



For unto
you is born
this day
in the city
of David
a Savior,
which is
Christ
the Lord

Luke 2:11

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St. Patrick's Church

137 Moseman Road - Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2006

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday – December 25-*Nativity of the Lord*

- 7:45 Deceased Members of the Gasparino & Bulzacchelli Families
- 9:00 Ben & Nora Clarke & Gene Braddock
- 9:15 Elizabeth Doyle
- 10:30 Deceased Members of DaRonco Family
- 11:00 Deceased Members of the Laudadio Family
- 12:30 Deceased Members of the Demoura & Tavares Families

Tuesday – December 26-*Stephen, first martyr*

- 6:55 William A. Bondi
- 9:00 Andrew T. Guckian

Wednesday – December 27- *John, apostle, evangelist*

- 6:55 Eleanor Laughlin
- 9:00 Lucy Nora Besharo

Thursday – December 28- *Holy Innocents, martyrs*

- 6:55 Joseph Sclafani
- 9:00 Joseph Sclafani

Friday – December 29-*Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas*

- 6:55 Todd Montanaro
- 9:00 Deceased Members of Leno & Risi Families

Saturday – December 30-*Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas*

- 9:00 William & Ellen Kelleher
- 5:15 Joseph Scalfani

Sunday – December 31

- 7:45 Louis Young
- 9:00 Martin F. Duane, Jr.
- 9:15 The People of St. Patrick's
- 10:30 Helen Guido
- 11:00 John Peter Creno & John Peter Creno, Sr.
- 12:30 Deceased Members Marbiglia & Donofrio Families
- 5:00 Helen Guido

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Jer 23: 5-8/Mt 1: 18-25
- Tuesday:** Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1: 5-25
- Wednesday:** Is 7: 10-14/Lk 1: 26-38
- Thursday:** Sg 2: 8-14/Lk 1: 39-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 1: 24-28/Lk 1: 46-56
- Saturday:** Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24/Lk 1: 57-66
- Sunday:** Mic 5: 1-4a/Heb 10: 5-10/Lk 1: 39-45

Parish Calendar

Monday – December 25-*Merry Christmas*

Rectory Office Closed
No Events Scheduled

Tuesday – December 26

- 9:30am Parish Library (Library)
- 5:30pm Irish Dance (Lower Church)
- 6:00pm Bereavement Group (PC-Hall)

Wednesday – December 27

- 6:00pm AA (Lower Church)
- 6:00pm 7-8th gr. Youth Group (PC-H)
- 7:30pm AL-ANON (EC Room 109)

Thursday – December 28

- 4:00pm Irish Dance (Lower Church)
- 8:00pm Prayer Group (PC-M)

Friday – December 29

- 9:00 am Basketball (Aud.)

Saturday – December 30

- 9:00am Basketball (Aud)

Sunday – December 31

- 6:00pm AA (LC)
- 6:00pm God's TYM (PC-H)

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY

Parish Center

Sunday 10:15 to 12:30

Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

Saturdays – 9:30 to noon – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

THE TRINITY GIFT SHOP

Parish Center

Weekdays – 9:30 to 12:00

Saturdays 9:30 to noon

Sundays 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 17, 2006

Tithing Last Year	\$28,894.50
Tithing This Year	\$27,301.80
Children's Last Year	\$598.00
Children's This Year	\$379.00

A CLARIFICATION: The 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Main Church on Christmas Eve will feature a homily geared for children. The lectors will be some of our grade school students and the Music Ministry will include our 5 – 8 grade Choristers.

St. Patrick's Separated and Divorced Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays every month. Because the 4th Monday is Christmas Day, we will not have a meeting that day. Our next scheduled date is January 8, 2007. For information call Pat at 245-8257.

St. Patrick's Teen Choir's new CD, MAKE US WORTHY, is available for purchase after the Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mass and at St. Patrick's Trinity Gift Shop. The CD was recorded and mixed during the summers of 2005 and 2006 and features current and past members of the choir. The musical selections on the CD are all songs that are used at the liturgies here at St. Patrick's. **MAKE US WORTHY** would make a great Christmas gift – and it is a wonderful reminder of the witness, ministry and talent of our young people.

Christmas Flowers The flowers that will adorn our Sanctuaries for the Christmas Season may be donated in memory of your loved ones. If you receive monthly envelopes, there is a special "flower" envelope in the packet that you can fill out and return to the Rectory. If you do not receive envelopes, they're available in the vestibule of the Churches.

