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MASS INTENTIONS—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. Patricia Camp †
Sunday, December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Paul & Ida Werner & Karen Parkes †
 9:30 a.m. Sophie Basch †
 11:30 a.m. James Raucci †
 5:00 p.m. Stephan Hack †

Monday, December 23: Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Julianus Wojciehowski †

Tuesday, December 24: Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Maria & Andres Rodriguez & All Souls
 In Purgatory †
 9:00 a.m. Josephine, Nick & Frank Roudis †

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members St. Joseph's
 Music Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Madeleine & George Fassino †
 10:00 p.m. Mary Ann Houghtaling †

**Wed., December 25: Nativity of the Lord,
 Christmas**

7:30 a.m. Jean Marie & Nancy L. Fox †
 9:30 a.m. John Burns, Sr. †
 11:30 a.m. Maria Tornatore-Lynch †

Thursday, Dec. 26: St. Stephen, Martyr

7:00 a.m. Harper Stantz †
 9:00 a.m. Michael, Frances & Michael Jr.
 Altamari †

Fri, Dec. 27: St. John, Apostle/Evangelist

7:00 a.m. Helen Wojciehowski †
 9:00 a.m. Cornelius & Margaret Rahilly †

Sat., Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Howard L. Fox †
 5:00 p.m. Philip Battaglia †

**Sun., Dec. 29: The Holy Family, Jesus,
 Mary and Joseph**

7:30 a.m. Gilda & Hobart Bach †
 9:30 a.m. David A. Blakely †
 11:30 a.m. Jennifer Rakov †
 5:00 p.m. Stephen & Catherine Keane †

PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Due to early submission requirement for
 this bulletin, collection amounts
 are not available.

Your generosity is appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS DECEMBER 29

First Reading—Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.
 Responsorial—Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.
 Second Reading—Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17.
 Gospel—Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

December 28 & 29, 2019 LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Cantor	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Msgr. Sullivan	Gail Many	Emily & Phil Sinagra	Erin Bradley	Felix Sanchez, Aaron Cowan, TBD
Sunday 7:30 a.m. Msgr. Sullivan	Marquita Rich	Rose Rahilly, Mary Callahan	Ron Smith	Grace Zell, Dylan Watzka, TBD
9:30 a.m. Fr. Cyprien	Sue Washburne	Carole & Ed Reyman	Choir	Rose Dermody, Lynn Kuehn, Makenna Reuben
11:30 a.m. Fr. George	Katherine VanLoan	Ray Radal, Michael Boyer	Michelle Kafel	Kay VanLoan, Ned VanLoan, TBD
5:00 p.m. Fr. Cyprien	Kevin McHugh	Carole Argulewicz, Dorothy McHugh	Dave Kwiecinski	Connor Hickey, Daniel Hickey, Sean Hickey



TO THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S—I am writing in this Advent Season to wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas Season. Christmas can be a time for individuals and families to come together in friendship and love, recognizing all that our faith in Jesus means to us. Unfortunately, it can also be a hectic time consumed by all we have to do and accomplish before Christmas. This is an especially hectic time for St. Joseph's Parish as we experience the loss of some buildings that meant so much to us and the changes to our Parish Center which will hopefully allow us to expand the ways we can, deepen and live out our faith both now and in the future. For all of us, this is a busy time.

For me, besides the parish concerns, there is, also, the family. Coming from a large family, there is always the need to get gifts for my many nieces and nephews and now grand-nieces and nephews and other family members. I hate shopping so fulfilling this list is tedious. We can say, "It's the thought that counts," but we all know kids are going to rank which was their "best" gift.

What about us—what do we consider our "best" gifts? Most of us will go beyond material things and mention family, significant people in our lives, our gift of God's love. You know I love reading about the early Church history and how they lived out the faith during times of dreadful persecution. One thing is apparent for the writers of that time—living a Life of Faith in Jesus leading to an eternal life of joy, happiness, fulfillment and love—was considered the supreme gift. In light of this supreme gift, they defined some things very differently from how we would today. For example:

Marriage: The greatest love is shown by leading a life of faith to ensure your spouse is with you in love for all eternity.

Role of Parent: Your greatest obligation is to form a home life in the Christian faith so that your children will embrace that faith and, therefore, strive to achieve joy, happiness, fulfillment, and perfect love in Christ. Then you get to love them for all time.

Role of All Baptized Christians: Live the faith with such fervor that others want to be members of the Christian community.

Role of a Priest: He is called to serve the people by making available to them the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, which will strengthen them in the faith they need in the face of persecution.

Now maybe these definitions were given in light of the persecution they faced, but they did something right because their numbers grew and the constant remark of non-Christians was, "See how these Christians love one another." Our own times are somewhat unique, and maybe we have to learn from the past.

