



CHRISTMAS ❖ DECEMBER 25, 2016

SATURDAY, December 24th

8:30 A.M. + Thomas Patella
Req. by his Parents
4:30 P.M. Deceased members of Burke, Meyer &
Dugan Families
Req. by Renna Meyer
10:00 P.M. Deceased Members of the Yatkaukas and
Razicas Families
Req. by Father Matthew

SUNDAY, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

MONDAY, December 26th

8:00 A.M. + Ed Byrne
Req. by the Fricker Family

TUESDAY, December 27th

8:00 A.M. + Ed Byrne
Req. by Tessie Feminella

WEDNESDAY, December 28th

7:00 P.M. + Frank N. Kosteczko
Req. by Frank & Kim Kosteczko, Kathy
Rubinstein and Families

THURSDAY, December 29th

8:00 A.M. + George Gary Gulbrandsen
Req. by Abby Nakelski

FRIDAY, December 30th

8:00 A.M. + George Gary Gulbrandsen
Req. by Al & Cathy Naclerio

SATURDAY, December 31st

8:30 A.M. + Verna & Charles Esposito
Req. by Marguerite Violante
4:30 P.M. + Archie Joseph Reid
Req. by his Family

SUNDAY, January 1st Solemnity of Mary

8:00 A.M. + Vincenzo Naclerio
Req. by Al & Cathy Naclerio
10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

IF YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR A MASS TO BE SAID, WE REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS- PLEASE SEE THE USHERS BEFORE MASS BEGINS. THANK YOU.



PLEASE PRAY FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nicole Mullan, William Connolly, Dora Carolan, Betty Cambalik, MaryAnn Herzog, Ettore Naclerio, Gabe Capobianci, William & Dorothy O'Hagan, Carolyn Koppel, Gerard Croce, Peggy Napolitano, Kim Rossner, Joyce Fazio, Verna Dando, Anthony Lassiter, Robert Bradshaw, Cornelius (Corny) Crist, Hank Meyerhofer, John Hagen, Mike Beaulieu, Stewart Glenn, Gloria Sorrentino, Audrey LeRose.

If you know of someone in need of prayer - please let us know by calling the rectory.

AT MASS...

BE SILENT, BE THOUGHTFUL, BE REVERENT, FOR THIS IS THE LORD'S HOUSE!

LECTORS

12/24 4:30 p.m. Peter LeRose
12/24 10:00 p.m. Mario Alonzo
12/25 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Fowler
12/25 10:30 a.m. Ann Gulbrandsen
12/31 4:30 p.m. Peter LeRose
01/01 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Fowler
01/01 10:30 a.m. Jamie Hoyt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

12/24 4:30 p.m. Paul Vinett, Renna Meyer, Need Volunteer
12/24 10:00 p.m. Ginny Gravatt, Need 2 Volunteers
12/25 8:00 a.m. Ed & Gladys Collins, Cathy Naclerio
Morans: Ed Collins
12/25 10:30 a.m. Emily Mele, Alice Heidecker, Marie Regino
12/31 4:30 p.m. Renne Meyer, Janet Betanzos, Need Volunteer
01/01 8:00 a.m. Kathy Naclerio, Ed & Gladys Collins
Morans: Cathy Naclerio
01/01 10:30 a.m. Alice Heidecker, Marguerite Violante
Need Volunteer

ALTAR SERVERS

12/24 4:30 p.m. Danielle & John Reynolds
12/24 10:00 p.m. Need Volunteers
12/25 8:00 a.m. Need Volunteers
12/25 10:30 a.m. Darius Youssefbaik, Need Volunteers
12/31 4:30 p.m. Need Volunteers
01/01 8:00 a.m. Frank Seelmann
01/01 10:30 a.m. Need Volunteers

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** was donated this week in loving memory of Maxine Cuciti by her Family.

Renne Meyer has given this week's **Bread & Wine** in loving memory of **William Meyer and Linda Meyer.**

Arrangements for Memorials can be made in the rectory office. You may call or stop in.

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION -

December 17th & 18th Attendance: 279
(223 Adults - 56 Children)
Regular Collection: \$2737.00
Parish Support: \$1083.00
Fuel: \$45.00

ST. CHARLES FOUR SEASON CLUB

Ninth Week's Winner: Christopher Mueller

Our next season will begin in soon. Entry forms have been mailed to registered parishioners. There are more entry forms in the vestibules please return your entry form today, so that you will be in the first drawing of the season. Good Luck!



