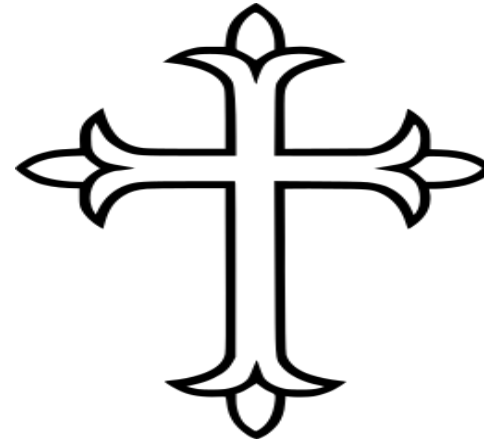


Why do we celebrate Christmas with great rejoicing?

1: First, Christmas is the Feast of God's sending us a Savior: God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as True God and true man to save us from the bondage of sin. The Christian Scriptures teach only one Incarnation, and its purpose is given in John 3:16: "*God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life.*" We celebrate the Incarnation of God as a Baby today as *Good News* because we have a Divine Savior. As our Savior, Jesus liberated us from slavery to sin and atoned for our sins by his suffering, death and Resurrection. So, every Christmas reminds us that we need a Savior every day, to free us from our evil addictions and unjust, impure and uncharitable tendencies. Christmas 2019 also challenges us to accept Jesus in the manger as our saving God and personal Savior and to surrender our lives to him, allowing him to rule our hearts and lives every day in the New Year. **2: Second, Christmas is the Feast of God's sharing His love with us:** Jesus, as our Savior, brought the "Good News" that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful and rewarding God and not a judgmental, cruel and punishing God. He demonstrated by his life and teaching how God our Heavenly Father loves us, forgives us, provides for us and rewards us. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Jesus' final demonstration of God's love for us was his death on the cross to atone for our sins and to make us children of God. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian privilege and duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives. Let us face this question, "*What does it profit me if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world and He is not born in my heart?*" (Alexander Pope). Hence, let us allow Jesus to be reborn in our hearts and lives, not only during Christmas, but every day, so that he may radiate the light of his presence from within us as sharing and selfless love, expressed in compassionate words and deeds, unconditional forgiveness, the spirit of humble service and overflowing generosity. **3: Third, Christmas is the Feast of the Emmanuel (God living with us and within us):** Christmas is the feast of the Emmanuel because God in the New Testament is a God who continues to live with us in all the events of our lives as the "Emmanuel" announced by the angel to Mary. As Emmanuel, Jesus lives in the Sacraments (especially in the Holy Eucharist), in the Bible, in the praying community and in each believer as the Holy Spirit residing in us makes us His "Temples." Christmas reminds us that we are bearers of God with the missionary privilege and duty of conveying Jesus to those around us by loving them as Jesus did, through sacrificial, humble and committed service. Sharing with others Jesus, the Emmanuel living within us, is the best Christmas gift we can give, or receive, today.

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 22, 2019



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
Saturday	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church (July 4th to Labor day)
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	11:00 AM	Gate of Heaven

Weekday

M/T/F	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
Thursday	12:00 PM	St. Aloysius
First Saturday	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius

Adoration

M/T/F	7:30 to 8:15 AM
Friday	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Eve:	5:30 PM	Gate of Heaven
Holy Day:	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Sacraments

Confession: Before all masses.
Baptism: Call the rectory to make arrangements.
Marriage: Call the rectory to schedule your Wedding and pre-Cana classes
Pastoral Visitation
When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 21- Dec 29, 2019

Saturday, Dec 21

4.00 PM- Frances + Edwin Lake

Mon, Dec 23

8.15. AM - Mildred Irace

Wed Dec 25

11. AM- Mildred Irace

Saturday, Dec 28

4.PM- Mildred Irace

Sunday, Dec 22

9:00 AM - Mildred Irace

11:00 AM - Mildred Irace

Tues. Dec 24

8:15 AM - Mildred Irace

5. PM- Vivian Kocher

12.PM- Madeline + Edward o'Brien

Fri. Dec 27

8.15 AM- Maureen Lee

Sunday, Dec 29

9:00 AM- Vivian Kocher

11:00.AM- Robert Haley

NOTE: No Gift can replace offering a mass for departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

For the Sick: Joni & Vinny Salvatore, Colleen & Jerrilynn O'Neil; Nora Fernandez,; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn, Christopher Merklin, Jack Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma Carlson , Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari, Mary Muhlig, Scott Branning, Easton Gorr. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh, Deniese Harting, Maureen Molloy, Frank Kinsley, Mary Jones, Carl Diane Rafi and Walter Hanewich.

For the Deceased: Wanda L. McGovern,Gail J. Staudt, Rita Ann Evans, Nickolaus Bermel Jr, Bill Guinan, Sr. Kenneth Reddington, Jim Englehardt, Ellen Krajcovic, John Augusta, Max Evans, Mildred Irace, PaulaJordan,Bernard Greenthal, and Vivian Kocher.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish, jelly and cereal.

Collection for last Week. Thank you
First collection: \$ 1985

Readings for Next Sunday
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15

BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will not meet until January 13, 2020.
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.

THE MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR 2020

If you would like to offer a mass for your beloved departed ones and your intention, please collect forms placed at the table, fill it and send to the Rectory.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS.

Christmas Eve
December 24, Tuesday
St. Aloysius at 5. PM
Midnight Mass
St. Aloysius at 12.AM
Christmas day December 25, Wednesday
Gate of heaven at 11. AM

Christmas' Decoration

Christmas decoration will take place on December 22 after 9.am mass at St. Aloysius. All the volunteer are welcome to decorate the church. We are informing you in advance so that you can spare sometime to beautify the church for Christmas. Gate of Heaven will be decorated on December 22 after 11am mass. Everyone is welcome to decorate the Church.

Christmas Pageant

We will have Christmas pageant on December 22 during 9am Mass. All the parents are encouraged to bring their children and make them involve in it. We also appreciate Jenifer Bull, Sunday school teachers, Parents and Judy Vanput for making this event successful.

Dear parishioners,

I would like to wish everyone merry Christmas. May the baby Jesus bring peace and joy to you and your family members. This is my second Christmas since I came to Livingston Manor. I feel like I came yesterday. The days are moving fast. I am indeed happy being here and trying to fulfill your spiritual needs. Every year we celebrate Christmas. Every Christmas we celebrate should leave some impact on us, otherwise there will not be a meaning in what we celebrate. Once time is gone, we can never get it back. It is the high time for us to reflect on the birth of Jesus. I would like to leave some questions for our reflections. Is there any relation between my life and birth of Jesus? How do I make myself as a place for Jesus to be born? Does the birth of Jesus affect my life?

Fr. Antony David