New Altar Serving Training beginning Tuesday, January 9th, 2007, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. We will offer training for any child or young adult interested in becoming a Server. Any Student of our parish school or CCD program, in the 4th grade or higher is eligible to serve. We will meet each Tuesday starting on January 9th in the Main Church; our final meeting will be on Feb. 13th in the Stone Church.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Bernice A. Kelly & Family in memory of:

John D. Kelly, Sr.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by the Puiatti Family in memory of:

Deceased Members of the Puiatti & Bernardino Families

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Marie Sclafani in memory of:

Philip & Joseph Sclafani

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by the Topproff Family in memory of:

Maria Linda Gastardo

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Michael Inserra & Family in memory of:

Ann Inserra

UNANNOUNCED MASSES: Deceased: Eloise D. Hauver (2), Bernard Keller, Christopher Slaff, Ida Merenda, Anne McDonnell, Paul Huchgermeir, Paris Mastroddi, Walter Gach, Antonietta Migaldi, Tanner Niptroni, Elizabeth McCabe, Elvira Scafati, Virginia Faruolo, Mary Mazzollo, Charles Perry, James Galgano, Theresa Moore, Margaret Hanley, Anthony Macagnone, Keith Cerrato, Larry McFarland. **Special Intention:** The Byrnes Family, Suanne Culligan & Family, Patricia LaPerch.

St. Patrick's Girl Scouts

St. Patrick's Girl Scouts would like to thank all those who attended the Yorktown Tree Lighting for your generous donations for the needy of our community.

The Good Samaritan Fund is a parish-based confidential fund for assisting our neighbors in need. If you can make a contribution to help your fellow parishioners who are in financial straits, please do so by sending a check to the Rectory for whatever amount you can afford payable to Good Samaritan Fund. Know that your neighbors will be most grateful. This would be an ideal Christmas gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

CYFM GROUP, Garrison, NY, invites all college students home for winter break (January 8th-12th) to join them for a Capuchin Outreach Program (C.O.P.) to live in a Christian community and to go out in service to the poor and sick of the community. For information call Rosemary at 232-3751.

January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is not observed as a Holyday of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. There will be two Masses that day to observe the feast: 9:00 and 11:00AM in the Main Church. (There will be no 7:30PM Novena Mass).

The Knights of Columbus Membership Drive will take place here at St. Patrick's Church on the 3rd and 4th of February, 2007, outside the churches after each Mass. For more info please contact William Schneider at 914-526-3327, or view the website at www.kofc.com

Trinity Gift Shop after Christmas Blowout

All Items in the Gift Shop are 25% off, for the month of January. Come see the many beautiful religious items for purchase. Store hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more info call Joanne at 914-299-6280.

Parentcare- Our Education for Parenting program (groups meet on Monday or Wednesday mornings) is in need of some gently used toys, specifically toy cell phones and doll strollers. Our storage space is limited and these are the only things we can accept right now, so if your children have outgrown these items and would care to donate them, please call Eileen Murphy at the rectory on Monday/Wednesday. Thank so much! Our next meeting resumes on January 8.

Masses for Christmas:

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday, December 23

5:15PM – Main Church

Sunday, December 24:

Stone Church

9:00 & 10:30AM

Main Church

7:45, 9:15, 11:00AM; 12:30PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24:

Stone Church

5:00PM

Main Church

5:00PM, 7:30 PM, 12:00 Midnight

December 25:

Stone Church

9:00 & 10:30AM

Main Church

7:45, 9:15, 11:00AM; 12:30PM

Our 9th Annual Golf Tournament was held on September 25th and was extremely successful. The outing netted a profit of over \$24,000! The proceeds have been divided equally between the Home School Association and the Parish. We are extremely grateful to all participants and supporters of the event. The golf committee would like to extend a special "Thank You" to all volunteers who worked so hard to make the tournament such a great success. Next year's outing will be our 10th Anniversary, and it will be held at Somers Pointe Golf Club, on September 24, 2007. For details, contact Frank Peters (914) 962 5066.

Free newsletter! Please feel free to pick up a free Christmas flyer, in the Main Church vestibule.



Christmas

A Sense of the Season

You probably know the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Even though a radio station once proclaimed the twelve days of Christmas as those before December 25, Christians have always kept Christmas as a season from December 25 until January 6 (the traditional Epiphany). The church calendar today even extends the celebration until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord — the Sunday after Epiphany.

Here is what the church says about the season of Christmas: "Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery [meaning the Triduum and Easter season], the church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season." (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, #32)

More than just "Jesus' birthday," the Christmas season is a time for remembering and reveling in the nativity of Christ, the revelation of Christ to the Jewish shepherds, the revelation of Christ to the Gentile magi

(that's us!), Christ's baptism by John in the Jordan, and Christ changing water into wine at the wedding "on the third day" (John 2:1) in Cana of Galilee. In all these saving events, we know that "the Word is made flesh and dwells among us."

How can we keep Christmas not just as a day, but as a season? Keep the tree up (and watered!) and shining bright until the Baptism of the Lord. Sing carols and read the scriptures every day. Safely put candles around your creche: Use small glass votive candle holders, and place them away from the straw. You might also want to add a little water to the bottom of the glass before putting the candle in — an added precaution that will also help you clean the glass more easily. When you light the candles, sing or say the prayer of the angels: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

Amen!

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