

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

December 24th & 25th 2017

Saturday	4pm	December 23	Ed Martel: Bev & Kevin
Sunday	9am	December 24	54 th Ann. Kathleen Deslauriers: Henry & Barbara Deslauriers & family
Sunday	4pm	December 24	All Saints Parishioners
Sunday	6pm	December 24	2 nd Ann. Joseph Saletnik: his wife & family
Monday	12am	December 25	All those who were baptized in our Church in 2017
Monday	10am	December 25	Louis Masse: his wife & family
Monday	12pm	December 25	All those who were married in 2017
Tuesday	7am	December 26	Roland , Elphege & Rita Provencal: their family
Wednesday	7am	December 27	Raymond Meshlovitz Sr. : Father Piotr
Thursday		December 28	No Mass
Friday	6pm	December 29	All Saints members who died in 2017
Saturday	4pm	December 30	Mildred & Gasper DeSantis & Herbert Squires: David Squires & family
Sunday	8am	December 31	Roy & Ghidinelli families: the family
Sunday	10am	December 31	Michelle McCrystal Provost: Richard & Marcia Kowalski & sons
Sunday	5:30pm	December 31	All Members of All Saints Parish Eucharistic Adoration from 6-9pm
Monday	9am	January 1	Peace in the World

MASS OF THANKSGIVING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Come to a special 5:30P.M. Mass and give thanks to the Lord for the graces we have all received in the year 2017. If you wish to come and stay with God just for a few minutes: Eucharistic Adoration: 6 - 9 p.m. (private, silent prayer) Please come and bring your friends. Let's begin the New Year 2018 with Christ.

The Ware Catholic Youth Group would like to thank all those who participated in the Christmas for Kids Breakfast last Sunday. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$500 to this worthy cause!

God's Blessings

Dear Fr. Piotr, How I thank you. How lovingly prepared gifts for our children! Please extend thanks to your parish, and know that I would love to give those thanks in person one day. In the spirit of St. Nicholas, Sister Jane Morrissey, Homework House INC.

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Christmas in Ireland



Christmas for Irish people, who are Catholics, lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of **Epiphany** on January 6th, which some Irish people call 'Little Christmas'. There is an old tradition that in some Irish houses (although now not many), people put a tall, thick candle on the sill of the largest window after sunset on Christmas Eve. The candle is left to burn all night and represents a welcoming light for Mary and Joseph. The day after Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day is also very important in Ireland. One very old tradition is the Wren Boys Procession that takes place on St. Stephen's Day. This goes back to ancient times when a real wren was killed and carried around in a holly bush. Some processions still take place, but no wren is hunted or used. Young men and women dress up in homemade costumes and go from house to house carrying a long pole with a holly bush tied to its top and singing a rhyme about a wren bird. Sometimes they are accompanied of violins, accordions, harmonicas and horns. The rhyme that is often used is: *'The wren, the wren, the king of all birds On St. Stephen's day was caught in the furze.'* People also ask for money 'for the starving wren!' Traditional, historic, Christmas food in Ireland include a round cake, full of caraway seeds. One is traditionally made for each person in the house. Now it's more common to have a rich fruit cake covered with marzipan and decorated with icing. And an addition to turkey for Christmas dinner, sometimes spiced beef (spiced over several days, cooked, and then pressed) is eaten. This can be served hot or cold. Dessert is commonly a Christmas (or Plum) Pudding.

May you rejoice in the blessings of His love this Christmas and throughout the New Year A.D. 2018 You and your loved ones will be remembered in the celebration of the Mass on Christmas Day, **Love and Peace Father Piotr and the Parish Staff of All Saints Church. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year;**

Nollaig Shona Dhuit (Ireland); Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année! (French) Wesolych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia (Polish); Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo (Spanish); Pax hominibus bonae voluntatis (Latin)