



Mass Intentions for the Week

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday
7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday - 7:30 P.M. - Stone Church

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Third Monday of the Month
8:00 to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

PRAYER GROUP

Thursday - 8:00 P.M. - Parish Center Meeting Room

EARLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Tuesday - 6:00 P.M. - Parish Center Library

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Monday of the Month - 8:15 P.M. - Parish Center

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY

Parish Center
Sunday 10:15 to 12:30
Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

THE TRINITY GIFT SHOP

Parish Center
Weekdays - 9:30 to 12:00 noon
Saturdays - 9:30 to noon - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GABRIEL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

1500 Front St. - Suite D - Yorktown - 962-8337

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 18, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$27,619.50
Tithing This Year 28,0894.50
Children's Last Year 416.00
Children's This Year 598.00

Thank you for making St. Patrick's a Tithing Parish.

Monday - December 26 - St. Stephen

6:55 Betty Starnella

9:00 Andrew Guckian

Tuesday - December 27 - St. John the Apostle

6:55 Rita Corrado

9:00 Martin Duane, Jr.

Wednesday - December 28 - Holy Innocents

6:55 Marcella LaSpina

9:00 Charles Earl Young

Thursday - December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

6:55 Giovanni Cosentino

9:00 Deceased Members of the Risi
and Leno Families

Friday - December 30 - Feast of The Holy Family

6:55 Dina Puiatti

9:00 Basilia Castrovinci

Saturday - December 31

9:00 Deceased Members of the Nocturnal
Adoration Society

5:15 Frances and George Phelan

Sunday - January 1 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God

7:45 Judy Nasce

9:00 Michael Benfonte

9:15 Donato "Danny" Traditi

10:30 John H. Riley

11:00 Donald Watkins

12:30 Marjorie Cronin

5:00 Robert J. DeMartini

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - December 31

Fr. Herb

Sunday - January 1

7:45 Fr. Bisignano 11:00 Fr. Herb

9:00 Fr. Jim 12:30 Fr. Herb

9:15 Fr. Bisignano 5:00 Fr. Jim

10:30 Fr. Jim

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Herb



Elizabeth Gerbi and Scott Bernitt

Weddings

Friday - December 30, 2005
4:00 - Stone Church

Elizabeth Gerbi and Scott Bernitt

HAND CRAFTING JUSTICE is a not-for-profit Fair Trade initiative of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The Sisters partner with women and families in 16 developing countries who have a great desire to provide for their families but find little opportunity. They assist these women by marketing their handcrafts, while also raising awareness about the situations they are confronting. To see the many wonderful products made by women from around the world, you are invited to go to the web site of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at handcraftingjustice.org.

JESUS CALLS US....With great joy, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Jesus calls every one of us to follow Him. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Charles Szivos at 914-968-1340 (Priesthood), Sr. Deanna Sabetta at 212-371-1000 ext. 2803 (Religious) and Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at 914-968-6200 ext. 8269 (Diaconate).

ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-6... Enter the Catholic Communication Campaign's Good News Art Contest! For contest details, release form, and prize information, visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org. You must enter by March 1, 2006. The winners will be announced May 1, 2006. Enter today!

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The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by The Guerci Family in loving memory of: LOUIS GUERCI
The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated Willy, Mary, Phil and Dina in loving memory of their wife, mother and Nonny: DINA PUIATTI
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Bernice A. Kelly and Family in memory of: JOHN D. KELLY, SR.
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was doanted by Vincent and Patricia Gallo in memory of: ANN INSERRA
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by The Gentile Family in memory of: ELVIRA "VERA" GENTILE

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Dina Puiatti, Margaret Schoonmaker, Adeline DaRonco DaRin, Mary Alice Rizzitello, Mary Brennan, Thomas Kelly Williams, Joanne Parker, Justina Pastier, Michael Pirillo, Deceased Members of Msgr. Brennan's Family, Jack McQuillan, Robet Heady, Pariscahia Smith, Thomas Herlihy, Lynn Eszterhazi, Daniel Enchautegui (2), Joseph Collura, Walter Fredericks, Louise M. Planamento, John Reich, Joseph Sclafani. Special Intention: Helen Reynolds, Mary O'Brien, Mary Sammel.



Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year from the Priests and Staff of St. Patrick's Church



Baptisms

December 18, 2005

NORA MARY...

Daughter of John and Kathleen Gillette

WILLIAM PAUL...

Son of Raymond and Kathleen Nikisher

WE'LL BE BACK NEXT WEEKEND! Our volunteers will resume selling the food cards after all Masses next weekend. Please consider this easy way to help in our fund-raising efforts. Our parish receives 5% of all sales made through these cards.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL extends sincerest thanks to the Yorktown Elks Lodge #2324 for their generous donation of dictionaries/almanacs for every student in our third grade! This is an annual program which will eventually supply every student with their own reference books.

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-50/Mt 10: 17-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1: 1-43/Jn 20: 1a and 2-8
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1: 5-2, 2/Mt 2: 13-18
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2: 3-11/Lk 2: 22-35
- Friday:** Sir 3: 2-7, 12-14 or Col 3: 19-21 or 3: 12-17/Lk 2: 29-40 or 2: 22, 39-40
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2: 18-21/Jn 1: 1-18
- Sunday:** Nm 6: 22-7/Gal 4: 4-7/Lk 2: 16-21



Dear Padre

Do Catholics have to marry in the Church?

If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Tracey

Dear Tracey,
One of the obligations Catholics have is to follow the laws of the Church regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments. A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty and the church down the street may be bigger, these are not sufficient reasons to marry outside the Church.

Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.

QUESTIONS? E-mail the Padre
dearpadre@liguori.org

A wedding is a ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony and the bishop, priest, or deacon is called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. Given time, patience, and compromise, there is no reason for a Catholic to marry outside the Church.

The Church can dispense from the form or place of the wedding for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is



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The Twelve Days of Christmas

Did you know that during the years 1558 to 1829, Catholics in England practiced their religion in secret? According to a legend the song, The Twelve Days of Christmas was used to remind people of the truths we believe in as Catholics. The True Love of the song is God. Whatever the truth of the legend, the meanings it attaches to the days from Christmas to Epiphany provide an opportunity for reflection on some important truths of the Catholic faith. Each of the gifts God sends us are symbols of something of our faith:

† **On the 1st day of Christmas my true love sent to me... A Partridge in a Pear Tree**

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings (Luke 13:34).

† **On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Two Turtle Doves**

The Old and New Testaments, which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world.

† **On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Three French Hens**

The Three Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope, and Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

† **On the 4th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Four Calling Birds**

The Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which proclaim the Good News of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself in Jesus Christ.

† **On the 5th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Five Gold Rings**

The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, which gives the history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the creation of a people to be a light to the world.

† **On the 6th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Six Geese A-layin**

The six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world (Genesis 1).

† **On the 7th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Seven Swans A-swimming**

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Reverence, Courage Wonder and Awe (Romans 12:6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11). The seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Marriage, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick.

† **On the 8th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Eight Maids A-milking**

The eight Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for righteousness' sake.

† **On the 9th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Nine Ladies Dancing**

The nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love (Charity), Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control. The Catechism also includes: Goodness, Modesty, Chastity.

† **On the 10th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Ten Lords A-leaping**

The Ten Commandments: 1. You shall have no other gods before me 2. Do not take God's name in vain 3. Keep holy the Lord's Day 4. Honor your father and mother 5. Do not kill 6. Do not commit adultery 7. Do not steal 8. Do not bear false witness 9. Do not covet your neighbor's wife 10. Do not covet your neighbor's goods.

† **On the 11th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Eleven Pipers Piping**

The eleven Faithful Apostles: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas son of James. (Luke 6:14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the Romans.

† **On the 12th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... Twelve Drummers Drumming**

The Twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

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