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Mass Intentions

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St. Patrick's Cemetery
 Cemetery Manager: Mrs. Lori Nunziato
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 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. 21 Vigil	4:00 pm	For all Parishioners, especially our Pastoral Council's committees	Pastor
Sun. Dec. 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:00 am	George H. Lipscomb	Family
	10:00 am	Krista Visconti	Family
Mon. Dec. 23		NO MASS HERE 8 AM St. Mary's Cocksackie	
Tues. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	NO 9:00 AM MASS For all Parishioners, especially our decorators, donors & liturgical ministers Priest's Intention	Pastor
	9:00 pm		
Wed. Dec. 25, The Nativity of the Lord	9:00 am	For all parishioners, for Christmas peace, joy & love	Pastor
Thur. Dec. 26, St. Stephen		NO MASS HERE 8 AM St. Mary's Cocksackie	
Fri. Dec. 27, St. John		NO MASS HERE	
Sat. Dec. 28, The Holy Innocents	9:00 am	NO MASS HERE	
Sat. Dec. 28 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Dominic & Jane Biscone	Billy & Josie Bruno
		Josephine Burns	Helen Burns & Barbara Veino
Sunday Dec. 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:00 am	Katie Gager	Kali & Jillian Hagen
	10:00 am	For all Parishioners, Especially families, on this Holy Family Sunday	Pastor

A Special Thank You...

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A special "Thank You" goes out to John Bonafide for restoring our Nativity Set for our Church. He has taken each piece individually and restored it to its original beauty. This is a vintage set and we are very proud to have it. It was apparent that the set was in need of repair and John graciously offered to restore it. Thank God for his many talents.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

*\$25.00 Donation would help
purchase a Christmas Basket
for a Food Pantry client*

Make checks payable to "The Pantry" St. Patrick's Church

St. Thomas the Apostle School

Kindergarten Open House

Saturday, January 11th 10:00 am

St. Thomas the Apostle School is a safe environment where students are empowered to achieve academic and spiritual excellence. Financial Aid Available. Transportation available in most districts. Please join us at our Kindergarten Open House. To register, please contact Carmel Foltan at 518-439-5573 or info@stthomas-school.org

Minister Schedules:

Dec 28 - 4:00 pm: Lector: Anna Marie Bonafide **Eucharistic Ministers:** Don Gager, Donna Hagen, Dee Hunt, Fran Hunt, Kathy Jones **Server:** Rita Gager **Greeters:** Pat Stooks, Angie Biscone **Cantor:** Erin Herman

Dec. 29 - 8:00 am: Lector: Joan Lipscomb **Eucharistic Ministers:** Waynette Engel, Diane Hoffman, Amanda Latter, Rosemary Lozano, Tom Riordan **Server:** Kathy Pacuk **Greeters:** **Cantor:** Stephanie Schmitt

Dec. 29 - 10:00 am: Lector: Howard Hyer **Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Hyer, Mary Ann Jones, Allan King, Ron LeClair Jane Noblett **Servers:** Evelyn Hyer, Riley King **Greeters:** Pat Mulligan **Cantor:** Bro. Ron Davis

PLEASE COME INTO THE SACRISTY TO SIGN-IN

Camera: Bill Horton **Counters:** Mike Albano, Fran Farrell, MaryAnn Jones, Dorothy Miller



Stewardship
A Way of Life

	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2012
Envelopes & Checks	95	\$29.74	\$2,825.00	\$3,084.50
Loose cash			\$ 439.00	\$ 391.12
Totals:12/14-15			\$3,264.00	\$3,475.62
Budget			\$3,815.00	
Stewardship			\$ 46.78	
2nd Collection	Typhoon Aid		\$ 885.00	

Reflection

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have courage, like Joseph, to listen to God's voice in their own hearts and conscientiously pursue the tasks to which they have been called.

Attendance for the weekend of December 14/15 was 167 (total number of registered families= 338.)

Please remember to give a Christmas present to your parish in your Christmas envelope. Thank you.