Let us realize this Christmas season the wonderful gifts we have. Let us continue to build up our faith, and let us strive to be a community and parish where others will say, "See how they love one another."

On behalf of the staff, Deacon Joe, Fr. Cyprien Emile, Msgr. James Sullivan and myself, I want to thank you for the wonderful gift you have been to us. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless us with His love and make us a people of hope in this Christmas Season and through the New Year.

Yours in Christ,
Msgr. Desmond O'Connor

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 23

2:00 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena, Church
7:00 p.m. Men's Group, Parish Center
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Rectory

Thursday, December 26

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour, Church

Saturday, December 28

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Rectory Meeting Room
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession, Church

WORLD YOUTH DAY THEME SONG
COMPOSER

Join Fr. Cyprien Emile as he welcomes Fr. Robert Lebel, Songwriter and Composer of *Light of the World* to St. Joseph's Church, on Monday, January 6, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fr. Lebel's harmonies and lyrics are simple yet profound and are firmly rooted in Scripture. He was ordained in 1979 and is a member of the Institute Voluntas Dei. A free will offering will be appreciated.

ONCE A MONTH COFFEE and COOKIES

Join us after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 29 in the Rectory Meeting Room for coffee, cookies and conversation. If anyone has any baked goods or questions, please call Ralph (845)594-9487 or ralphm1050@aol.com We look forward to welcoming YOU!!

MUSIC NOTES—as Christmas approaches our music ministry is hard at work preparing for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Our choir will sing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve liturgy and provide a selection of carols starting at 3:30 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. liturgy will be cantored. The choir will return for preludes at 9:30 p.m. for the Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. Mass at night. Christmas Day Masses will be sung by our dedicated cantors.

St. Joseph's Parish will again host a Mass Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday, January 12, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. This joyous celebration will include singing 4 part carols several Christmas anthems (including Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus", Vivaldi's "Gloria", "Mary, Did You Know?", "Do you Hear What I hear?" and more) The bell choir from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kingston, will join us. Additionally, Greene County resident, Alison Davy, will be our guest soloist! With over 100 singers and instrumentalists, this is a wonderful way to close out the Christmas season!

On behalf of our entire music ministry, we wish you a Blessed and Holy Christmas

MILITARY SERVICE

Army—Lt. Col. Kevin Doherty, Fort Knox, KY
Army—SPC Joseph Tanksley, Deployed
Army—CW2 Justin Wanat, D.C.
Army—Pvt. 1st Class Todd Caswell, Afghanistan
Navy—SA Tyler C. Petro, Groton, CT
Marines—Lance Corporal Baily Emerton
Air Force—CPT David R. Beberwyk, Deployed
Air Force—1st LT Jacqueline Beberwyk, Alaska
Air Force MAJ Blaine Stewart, D.C.



Thank you for your service to our country.

PLEASE PRAY FOR... for all our parishioners who are homebound, in healthcare facilities or who are seriously sick.

IN LOVING MEMORY...of our family members, friends and all who have died recently.

PLEASE NOTE—as of January 2, 2020, **all groups and meetings** will take place in the Parish Center.

Adorers are needed at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please call Betty (845)338-2235.

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Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Cantor	Altar Servers
Tuesday Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Msgr. Desmond	Gail Many	Lynn Kuehn, Katherine VanLoan Please volunteer if attending this Mass	Choir	Jamie Kuehn, Kay VanLoan, Ned VanLoan
6:00 p.m. Msgr. Sullivan	Dorothy Winrow	Jeanne & Mark Davin Please volunteer if attending this Mass	Erin Contrady	Andrew Contrady, Paul Contrady, TBD— Please volunteer if attending this Mass
10:00 p.m. Fr. Cyprien	Music Ministry	Emily & Phil Sinagra Please volunteer if attending this Mass	Choir	Charisse Ejanda, Federic Ejanda, TBD- Please volunteer if attending this Mass
Wednesday Christmas Day 7:30 a.m. Msgr. Sullivan	Rose Rahilly	Ellen Cooney, TBD- Please volunteer if at this Mass	Ron Smith	Connor Hickey, Daniel Hickey, Sean Hickey
9:30 a.m. Fr. Cyprien	Anna Brett	Irene Roudis, Sue Minter- Please volunteer if attending this Mass	Erin Contrady	Aaron Cowan, TBD- Please volunteer if attending this Mass
11:30 a.m. Msgr. Desmond	Kevin McHugh	Dorothy McHugh, Ray Radal- Please volunteer if attending this Mass	TBD	Andrew DiDonna, Rose DiDonna, Grace Zell