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PASTORAL TEAM



WORSHIP IN OUR PARISH

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord 9:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 26

No Mass

Wednesday, December 27

No Mass

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8:30 a.m. Mass

Pat Warren requested by Violet Osztrovics and Family

Friday, December 29

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m. Mass

For a Special Intention requested by Regina Rudy

Saturday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 p.m. Mass

For All Our Parishioners (Both Parishes)

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 a.m. Mass

Norman Bulbrook requested by Fr. Bob Bulbrook

Kees Nuiten requested by Bev and Family

5:00 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30 a.m. Mass

For all our Parishioners

Sanctuary candle for the intentions of the Brimo and Stefan families requested by Marjorie Brimo

We Are Stewards

The Parish Office will be closed
December 22, 2017 till
January 3, 2018



We now have Wi Fi in the Parish Hall Username is Parish Hall and the password is 5194495131

Please remember your parish in your will!

Faith Formation News

Children's Liturgy: Resumes on Sunday, January 7th, 2018.

RCIA: Meeting January 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: We congratulate Gregory Dignard and Katelyn Griesser whose wedding will take place on Friday, December 29th at 1:00 p.m.

CWL Membership 2018: It is time to renew your Membership for 2018. Memberships may be renewed after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays or by using the CWL envelope included with your Church Offering Envelopes for December. The fee is \$20. Please remember to fill in your name and correct address. Thank you for continuing to support our League.

Sunday Offering Envelopes: Envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick-up at the back of the Church. If you wish to begin using direct deposit or envelopes, please contact the parish office.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for December: For the Elderly

For the month of December, let us join the Holy Father in praying for the elderly. Let us keep in mind our elders, so that sustained by families and institutions, they may, with their wisdom and experience, collaborate in the education of new generations.

Parenting Tip

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to always looking inward to what "I" want. Help your children to learn that it is in giving that we truly receive.

SAINT ANTHONY DANIEL



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 11:30 a.m. Mass

Amanda Kisielewski requested by Helen Crawford

Monday, January 1

11:30 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God For All of our Parishioners

Special Prayers: Please keep in your daily prayers Franklin Cruz, Helen Drozd (recent surgery) Stan Drozd, Gabriella Fernandes, granddaughter of Julio & Margarida Fernandes (awaiting a kidney transplant) and Olga Farkas (in hospital in Niagara Falls).

C.W.L. Meeting: Our annual Wine and Cheese event will be held on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church hall. All are welcome. January is our Membership Drive – annual dues are \$20.00 and may be given to Mary Ann Steyaert or put in an envelope in the collection basket with your name and address on Sundays. All new and past members are welcome.

The sultan and the Saint

You are invited to watch a film produced by The Franciscan Friars in collaboration with a Muslim

Production Company about St. Francis of Assisi's pilgrimage of peace to the Muslims in the midst of the Crusades. *The Sultan and the Saint* will be broadcast on PBS, Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. The film tells the story of St. Francis and Sultan Al-Kamil of Egypt, using both Christian and Muslim sources. It is a strong statement for peace and understanding between Christians and Muslims.



Christmas Blessings

Dear Parishioners:

In a matter of hours we will be celebrating the great mystery of our faith, the Incarnation made visible to the world. The God of love is revealed to us in the person of the new born Saviour and King, Jesus Christ. The birth of the Christ Child speaks volume. It tells us that the immense power, grace and love of God can be communicated to us in the life of a vulnerable and innocent new born child. The vulnerability and innocence of the Christ Child invites us to embrace God's love in our lives. It also reflects the warmth, the tenderness and the loving embrace of God for each of

As we enter this joyful season, I take this opportunity to extend to each of you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Christmas. I also wish to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our wonderful staff and volunteers. Thank you parishioners for your continuing generosity and for the Christmas greetings and gifts that are very much appreciated. May what we have prayed for in preparation for the Christmas season come to fruition, and may the Christ Child shower you and your loved ones with the blessings of His love and joy.

God bless and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Peter Ciallella

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