

**Parish Staff Team (756-3145)**

**Mass Intentions**

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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. Nov. 30 Vigil	4:00 pm	<b>Wally Lozano</b>  <b>James Kinley</b>	Pat & Fran Farrell  Family
Sun. Dec. 1 First Sunday Of Advent	8:00 am	<b>Carmino "Chubby" Pape</b>	Ray & Fran Panico
	10:00 am	<b>For all Parishioners, as we begin a new year of grace</b>	Pastor
Mon. Dec. 2		<b>NO MASS HERE</b> <b>8 am St. Mary's</b> <b>Coxsackie</b>	
Tues. Dec. 3	9:00 am	<b>All Souls</b>	
Wed. Dec. 4, St John Damascene		<b>NO MASS HERE</b> <b>8 am St. Mary's</b> <b>Coxsackie</b>	
Thur. Dec. 5	9:00 am	<b>Paul Persico</b>	Pat & Fran Farrell
Fri. Dec. 6, St. Nicholas	9:00 am	<b>Priest's Intention</b>	Pastor
Sat. Dec. 7	9:00 am	<b>Paul Persico</b>	Connie & Matt Corcoran
Sat. Dec. 7 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	<b>Ralph Hotaling</b>  <b>Hayley Lynch</b>	Bob & Mary Ann  Tina & Jeff Carson
Sunday Dec. 8 Second Sunday in Advent	8:00 am	<b>For all Parishioners, especially our Pastoral Council &amp; Parish Trustees</b>	Pastor
	10:00 am	<b>Andrew Paul Dominguez</b>  <b>LeBerta Judware</b>	Jackie Lynch, Mary Tiberia & Carole Brooks  Sally Peyrebrune



**Minister Schedules:**

**Dec 7 - 4:00 pm:** Lector: Anna Maria Bonafide Eucharistic Ministers: Clayton Sumner, Eileen Vosburgh, Bill Bruno, Josie Bruno, Rita Gager Server: Donna Hagen Greeters: Linda McCall Cantor: Savannah Hotaling

**Dec. 8 - 8:00 am:** Lector: Jim Feuerbach Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Later, Rosemary Lozano, Hank Mormile, Jan Mormile, Kathy Pacuk Server: Diane Hoffman Greeters: Kathleen Byrne Cantor: Erin Herman

**Dec. 8 - 10:00 am:** Lector: Br. Rob't Matthews Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Jones, Allan King, Ron LeClair, Michelle Fralick, Jane Noblett Servers: Luciano Polverelli, Izaak King Greeters: Michelle Fralick Cantor: Stephanie Schmitt

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

**Camera:** Bill Horton **Counters:** Eugene Datri, Hank Mormile, Tom Williams



**Stewardship**  
A Way of Life

	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2012
<b>Envelopes &amp; Checks</b>	129	\$23.00	\$2,975.00	\$4,464.00
<b>Loose cash</b>			\$ 419.00	\$ 625.00
<b>Totals: 11/23-24</b>			\$3,394.00	\$5,089.00
<b>Budget</b>			<b>\$3,815.00</b>	
<b>Stewardship</b>			\$ 46.78	
<b>2nd Collection</b>	Human Development		\$ 942.00	

*Reflection*

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come,” says today’s Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

*Living Stewardship*

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use the season of Advent to prepare for Christ’s coming, be it at the end of the world or the close of their earthy lives.

Attendance for the weekend of November 23/24 was 372 (total number of registered families= 338.)

Today’s 2nd collection = FUEL Your envelope for “FLOWERS” will assist in our church Christmas decorations and can be put into any collection basket.

