



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday, Dec. 24:** *Christmas Flower Intentions*  
**Sunday, Dec. 25:** *Christmas Flower Intentions*  
**Sunday, Jan. 01:** † *Cliff & Juliann Thorson* - Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE			ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday, Dec 25	12 noon	Need Lector	We will not be using Altar Servers for Mass while we are in the Church Hall.
Sunday, Jan 1	12 noon	J. Kowalski	

**MEMORIAL CANDLES DECEMBER 15-31:**

Church Hall Sanctuary: *Elizabeth, Alice, & Susan* by Mary, Jeanne, & Marjorie  
Chapel Sanctuary: *Elizabeth, Alice, & Susan* by Mary, Jeanne, & Marjorie  
Blessed Mother - Chapel: *Special Intention*  
Saint Joseph - Chapel: *Special Intention*



**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Jennifer Sauter, John “Tink” Green, Sandy Francis, John Laubscher, Kay Hirlinger, Connie Shope, Deanna Dare, Donald Felty, Bill O’Neill, Karen Tomko Strobel, Susan Nelson, Thomas Packer, Bill Leary Jr., Melinda O’Neill-Lewis, Bart Pickering, Katherine Huggler, Gayle Jenkins, Elaine Charcalla, John Kapp, Ron J. Long, Rose Turnowchyk, Ruth Donnell, Vera Hough, Jeane Bressler, Grace DeSanto, Angeline Adams, Grace “Susie” Kisko, Liz Kalafut, Arnie Burrows, Martha Crouse, Brenda DeJoice, Caleb Leone, Joey Herridge, Drew Gentzyel, Adam Smith, Joyce Winkleman O’Brien, Chad Willard, Connie O’Toole Conrad, Gino Serafini, Terry O’Laughlin, Kevin Dwyer, Denise Colvin, Frank Morton, Sue Sette, Tom Allen, Mary Tripp, Estefan Nevarez, Joel Kohler, Ginny Serafini, and Tom Daywalt

WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Collection Counters: Ann & Margie			
MONDAY: 12/26			
TUESDAY: 12/27	No Communion Service		
WEDNESDAY: 12/28			
THURSDAY: 12/29			
FRIDAY: 12/30	No Communion Service		
SATURDAY: 12/31			
SUNDAY: 01/01	Mass	12 noon	Church

**A CHILD**  
SHALL BE BORN FOR US, AND HE WILL BE CALLED GOD, THE ALMIGHT; EVERY  
TRIBE OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLEST IN HIM.

DECEMBER 25, 2022

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Terry O’Laughlin.....*Finance Council*  
Matt Dorman.....*Parish Council*

**SICK CALL**  
Please notify the office when a member of the parish is in the hospital or is unable to attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion at home.

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
We, the family of God, work to spread the good news, reach out to the lapsed Catholics, and bring them back into the fold. We focus on being good examples of the Catholic Faith to our parish's youth. We will use prayer, education, hospitality, outreach, and stewardship to welcome all into our faith community.

The Nativity of the Lord



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
*Closed Tuesday/Thursday*

**COMMUNION SERVICES**  
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)  
Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Chapel)

**MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS**  
Call the church office to schedule an appointment. Nine-month advance notice is required for marriage.

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**  
Please contact the parish office if you want to join the parish. Please remember to notify us if you are moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent, and treasure is essential for the common good.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of:

Presented By:

All the Faithful Departed	St. Joseph’s Church
Luella & Charlie Teti	Bill & Anna O’Neill
Lois Becker & Maddie Lewis	Bill & Anna O’Neill
Tony Elkerton	Bill & Anna O’Neill
Richard Teti	Bill & Anna O’Neill
George Mills	Barbara Mills
Jack O’Toole	Family
Fedele Family & Friends	Marg Sutliff
Maggie Clemente	Mom & Dad
Mr. Alex Rauch	Bruce & Maria Ransom
Mr. & Mrs. William Rooney	Bruce & Maria Ransom
Jack Hanobic and Our Parents	Jo Hanobic
Joe & Shirley Rosamilia	Joe, Mary, & JR
Dorsey & Mary McGuire	Joe, Mary, & JR
Eugene “Chip” Kisko	Ronnie, Susan & Family
Diane Gentzyel	Ronnie, Susan & Family
Dale Summerson	Grandson, Gavin
Christopher Charles Perry	The Lavelle Family
Maggie Clemente	The Lavelle Family
Philip Dalphon	George & Sandy Machak
Mom & Dad	Sue Smith
Michael Probst	Family
Janice Coleman	Sue
Angelo, Laura, and Joey Serra	Livia Price
Wm. “Bucky” Price & Lori (Price) Smith	Livia Price
Gloria (Serra) Sweitzer	Livia Price
Kylinn Stone Gilmore	Livia Price
William Perri & Louise Sander	Livia Price
Sandy Campoli & Ricky Welton	Livia Price
Kylinn Stone Gilmore	Mom
Anita & Francis Pompili, Sr	Francis Pompili Jr
Cindy Pompili	Pompili Family
Don Prebble	Wife, Ruby

