you are already ministering in this capacity and don't even realize it. Over the Christmas holiday did you take time to stop by to see a friend and/or family member that is either in a hospital, nursing home or just home and unable to go out. Well that defines Pastoral Care and we would love for you to join us in our venture of providing this service to our parishioners that are unable to attend church on a regular basis.

If you think that this ministry interests you, please contact me at 756-3145.

May you have a Blessed New Year.

Lori Nunziato-Associate for Administration and Pastoral Care

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 10:00 A.M.

Why are families coming to St. Thomas the Apostle School from 17 different school districts throughout the Capital Region? What they know is that our smaller class sizes mean more personalized attention which means higher engagement and achievement. They know that advanced technologies allow for distance learning, more course offerings, and deeper learning. They know that we are expanding physical education, art and music programs while other schools are cutting back. They know that St. Thomas the Apostle School is a safe environment where students are empowered to achieve academic and spiritual excellence. Please join us at the Open House. To register please call Carmel Foltan at 439-5573 or info@stthomas-school.org. Note: transportation is available from REDS on Rt. 9-W

Let Us Pray

For The Dead.

Our deceased loved ones,
parishioners and benefactors:



Sanctuary Lamp - December
In Loving Memory of
D'Ambrosio & Barker Families

Joe & MaryBeth D'Ambrosio

In loving Memory of

Frank & Helen Nunziato

Love,
The Family

In loving Memory of

Frank Varcasia

Love,
Anna & Mary Lou

Altar Bread - December
In Loving Memory of
Justin John Bonafide

Love,
Grammy & Poppy

In loving Memory of

Geraldine Bruno

Love,
Jimmy & daughters

In loving Memory of
Thelma & James Winters
Anna & Ralph Bruno

Love,
Carol & John

Altar Candles - December
In Loving Memory
Christopher J. Biscone

Love,
Angie

Memorials

Sacraments

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

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

January 13, 2013 10:00 am Mass

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.