**THE PANTRY**

**“Thank You” to all who donated the Thanksgiving Baskets**

We are in need of shampoo, toothpaste, bathroom tissue, tuna, cookies, and lunchbox 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 5 - Lois Williams & Betty Jane Costanza**

**Dec 6- Rose Schermerhorn & Maggie Travis**

**Dec 7 - Joan Thompson & Marianne McCool**

**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**

**Quotes of the Week:**

You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, not only the rich.” -St. Ambrose (feastday = Dec. 7)

**Question of the Week:**

“What ‘work of darkness’ do I need to throw off? What ‘armor of light’ do I need to put on to ensure that I am ‘awake’ and ‘prepared’ for the hour of the Lord’s coming?” -Pastoral Patterns (Winter 2013)

**Prayer of the Week:**

“Good Saint Nicholas, in glory where you enjoy God’s presence, pray for us and with us as Christmas approaches. Glorious and holy bishop, remember Francis, our Pope, Howard Hubbard, our Bishop, and all of us. Through your prayers may God watch over our families, especially the children, who are devoted to you. Ask him to provide for the needy, protect all travelers, heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, defend the oppressed, strengthen the faithful, and lead Christians of East and West to unity. Saintly confessor Nicholas, may we imitate your generosity in our Christmas preparations, and may we experience the effects of your powerful intercession with God our Father, the giver of every worthwhile gift and genuine benefit. Hear these prayers in your loving kindness and offer them to our Father, in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

-J.S. Paluch & Co., as we celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas (Santa Clause) on Dec. 6

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:**

**A Call to the Priesthood**-If you are a man, high school through middle age, who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood, you are invited to join together for prayer and discussion of the life and ministry of priests: Saturday - December 7th, 9:30 a.m. - St. Patrick’s Church-24 No. Washington St., Athens or contact Fr. Dan Quinn at DJQUINN1@ME.COM. *Fr. Jim Kane*

*Church Calendar*

- Dec. 1 - R.C.I.A.: Rite of Welcoming—10:00 Mass
- Dec. 2 - Rosary led by K of C, church, 6:20pm  
- Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00pm, Room 4
- Dec. 3 - Women’s & Men’s Bible Study, 11am, Room 5
- Dec. 4 - Prayer & Worship Workshop - St. Joseph’s P.H., 1 - 8 pm
- Dec. 5—“Vatican II—50 Years Later”- Fr. Jim Kane 7 pm—Room 5
- Dec. 6—Village/Town: Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting 6:30 pm
- Dec. 7 - 1st Penance & Reconciliation, 11am, church
- Dec. 9 - Office Closed - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**My Dear Parishioners:**

This weekend we enter the season of advent. It is a time when we prepare for the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. We also look forward, again, to His coming in glory. As noted often it is very important to “keep Christ not only in Christmas,” but in our lives all year.

John the Baptist was the herald of the Savior. He ended up giving his life for him. John was a simple man and never put anything before Christ. He sent a message of repentance preparing the way of the lord.

Jesus was a man of peace and a person given a mission by God the Father. He was sent into the world to save us from ourselves by wiping away the stain of original sin and our other transgressions. It is time to open up your hearts and make a dwelling place for the new born king. Give him the opportunity to make your hearts ready for his second coming. Lose yourself in the miracles of this season and discover what they are so that the gift you receive on Christmas is meaningful.

Bible study groups are reminded that you will be meeting December 3rd at 11 am in the parish center. The topic will be I Corinthians.

First Reconciliation is December 7th, 11 am in church.

A reminder that there is no Faith Formation session on the following Sundays: November 28th, December 1st.

Each grade is bringing in food articles to assist those in need this holiday season and beyond. Each grade has something in particular they are asked to bring in.

- K-1 canned corn                      Grade 2 canned green beans
- 3-4 boxed mac n cheese              5-6 canned carrots
- 7-8 canned peas                        Grade 9 - applesauce
- Grade 10 - canned fruit

The children are asked to bring in their “gifts” and place them in the car for their classroom. The train is assembled in the front of the stage in the parish center. It is true that once the excitement of the season begins and we build toward Christmas, we tend to forget those in need. Let’s not do that. It will make for a happier Christmas for the less fortunate and the givers as well. In closing we appreciate your generosity and realizing that without your participation our train will arrive at its destination empty.

With every good wish ~  
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:



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.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the families of the babies baptized on  
November 17th: Margaret Ann Frick, Isabella Faith  
Darlington, and Adeline Ann Royer**

**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.