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FOR UNTO US,
a Child is Born.

2021 Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

Vigil Mass

4:00 pm (Facebook Live-stream)

Midnight Mass Observed

10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

Masses of the Day

8:00 am

10:00 am (Facebook Live-stream)

12:00 Noon

Note: No evening Masses

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26th

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 Noon

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God Masses

10:00am (Facebook Live-stream)

12:00 Noon

4:00pm (Anticipatory Mass for Epiphany)

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 2nd

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 Noon

Christmas Season

December 26, 2021 &

January 2, 2022

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Mass Intentions

Octave of Christmas

December 26, 2021 - January 1, 2022

- Saturday December 25
No Anticipatory Mass Due to Christmas
- Sunday December 26th
8:00 am John & Mary Kuhtik
10:00am Gerald Mallon
12:00nn In Thanksgiving – Diane & Ann Marie
- Monday December 27th
8:00 am Alejandro Ancheta
12:05 pm Charles Claridge (15th Anniversary)
- Tuesday December 28th
8:00 am George & Anna Nisky
12:05 pm Vincent Badalis
- Wednesday December 29th
8:00 am S.I. for Richard A Flores, Jr.
12:05 pm Sharon Tedesco
- Thursday December 30th
8:00 am People of the Parish
12:05 pm Rev. Neil J. Collins
- Friday December 31st
8:00 am Benjamin Dizon
12:05 pm Sharon Tedesco
- Saturday January 1st (*Marian Holy Day*)
10:00 am David Roomie Copp
12:00 nn New Year's Blessings

4th Week of Advent

January 2-January 8, 2022

- Saturday January 1st
4:00 pm Jan Szczykutowicz
- Sunday January 2nd
8:00 am James Patrick Sherrier
10:00 am Concetta Giannobile
Roman Dmowski
12:00nn Frances Novicki
- Monday January 3rd
8:00 am Patricia Ann Drossick
12:05 pm Joyce Walker
- Tuesday January 4th
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 am Marciano Cruz
12:05 pm Eugeniusz Pietnzyk
- Wednesday January 5th
8:00 am People of the Parish
12:05 pm Maria Nguyen
- Thursday January 6th
8:00 am Rose Ribaldo – *Health & Restor.*
12:05 pm Blanca Hernandez
- Friday January 7th
8:00 am Michael M. McKeever
12:05 pm Nancy Paczkowski
- Saturday January 8th
12:05 pm Book of Remembrance Intentions
Danielle Valentin (Bday)

Memorials

Week of December 26, 2021

Altar Candles

In Loving Memory - The Pracki Family

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory - The Gwiszcz Family

Altar Bread

Robert Thomas & Libby Antonietti

Week of January 2, 2022

Sanctuary Lamp

Dennis M. Corcoran (Bday)



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Financial News



Offertory Collections

December 5th Deposit/Donations	\$ 4,121.60
December 12th Deposit/Donations	\$ 3,612.70
Weekly Amount Needed to Stay on Budget	\$ 4,150.00

Restricted Donations from Weekly Envelopes

Offset Heating Expense	\$ 78.00
Offset Archdiocese Assessment/Tax	\$ 910.00
Christmas Flower Memorials (to date)	\$ 1,158.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 725.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 694.00

Online, E-Giving Donations through “We Share”

Our online giving platform: <https://sainteonline.weshareonline.org/>

Christmas 2021 Collection

Our Parish Finance Council has budgeted \$20,000 for this year’s Christmas Collection. Please be as generous as your means allow so that we might meet, or even, exceed this amount.

End of Year Tax Giving

With many people having had a good year with their investments, please consult with your accountant or financial planner to see if your tax burden might be alleviated by increasing, or making a contribution, to St. Elizabeth before the tax year ends on December 31st. This could be a win-win scenario for all involved.



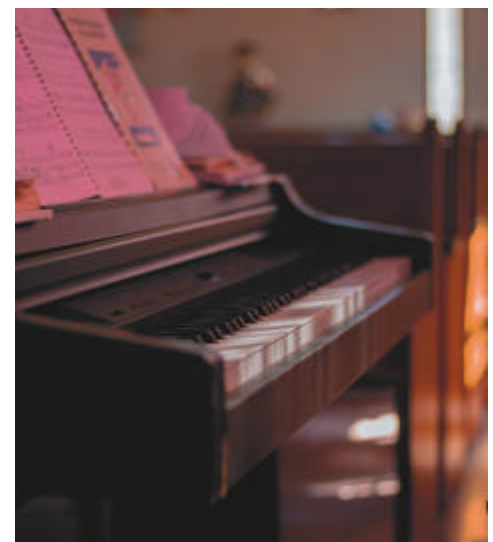
Parish News

Parish Pipe Organ Renovation

Beginning January 2022, our 70 year-old Pipe Organ will undergo a major refurbishing by the Peragallo Organ Co. The pipes and all its parts will be removed from the loft and a temporary electronic organ will be given us to manage in the interim. We expect the organ to be returned in all its glory during the Easter season in May.