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of:

Presented By:

Vito and Emma Janerella	Vito, Wendy, and Gabe
Naomi Killinger	Vito, Wendy, and Gabe
Joann Francis	Vito, Wendy, and Gabe
Francis & Tanya Pizzino	Vito, Wendy, and Gabe
Joe & Shirley Rosamilia	Gina Brooks & family
Michael J. & Mary B. Barner	George “Mike” & Michele Simon
Elizabeth “Betty” Simon	George “Mike” & Michele Simon
Catherine & Charles Sacarnoski	Carol, John, and Marybeth
Our Parents	George, Martha, & Marcie
Sarah Schnars	George & Martha
Regina Rhoades	George & Martha
Betsy Crouse	George & Martha
Jack, Peggy, Mary Louise, Tina, & Bob	Renovo El. Coffee Crew
Della & Julio Pizzino	Genie
Robert & Vera Gorman	Dolores Gregory
Family	Barbara Mastriana
John & Helen Redos	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Massaro
Elizabeth & Michael Massaro	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Massaro
Louis & Kathleen Miller	Jim Miller
Joanna Francis	Jesse Francis
Alex, Mom, Dad, & Jack	Pattie Rauch
Joanna Francis	Natalie & Evan Summerson
Fred & Rene Matthis & Family	Patty & Jim Cozzi
Mary & Robert Cozzi	Patty & Jim Cozzi
Jack O’Toole	Patty & Jim Cozzi
James “Knobby” Nestlerode; O’Brien & Nestlerode Families	Jean Nestlerode; Ken, Jen, Katelyn, Zach & Gavin Pick
Anthony & Elizabeth Jeselnik	Tom & Terrie Kerstetter
Bernadette Ross	Ross Family
Wesley Sykes	Martha Sykes
Peggy Tripp	Martha Sykes
Joanie Francis	Martha Sykes
Betty Sykes	Martha Sykes
Our Grandson, Caleb	Kathy Anderson

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of:

Presented By:

Mr. & Mrs. Francis DeMarte	Janet DeMarte
Anna Marino	Janet DeMarte
Cheryl & Andrew	Elaine Charcalla
Mom & Dad DeBlois	Elaine Charcalla
Eleanor Hedgeland & Deb Nelen	Diane Paul
Bill & Virginia Mainguth	Bill & Marcia Mainguth
Bob & Eleanor Chulak	Bill & Marcia Mainguth
Father & Mother: Philip & Genevieve	Shirley K
Granddaughter, Maggie Lee	Shirley K
Elvera Tarantella & Elizabeth Simon	Tom & Ann Tarantella
Alby & Sara Fye	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Maxwell
Charles & Mildred Maxwell	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Maxwell
Christopher Perry	Mary & Steve Rathmell
Katie Himmel	Mary & Steve Rathmell
Gabriel Russell	Mary & Steve Rathmell
Rick Welton	Jo A. Welton
Ron & Ray Fantaskey	Jo A. Welton

In Loving Memory of Deceased

Members in the:

Presented By:

Serafini & DeMarte Families	Jo A. Welton
Fedele and Edwards Families	Mike & Barb Fedele
Pizzino Family	Genie
Mazzulla & Tomko Families	Rita Tomko
Alex Pizzino Family	George & Sandy Machak
John Machak Family	George & Sandy Machak
Buranosky & Fantazier Families	Sue Frieze
Serafini & Hills Families	Bob & Trudy Serafini & Family
Finnefrock & Bains Families	Bob & Deb Houser
Knauff, Machak, and Brunner Families	James & Anna Knauff
Matthis & Dremel Families	Ron & Cathy Dremel

May the beauty of our church this Christmas Season truly reflect the beauty of those lives that have touched our hearts and blessed our lives!

Christmas Day

The four Gospel portraits of Jesus take very different approaches to his origins. Mark has no record of Jesus’ ancestry, except for his connection to John the Baptist. Matthew traces his genealogy back to Abraham; Luke even farther back, to Adam. The Gospel of John outdoes them all, tracing Jesus’ origins back to the time before time, *before* the world was created! Jesus is the eternal Word of God. The Greek term for “Word” is *logos*, and it is a word with deep implications. The *logos* exists *before* creation, because all of creation came to be through the *logos* and, in turn, the *logos* will become the light of all it has created. This is what makes Christmas a season light and life. May our lives radiate this light, reflecting the life-giving Word-made-Flesh. Let our discipleship truly and fully make incarnate once again the Word-in-flesh whom we celebrate and adore: Jesus Christ, our Lord!