THE PANTRY

I am pleased to announce that "The Pantry" has been awarded a grant, from The Walmart Foundation & Facility #3583(Glenmont), thru the Local Facility Giving Program, in the amount of \$1,000, for the important work we do in the communities we serve.

We will be serving 160 families for Christmas.

We are in need of personal care items, tuna, bathroom tissue, canned fruit, canned vegetables and applesauce.

Your monetary & food donations are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU to those who took the food tags and returned the items.

PANTRY CLOSED DECEMBER 23rd THRU JANUARY 6th

Pantry Hours:

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

Food Pantry Coordinator,

~Diane Hoffman:

THRIFT SHOP

Dec 26 - 27 - 28 CLOSED

Thrift Shop Hours:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 1 - 3 pm

Volunteers needed: call Jeanne 756-9580

Thrift Shop Coordinator,

-Jeanne Randio

Church Linens - January - Danielle Parks

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

Quotes of the Week:

“Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us...Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.”

-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

“The most important thing is the first proclamation:

Jesus Christ has saved you. And the ministers of the church must be ministers of mercy above all....God is greater than sin...The ministers of the Gospel must be people who can warm the hearts of the people, who walk through the dark night with them.”

-Pope Francis (Time “Person of the Year”)

*When the heart answers God’s child - like word of love
With a gracious “yes,” then Christmas truly takes place.*

-Fr. Karl Rahner, SJ

Questions of the Week:

Advent IV: “Who in my life, this Christmas, needs to experience from me the ‘righteousness’ of Jesus’ new Torah, that is, Jesus’ own compassion and tenderness touching them through me?”

Christmas Eve: “What specific situation in my life, right now, invites me to trust in God, maybe even at the price of changing my plans, my priorities?”

“-Pastoral Patterns (Winter 2013)

Prayer of the Week: Blessing of a Christmas Manger

“...Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us [“Emmanuel”] and Savior of all, and who lives & reigns for ever & ever.”

-Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers (USCCB)

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PASTORAL CARE:

We are in need of additional collection counters and camera people for our Masses. Please contact me if you would like to do one of these ministries for your church.

Thank You to BABCOCK Funeral Home for our 2014 parish calendars!

Lori Nunziato

Church Calendar

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve Children’s Mass at 4pm & Carol Sing at 8:30pm & 9 pm Mass

Dec. 25- Christmas Day Mass at 9 am

Dec. 26 & 27 - Rectory office closed

My Dear Parishioners:

Christmas comes once again and the earth is filled with great light. Unto you this day is born a savior, Christ the Lord. Can you imagine hosts of angels appearing singing “Gloria in excelsis Deo?” Can you, once again, see the great star leading the wise men to find this new born king, bringing their gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh? Have you thought of your gift for the new born King? What will it be? We are blessed as the Lord comes, takes on our nature and dwells among us. This Messiah comes to save each one of us from our sins.

Last Sunday it was necessary to cancel faith formation classes. Since I do not live here, I rely on those closest to Ravenna to keep me informed of the weather status. At six o’clock the decision was made to cancel and it was called into the stations to be put on the television.

Also, catechists were called as much as possible and the confirmation class was alerted. The ninth grade was informed that the bake sale would not go forward as the snow would most likely result in cancellation. If there was any confusion, I apologize. However all the necessary steps were taken for cancellation, but the television stations took some time to post our closing. Mass, of course, is never cancelled.

There are a few important dates coming up in January:

January 12th:All faith formation classes resume following the 10 am Liturgy.

January 16th:The Men’s Bible Study resumes on Thursdays at 1pm in Room 5, in the parish center.

January 26th:Confirmation class will have the Right of Enrollment, which officially makes them candidates for Confirmation.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very happy and blessed Christmas. Try to look at Christmas through the eyes of a child. They you will see the wonder, the joy, and the love of the season appear.

God Bless you and your families.

Sincerely In Christ and Francis,

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

Let Us Pray

For The Dead.

Our deceased loved ones,
parishioners and benefactors:

Timothy P. Kempf



**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

**In Loving Memory of
William, Betty Ann, & Henry
Stephen Weber**

Love,
Bill, Lisa & William

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.

