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**Mass Intentions**

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Mrs. Joan A. Lipscomb Ext. 300

**Facilities Maintenance:**

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**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**

Sat. Dec. 14 Vigil	4:00 pm	Lee Miller	Russ Miller
		Amy Scalzo	Toni Robbins & Angie Meilak
Sun. Dec. 15 Third Sunday of Advent	8:00 am	Guy Persico, Sr.	Family
	10:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially our pastoral STAFF this holy season	Pastor
Mon. Dec. 16		NO MASS HERE 8 AM St. Mary's Coxsackie	
Tues. Dec. 17	9:00 am	Daniel Friebe	Ann Marie Friebe
		Amy Scalzo	Women's Bible Group
Wed. Dec. 18		NO MASS HERE 8 am St. Mary's Coxsackie	
Thur. Dec. 19	9:00 am	Paul Persico	Mary Tiberia & Family
Fri. Dec. 20	9:00 am	Priest's Intention	Pastor
Sat. Dec. 21	9:00 am	Joseph Kidd Tracey	Joseph Tracey
		Esther Nunziato	Tina & Jeff Carson & Family
Sat. Dec. 21 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	For all Parishioners, especially our Pastoral Council's committees	Pastor
	8:00 am	George H. Lipscomb	Family
Sunday Dec. 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent	10:00 am	Krista Visconti	Family

# CHRISTMAS BASKETS

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*\$25.00 Donation would help purchase a Christmas Basket  
for a Food Pantry client  
Make checks payable to "The Pantry" St. Patrick's Church*

## **A WINTER'S EVE**

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to "A Winter's Eve" Concert with Tim Janis and Ensemble  
Monday, December 16th 7:00 pm

St. Joseph's Provincial House 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road Latham.

A free-will offering will be collected for the ministries of our sisters who partner with Catholic Charities in providing emergency services in our area as the winter cold arrives.

For additional information: Sister Mary Rose Noonan, Dir. Of Communications 783-3604

**Minister Schedules:**

**Dec 21 - 4:00 pm:** Lector: Tammie Martin **Eucharistic Ministers:** Jackie Stefanik, Clayton Sumner, Eilleen Vosburgh, Bill Bruno, Josie Bruno **Server:** Donna Hagen **Greeters:** Clayton Sumner **Cantor:** Stephanie Schmitt

**Dec. 22 - 8:00 am:** Lector: Jim Feuerbach **Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill Wynne, Charlie Brooks, Tracey Brooks, Mandy Connors, Donna Connors, **Server:** Diane Hoffman **Greeters:** Mary Tiberia **Cantor:** Bro. Ron Davis

**Dec. 22 - 10:00 am:** Lector: Elaine Christopher **Eucharistic Ministers:** Ellen Bradt, Br. Ron Davis, Gene Doane, Sandra Doane, Michelle Fralick, **Servers:** Caitlyn DeLuca, Sam Hotaling **Greeters:** Dorothy & Harry Miller **Cantor:** Savannah Hotaling

**PLEASE COME INTO THE SACRISTY TO SIGN-IN**

**Camera:** Dick Strauss **Counters:** Diane Hoffman, Buddy Irwin, Jack Sylvester



**Stewardship**  
A Way of Life

	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2012
Envelopes & Checks	133	\$37.80	\$5,030.00	\$3611.00
Loose cash			\$ 896.00	\$ 413.00
Totals:12/14-15			\$5,926.00	\$4084.00
Budget			<b>\$3,815.00</b>	
Stewardship			\$ 46.78	
2nd Collection				

**Reflection**

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

**Living Stewardship**

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who fulfill God's purpose by accepting their call to freely share their God-given gifts with the wider parish community.

Attendance for the weekend of December 14/15 was 342 (total number of registered families= 338.)

Today's 2nd collection will be a special one for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

**THE PANTRY**

We are in need of personal care items, tuna, and lunch box snacks.  
Your monetary & food donations are greatly appreciated.