THE SEASON OF LIGHT

It is customary to celebrate Christmas with lights of all sorts. This even happens in the southern hemisphere, where people aren’t experiencing the shorter, darker days of northern climates. From little twinkles on Christmas trees to the glow of candles in church, Christmas is a celebration of the light born today in God’s Word-made-flesh. As with other types of lights, the Christ-light takes on different forms. Sometimes its light is direct, while at other times it is a reflection. The lights of Christmas, like Jesus the Light of the world, offer comfort, ease fears, show us the way, and help us to see that God is present here. While we believe that Jesus is the light that no darkness can overcome, it can seem at times it seems as though the gloom around us is overcoming the light. We all are familiar with darkness’s different forms that seem to bombard us daily, hourly—minute by minute, if we allow them to. And yet . . .

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

The relentless daily reports of darkness can easily lead us not to see the many glimmers of light around us. We who follow the Christ-light must always be on alert for signs of that light around us. Likewise, we who have that Christ-light in us must let it shine forth. No matter how little we think our light may be, we must recall that it is the light of Christ we bear within us. Like John the Baptist in today’s Gospel passage, we are meant to testify to the power of light, to help others see glimpses of God-with-us. Our actions must bear good news, they must announce glad tidings. Even small deeds of light can shine brightly, giving birth to Jesus once again each day. On Christmas day and every day we are called to be people of hope, messengers of peace who offer comfort and make God’s glory known. Let the light of Christ in your life be one of the season’s brightest!

Today’s Readings: Is 52:7–10; Ps 98:1, 2–3, 3–4, 5–6; Heb 1:1–6; Jn 1:1–18

**WELCOME**

Welcome to all, especially visitors and guests, who have come to worship in our Church today  
No matter how long you plan to be in the neighborhood, please consider St. Joseph’s your parish home.  
Call the parish office, 570-923-0172, to schedule an appointment with Father Orr to register.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

Monday: St. Stephen

Tuesday: St. John

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket; of the Lord

Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve

**WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR**

Today’s readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul’s letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

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**LEARNED AT HOME**

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond



**The Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2022**

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

— John 1:5

**† Our Gifts to God †**  
Sunday Offering: Dec. 18, 2022

Regular Collection	\$2,084.00
Monthly	850.00
Children	<u>6.00</u>
	\$2,940.00

ENVELOPES	Adults
Used	82
Families:	208

•Flower Money: \$370      •Votive: \$8      •Immaculate Conception: \$10  
•Catholic Charities: \$100      •Retired Religious:\$25

*Thank you for being good stewards.*

**THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL**

We would like to thank all parishioners and friends for the overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign Fund.. We are almost there!! We are grateful to you for answering the call and making self-sacrificial commitments to the campaign. So far, with all the pledges and donations that have come in, we are up to \$89,104.00. (as of 12/21)

**“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” - St. Ambrose**

James & Anna Knauff, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Lydia Heiser, Knights of Columbus, Barbara Mills, Charles Lackey, Angela Lavelle, Mrs. W. K Penton, Catherine Himmel, William & Marcia Mainguth, Barbara Mastriania, Pat & Marcia Clemente, James Patrick Kelley, Paul & Grace Maxwell, Patrick Smith, Maurice Kelley, Tom & Terrie Kerstetter, Ron & Cathy Dremel, Keith & Patricia Wilson, Jeanette Morton, Ruby Prebble, Angeline Fedele, Ann Fedele, Margaret Sutliff, Teresa Fedele, Sue Allen, Marjorie & Vincent Massaro, Susan Smith, Terrie Buranosky, Carol Coover, Pam & Carl Gentzyel, George B. Simon, Dennis & Mary Anderson, Kenneth & Carol Reber, Robert & Patricia Jones, John & Susan Sette, Shirley Kisko, Sharon Krauss, Bob & Chris Huff, Ann Greene, Dcn Chip & Connie Young, David Drabic, Theresa O'Donnell, Judy Kurutz, Chuck & Nancy Swanson, Jeanette Summerson, Mike Tomko, Deborah Pedokus, Janet Stone, Sarah Graw, George & Sandy Machak, Helen Green, John & Mary Ann Tarantella, Jen Pick, Mary, Steve, & Teresa Stone, Tarantella’s Sudsy Pup, Hanobic Family, Lisa & Jack Houser, Mary Ann Kennis, Peter & Claire Wickershaw, Jim Miller, Heiser Family, Mary & Steve Rathmell, Paul & Joan Filbin, April & Mike Smith and family, Barbara Newlen, Jim & Sue Morgan and family, Tom & Ann Tarantella, George “Mike” & Michele Simon, Gloria Renehan, Barb & Mike Fedele, Pattie Rauch, Mary & Dick Adams, and Bob & Lisa Houser, Kevin and Rosie Dwyer, Valerie Kahley, Dolores Gregory, Ronald & Susan Ransdorf, Jim & Patty Cozzi, Margaret McCool + 5 anonymous donors

**“The cathedrals and churches architecturally prepare our souls for the beauty of the Eucharist.” -Allen R. Hunt**