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.



THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas Tree originated in Germany in the 16th Century. It was common for the German people to decorate fir trees, both inside and outside with roses, apples and colored paper. It is believed that Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer, was the first to light a Christmas tree with candles. While coming home one dark winter's night near Christmas, he was struck with the beauty of the starlight shining through the branches of a small fir tree outside his home. He duplicated the starlight by using candles attached to the branches of his indoor Christmas tree. The Christmas tree was not widely used in Britain until the 19th Century. It



Let us not forget....

For Catholics, Mass attendance is a vital part of weekly life. It is the time to gather together in God's presence, to be nourished by God and by one another. We listen to the words of the Scripture, we pray together and we share the Body & Blood of Christ.

**The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2016**

“The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all men. It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age as we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and of our Savior Christ Jesus... to redeem us and to cleanse for himself a people of his own... eager to do what is right.”

Why this passage from St. Paul's letter to Titus as part of our worship on this great Christmas day? It is easy for us to be so caught up in many distractions that we overlook some basic points. Do I realize that there were centuries of waiting for the Messiah and people grew weary and forgetful? Paul tells them, the savior has appeared.

If the coming of the redeemer speaks to me today, my Christmas joy reminds me that godless ways and worldly desires are not the focus. Gifts, consumerism, travel and visits are ours because the gift, Jesus, who travelled to earth and Bethlehem, placed salvation at our disposal. God did His part, we now must do ours.

He has redeemed and purified us and claims us as His. My response is eager acceptance of what He has come to offer me. As I look around, who needs to know of my experience of this redeeming savior? The books, the songs, the traditions can tell me of Him and this day. They encourage me to seek Him. Prayer is where I meet Him.

The virtues of temperance, justice and piety reflect our serious and joy filled acceptance of Jesus Christ this Christmas of 2016. May you be blessed.



In observance of Christmas and New Year's Day, the rectory office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and January 2nd.



KNIGHTS CORNER:

We wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year!!**

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 5 at 7 pm in the hall.

If you would like to join and be a brother Knight, please contact Ray at 564-7867 or Bill at 883-0138.



Vigil of Solemnity of Mary

December 31st Mass will be held at 4:30 pm

January 1st Solemnity of Mary

Mass will be held at 8 am and 10:30 am



We wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th.



FUEL COLLECTION

We thank all who have already donated to our Fuel Collection. Donations towards our fuel cost are appreciated whenever you are able to contribute.



11TH ANNUAL PENNY SOCIAL

Sponsored by the Columbiettes of
St. Joseph Parish in New Paltz

Saturday, January 28, 2017 in St. Joseph Church Hall

Doors open at 11 am

Calling begins at 12:30 pm



LENDING LIBRARY

The Library has some new and gently used books FREE for the taking that can be used for Christmas gifts. Someone you know will benefit spiritually by receiving a book. Enjoy browsing and choosing books for everyone on your list. Blessings of the season to you.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - FEBRUARY 10 – 12, 2017 MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER CAPE MAY NJ

Cost: \$130.00 per person

Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609 884-3829

2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES Parishioners should have received their first pack of envelopes. Please let us know if you did not receive your envelopes or if there are any errors. Thank you.



**WE THANK MICHAEL TORSONE
MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME FOR
THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF
OUR CHURCH CALENDARS.**

**WE THANK PETE PATEL OF IRELAND CORNERS
GENERAL STORE FOR HIS NUMEROUS DONATIONS
TO OUR FOOD CONCESSION THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR.**

**WE THANK ALL OUR ADVERTISERS ON THE BACK
OF THE BULLETIN FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR
PARISH.**

OUR PARISH APPRECIATES THEIR GENEROSITY.

ST JOSEPH SCHOOL KINGSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

A GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: A donation in any amount is a special way to honor or remember a loved one. Send your donation to St. Joseph School Scholarship Fund, 235 Wall Street, Kingston NY 12401 with the name and address of the person you would like them notify of the donation. For more information call 339-4390.

The Pastor, principal, faculty and students of St. Joseph School wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year!

There are openings in grade Pre K – 8th grade. Please call the school for more information 339-4390.

YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

January 14, 2017 at 4 pm in the CYO GYM, 6 Adams Street in Kingston. See bulletin board for more information.