**Pantry Hours:**

Tuesday & Friday 10-11 am Wednesday 6-7 pm

Food Pantry Coordinator,

~Diane Hoffman:

**THRIFT SHOP**

Dec 19 - Maggie Travis- Rose Schermerhorn

Dec 20- Mary Tiberia-Carole Brooks

Dec 21 - Fran Mulligan-Ursula Millett

**Thrift Shop Hours:**

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1 - 3 pm

**Volunteers needed: call Jeanne 756-9580**

Thrift Shop Coordinator,

-Jeanne Randio

**Church Linens - December - Carole Brooks**

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

**Quote of the Week:**

"I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say....I would not and could not give myself to despair. That way lay defeat and death." -President Nelson Mandela

**Question of the Week:**

"What kind of Messiah does my own life's witness to Christ proclaim—one with fire & brimstone ready at hand, or one of whose comfort & healing I am an instrument?" -Pastoral Patterns (Winter 2013)

**Prayer of the Week:**

The last days of Advent are characterized by the "O" Antiphons—Messianic title of Jesus:

12/17—**O Wisdom** of our God Most High, guiding creation with power & love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

12/18—**O Leader** of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

12/19—**O Root of Jesse's** stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

12/20—**O Key of David**, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom: come & free the prisoners of darkness

12/21—**O Radiant Dawn**, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness & in the shadow of death!

12/22—**O King of all nations** and keystone of the Church: come and save humanity, whom you formed from the dust!

12/23—**O Emmanuel**, our King & Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!"

-Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers (USCCB)

**My Dear Parishioners:**

Gaudete Sunday, which is the third Sunday of Advent is a time for rejoicing-Rejoicing that our salvation is at hand! It is distinguished on the advent wreath by the rose colored candle. We hear from the reading of Isaiah: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication, with divine recompense, he comes to save you."

In the gospel we find John the Baptist in prison. He sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. It is clear that the one John spoke to so often had come. He was among the people curing their ills. Yes, salvation had come!

The last two Sundays of Advent truly focus on the Christmas and the coming of the messiah and Savior. Are we ready to give him a home in our hearts as he comes in the form of a tiny infant surrounded by animals and all of the odors that come with husbandry? Yet we hear "Lo How a rose ere blooming from tender reed has sprung. Was Jesse lineage coming..."Be happy because soon we will hear "Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

There are some ornaments on our Jesse tree, near the Tabernacle, made by our Faith Formation students. Please feel free to look at them after Mass.

**Announcements:**

Our last class in 2013 for Faith Formation is December 15th. We will resume classes after the 1st of the year.

On January 26th at the 10 am Liturgy, the confirmation candidates will be officially enrolled as candidates for the sacrament of confirmation. We look forward to this event.

The next RCIA meeting is December 19th rather than December 12th.

May all of you know the joy and the blessings of the wonderful season!

.In Christ and Francis,

*~Brother Ronald-Francis Davis*, FSD  
Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation/DRE

*Church Calendar*

Dec. 15—"live nativity" at Grace United Methodist Church (4:00)

Dec. 16 - K of C Luncheon, noon, Room 4

16 - Rosary led by K of C, 6:20 pm, church

Dec. 17—Advent communal Penance Service, 7 pm, at St. Pat's.

Dec. 19—R.C.I.A. session on "Eucharist" - 7:30 pm, Rectory

*Let Us Pray*

*For The Dead*

Our deceased loved ones,  
parishioners and benefactors:

**Norman Touchette**  
**Lansing "Sonny" Sickles**



**Sanctuary Lamp - December**  
**In Loving Memory of**

**Deceased Family Members**

**Love,**  
**Diane Hoffman**

**In loving Memory of**

**Geraldine Bruno**

**Love,**  
**Jimmy & daughters**

**In loving Memory of**

**George H. Lipscomb**

**Love,**  
**The Family**

**Altar Bread -December**  
**In Loving Memory of**

**Justin John Bonafide**

**Love,**  
**Grammy & Poppy**

**In loving Memory of**

**Frank & Helen Nunziato**

**Love,**  
**The Family**

**In loving Memory of**

**Frank Varcasis**

**Love,**  
**Anna & Mary Lou**

**Altar Candles - December**  
**In Loving Memory**

**Justin John Bonafide**

**Love,**  
**Mom, Dad, Jason & Lucy**

**In loving Memory of**  
**Thelma & James Winters**

**&**  
**Anna & Ralph Bruno**

**Love,**  
**Carol & John**

**In loving Memory of**

**Tony "Chef T" Libertucci**

**Love,**  
**Mom, Dad, Marie & Tom**

*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.

**Marriage:** Please contact the Office at least six  
Months before the proposed date of the wedding.

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

