

For

unto you
is born
this day
in the city
of David
a Savior,
which is
Christ
the Lord

Luke 2:11

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19, 2020

5:00 p.m. † Edward F. Greene
R/B The Garwood Family

† Eileen Smith
R/B Sally Pietrofitta

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Robert & Mary Koob
R/B Kevin & Debbie McCusker

† Patricia Sarafin Fox
R/B Stephen & Marilyn Keiner

10:00 a.m. † Richard Herbein
R/B Mom & Family

† Stanley & Helen Adamski
R/B Daughter, Helen

6:30 p.m. † Robert & Davis Mahony
R/B Bob & Barbara Weaver

† Francis Edward Abessinio
R/B Kathleen Latz

Monday, December 21, 2020

7:45 a.m. † Roy Chase
R/B Maureen & Erich Stueber

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

7:45 a.m. † Intention of the Celebrant

6:30 p.m. † Joyce Dailey, Donna Scottoline
& Caroline McClure
R/B Fran & Wayne Johnson

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

7:45 a.m. † Francis Slinsky
R/B Joan Corson

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24, 2020

4:00 p.m. † Lardizzone, Bruno & Iapaluccio
Families

R/B Joann & Tommy

† Carl Metzloff
R/B Roy (Dad) & Kim

6:30 p.m. † Salvatore Spena
R/B His Loving Wife & Family

† God Bless the Family
R/B The Byrd Family

11:00 p.m. † Greene, Treanor & Eger Families
R/B Maryann & Buddy Eger

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Russell Karaffa
R/B Wife, Janet & Family

† Joseph France
R/B His Loving Parents,
Helen & Craig

(cont'd.) CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday, December 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. † Grazia Fiorentino
R/B Husband & Family

† Merry Christmas, Cole
R/B Love, Mom-mom & Pop-pop

Saturday, December 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Intention of Celebrant

5:00 p.m. † Kathleen Murphy
R/B Robert & Joann Lowry

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. † In Thanksgiving
R/B Dinah & Bernardo

10:00 a.m. † Mike Fiore
R/B Jeannette Giemza

† Kathleen Murphy
R/B Raymond & Cathy Lowry

6:30 p.m. † Father Tim Hirten
R/B John & Jody Ferrari

† Anthony Kenny
R/B The Pettitt Family

Sick & Shut-in



Brittanie Alexander, Irene Amodeo, Ava, Vera Baker, Joyce Barone, Josephine Barone, Anthony & Joanne Baccari, Ella Bobol, Anne Boyle, Anne Cacchioli, James & Marie Calogero, Tobie Care, Jim Carney, Bernadette Creamer, Dave, John (Zeke) DeAngelis, Ann DeFrancesco, Pauline Donais, Jan Doverspike, Maria Doyle, Nancy Egan, Fred Eger, Elonzo Family, Ray Fredericks, Paula Guhse, Kristin Harte, Richard Himes, Helen Hewitt, John Holston, Denise Howe, Beverly Johnson, Paul & Carmen Hobert, Daniel Kolyciensi, Barbara Klaus, Susan Koiro, Rick Kroger, Claire Lawler, Emily Lewis, Irene Locantore, Mary Anne Locatell, Anna & Michael McAuley, Monica McGrath, Fran Manazzula, Barbara Malvo, Julie A. Morgiotti & Paul, Pat Matthews, Eleanor Mazzeo, Michelle Miller, Danica Mitchell, Mel Minnicucci, Frank Moon, Jane Morgan, Mursheno Family, Michael Nolan, Ingrid Nunez, Margaret O'Neill, George Onufer, Todd Onufer, Bella, Richard & Peter Pavese, Georgianna Pelleter, Stella Pinto, Sarah Pratt, Donna Robillard, Anna Robinson, Lester J. Robinson, I. Lester J. Robinson, II, Arilda Robinson, Ronan Seybold, Irma V. Shaw, Betty Shearn, John R. Smith, III, Shirleyann Smith, Gloria Snyder, Simone St. Dennis, Shirley N. Stebbins, Melanie Stubee, Jay Sullivan, Helen Vincent, Grayson Voytek, A.W., and six special intentions.

BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Heenan & Kathleen

R/B The Heenan Family



**Please remember our deceased in
your prayers**

† Martha J. Santoro †

4th SUNDAY of ADVENT

FIRST READING: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'" "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

4th SUNDAY of ADVENT

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**



Dear Parish Family,

Advent and Christmas have always been a time of joy for Catholics as well as for those members of other Christian Churches and communities who share a belief in Jesus as Our Lord and Savior. The Nativity of Our Lord is a mystery we could spend our whole lives pondering, but we focus on it especially at this time of year. By coming to us in flesh, Christ brings dignity to our humanity. His life, death and Resurrection bring meaning to our lives and provides for our salvation. In knowing that Christ was born for us, we are filled with great joy.

While we marvel at this outpouring of love and mercy from God the Father, we are naturally inclined to consider those who are on the margins, those struggling in mind and body and the countless persons who need our prayers.

Finding moments of joy during this year of 2020 has not been easy due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the cascading consequences which closed our schools and churches, our shops and workplaces and in the process wreaked economic and emotional havoc in so many of our lives. During this time, we as believing Catholics were encouraged to offer daily prayers and to “tune in” to TV and Radio broadcasts of the Mass and devotions.

What a gift it was to re-open the doors of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and to again celebrate daily and Sunday Mass, and to broadcast the 10am Sunday Mass to Facebook and YouTube! Weekly attendance is increasing. Masks are worn and social distancing is observed. Our weekly collections reflect about 60% of pre-Covid income. Religious Education classes are virtual, at home, on computer.

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed on a “limited basis” four days a week from 8:30am to 9pm. The Adorers have stepped up and pledged to cover each available hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed above the tabernacle. One of the “Catholic Strong” Pledge Campaign projects focused on replacing all the church interior lighting with efficient LED bulbs. This has happened! The church interior is now refreshingly bright and crisp.

Your generosity to families and individuals in need is reflected in the many gifts collected for the “Giving Tree”. A number of individuals/families reached out to us telling of their difficult situations and asking if our church could help provide gifts for their children. Those gifts will be picked up at the Office on December 21. The heartwarming response to “adopting” the 99 residents of Our Lady’s Residence in Pleasantville generated a fully packed SUV load of gift bags filled with clothing, toiletries and candy”. It will truly provide for the residents, “A Christmas to Remember.”

I encourage you to welcome the birth of Christ in the most fitting manner by planning to attend Mass on Christmas Eve (4pm, 6:30pm, 11pm) or Christmas Day (8am, 10am). These masses are by ticket admission; call the Office to reserve a seat. The 4pm Christmas Eve Mass will be “livestreamed over Facebook” and broadcast to a large screen in the Parish Hall to accommodate an expected overflow crowd. The 4pm Mass in Church has reached capacity. The 6:30 pm Mass has also reached capacity.

In a special way I pray that our parish will share the love and mercy of God with those around us, our families, and our communities, using whatever means are “safe and reasonable”.

As your Pastor I am grateful for your financial support to Our Lady of Sorrows, and prayerfully ask you to be as generous in the Christmas Collection as your means allow. Deacon Joe and our Parish Staff members join me in wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas Season.

Prayerfully in Our Lord,

Fr. Paul Harte



Parish Giving

The Collection figures will be published in next week's bulletin as the Christmas Bulletin was Due at the printers before these figures were available.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Confession 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, 26th

December Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24th

Youth & Family Mass - **4:00 p.m.**

Blessing of the Christmas Tree - **6:15 p.m.**

Christmas Vigil Mass - **6:30 p.m.**

Small Choral Ensemble will sing at **10:40 p.m.**

Christmas Solemn Mass with Procession
and Blessing of the Christmas Crib - **11:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25th - Masses: **8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 31st - Mass - **7:45 a.m. & 5 p.m.**

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 2021 - Mass: **10:00 a.m.** (only)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, December 23rd - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Closed December 24th, 25th & January 1st.
(Thursday, Friday & Friday)



ADORATION MODIFIED SCHEDULE

This week our expectations are fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. He has arrived into the world that his Father created. The word was made flesh and that flesh redeemed sinful man. Look at the manger and notice how proud Mary and St. Joseph are of their newborn son, their baby, their God. He came as a helpless baby, hidden in that tiny body, just as he is present in the Eucharistic host. Come let us adore Him.

ADORERS, OFFER ONE HOUR THIS WEEK FOR ALL WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE EUCHARISTIC JESUS; FOR THOSE THAT DO BUT STAY AWAY AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD.

Please call Melanie at (609) 665-9161 to sign up for our limited Adoration schedule.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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Although we are out of tickets for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in the church, we will be live-streaming the Mass in the hall. Please call the Parish Office to reserve tickets for hall seating. Also, no seats are available for the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

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