If you would like to make a gift to offset the \$200,000 expense please contact Fr. Ed.

Families might want to use this opportunity to memorialize a deceased loved one. This magnificent pipe organ will be a key part of weddings and funerals for the next 70 years.



Parish Christmas Outreach to the Poor

I would like to thank the generosity of our parishioners who during these tough economic and covid times donated so wonderfully to the underprivileged children in the City of Linden. Thanks to you our Christmas Giving Tree was a huge success. I would like to thank Joanne Gareis for her hard work in setting up this year's program.

I would also like to thank all those who generously donated winter clothing to our Annual Clothing Drive. I'll have a full detail of items in the next couple weeks. Most of this clothing will be used for our disabled veterans in New Jersey. I would like to Thank Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady for all their hard work in setting up this year's program. A special thank you to our Parish Maintenance Staff, Pablo and Nelson for their cooperation and dedication.

Deacon John

Christmas Greetings from the Staff

On behalf of Fr. Ed and our entire, talented and dedicated staff, we wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a healthy and joyous New Year.



Gospel Meditations

Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

December 25, 2021

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

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Feast of the Epiphany

January 2, 2022

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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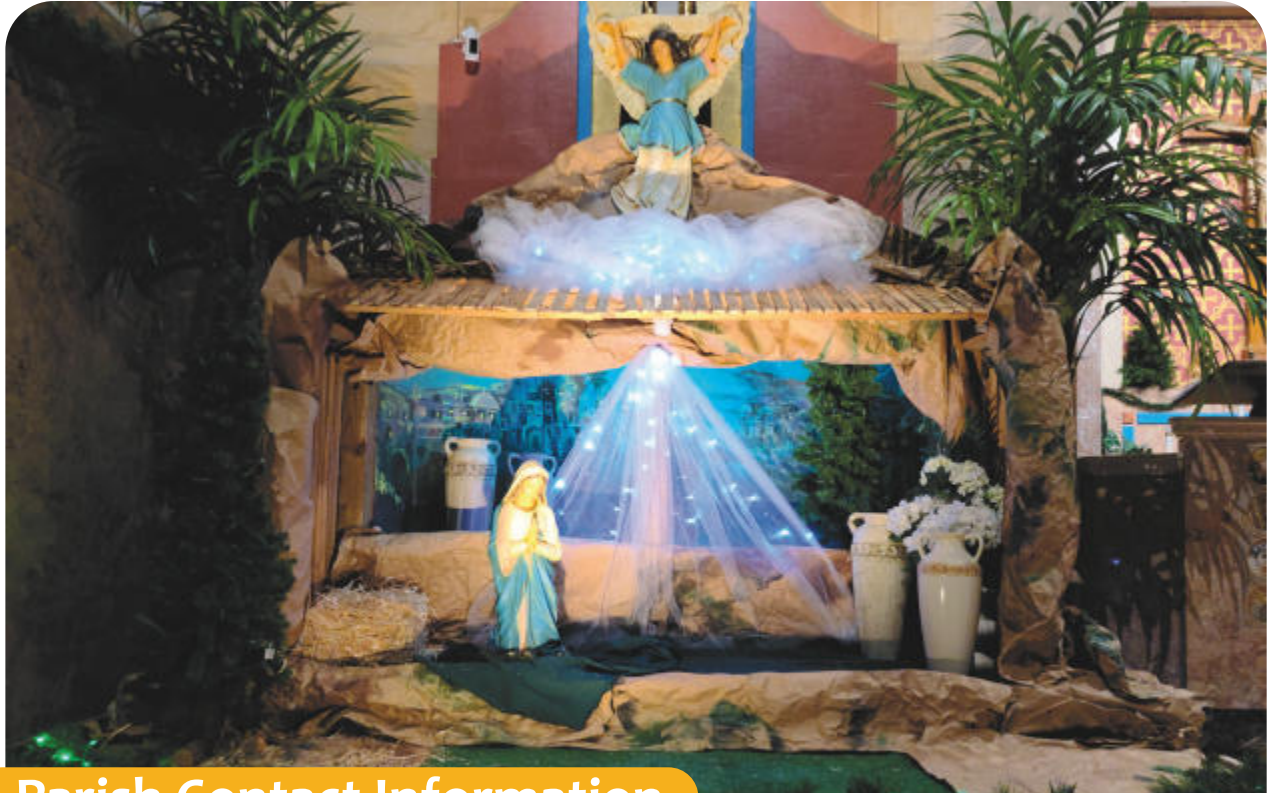


Weekend Mass Schedule

(All Masses open to the public.)

Saturdays	4:00 PM	Anticipatory Mass for Sunday
Sundays	8:00 AM	Sunday Mass
	10:00 AM	Sunday Mass*
	12:00 Noon	Sunday Mass

*Also live streamed for those at home on our Facebook and Youtube:
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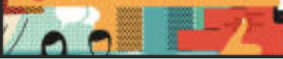
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