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ALL ARE WELCOME!

**We are most happy to welcome new members to our parish community
and invite new members to introduce themselves to a member of the Parish Staff.**

We want to know and serve you.

**We pray that you will also become involved in your Parish
by favoring us with your prayers, presence, talents, and financial assistance
according to your means.**



DECEMBER 25/26, 2021 - CHRISTMAS



Christmas 2021

Dear Parishioners,

When the world is in the deepest darkness of the longest nights and the shortest days, we as Christians, dare to revel in the Feast of Lights. While the power of darkness speaks evermore loudly of doom and destruction, we as Christians, celebrate with dauntless hope the manifestations of glory, which reduce to nothing the arms and weapons of the mighty. While every medium of mass communication advises us to trust in our own strength and beauty, the Gospels tell the story of a child born in a manger to simple itinerant parents. The heroes of this story are peripheral people – old, barren, poor. Yet, God works through them, and in their lives, to reveal His divine glory.

It is my prayer for the New Year of 2022 that each of us will grow ever more deeply in our faith and knowledge of the love of God. We, too, are peripheral people, ordinary in this vast world. Yet, God works through us and in our lives to bring His love to the world. Be the instrument of God's love this New Year by giving the greatest gift, the gift that will last forever, the gift of love to all the world.

May all our parishioners, families and friends experience the enduring love of Christ our Savior. I will remember you and your families with love and affection as I celebrate Christmas Mass.

May the Peace of this Holy Season and the Joy of the New Year be yours now and forever!!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Albert L. Capone

Father Albert L. Capone



PRAYER + WORSHIP



CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM All Parishioners
6:00 PM All Parishioners
7:00 PM Kenyan Catholic Community

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

7:00 AM All Parishioners
9:00 AM All Parishioners
11:00 AM All Parishioners

There will be no 4:00PM Mass December 25

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 AM Jackie Quinn
9:00 AM Lenore and Mario Rocha
11:00 AM Peg Toohy - 55th Anniversary
12:30 PM Kenyan Catholic Community
5:00 PM Anna Antonellis and Jimmy Dicenso

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 AM Bridget Cloherty

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30 AM Mary Trabucco

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:30 AM Anne Daley

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:30 AM Annemarie Walsh

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:30 AM Bridie Biggs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 AM Sister Rosemarie Chase, SCN

4:00 PM Sister Mary Faith Harding

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 AM Helen Devine
9:00 AM Sally DeGeorge
11:00 AM Ann Marie Bannon - 1st Anniversary
12:30 PM Kenyan Catholic Community
5:00 PM All Parishioners

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased loved ones. May they rejoice forever in the Heavenly Kingdom.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We would like to extend a warm welcome to those of you who are visiting Immaculate Conception Parish for the first time or who might be considering joining us as your home Parish. Please call the Parish Office or stop by and say hello, we will be happy to share with you the joy of our Parish.

NEW MASK MANDATE FOR ALL MASSES

Due to the spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers during the Christmas Season, Cardinal Sean O'Malley is mandating throughout the Archdiocese, that all people attending Mass in our Churches must wear a mask for the safety and protection of all. This mandate is now in effect until further notice. Thank you for your understanding..

THANK YOU! THANK YOU !

We wish to thank the many parishioners who helped decorate our Church for Christmas! Thank you for your time, talent, energy and excitement. We especially thank Maureen Matthews for her leadership and dedication throughout the year!

ADVENT STARS 2021

A very special thank you to all our parishioners who donated to the Advent Stars Program this year. Your kindness is overwhelming and we are truly grateful, on behalf of the many families, individuals, and agencies that will have a brighter Christmas because of your thoughtfulness. We thank all who made this important endeavor so wonderful and we recognize the great work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

At all our Christmas Masses there will be only one collection to support the retirement, medical care and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Each one of us can remember fondly those priests who have baptized our children, witnessed our marriage or brought anointing of the sick to a loved one who was dying. Now, we ask for your generosity on behalf of the priests who have dedicated their lives to God and to the good works of the Church.

JANUARY 1st - NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Feast of Mary the Mother of God

Is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.

Mass on Saturday, January 1 will be the usual daily

Mass at 8:00 AM in the Lower Church Chapel.

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Baptisms are being celebrated individually on Sunday afternoons. Please call the rectory at 781-324-4941 to register your child for the Sacrament. We will speak with the parents of the child to arrange the date of the Baptism and we will share the necessary information at that time. We look forward to your child's Baptism.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our Christmas Flower memorial.

\$4,115 was given to allow our Sanctuary and our Church to look so beautiful.

We will include any names of loved ones submitted after December 21st in the January 2, 2022 Bulletin.

CHRISTMAS

Reading I Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this! The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Reading II Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

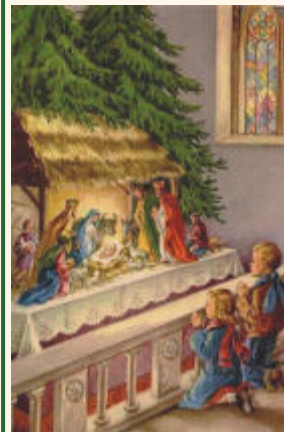
The Gospel of the Lord.

ANNUAL COLLECTION UPDATE \$125,260

As of today, we have received a total of \$125,260 with \$110,960 in donations and \$14,300 in pledges towards our 2021 Annual Collection goal of \$150,000.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's collection, for your goodwill and for your continued generosity.

There are Annual Collection envelopes at the entrances of Church. If you have not yet given to the 2021 Parish Annual Collection, please we ask for your help - please give your gift today.



"All I want for Christmas"

***All I want for Christmas is to
see my family and friends
come back to Church ...
to Mass ... to the Lord ...***

***May the Prince of Peace
bring joy into your hearts this
Christmas!***

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Reading I Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins, a house raised in justice to you. The Word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Happy they who dwell in your house!
Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are!
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob!
O God, behold our shield,
and look upon the face of your anointed.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Reading II John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection at Masses ... \$ 5,204.00
in the mail ... \$ 2,114.00
on line giving ... \$ 605.00
Weekly Offertory - Total ... \$ 7,923.00
Thank you for your generosity!

At all the Masses this Weekend the
BREAD AND WINE MEMORIAL
and the
SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL
have been given in Loving Memory of
Nora and Tom Waldron

PARISH NEWS

LORD JESUS, COME TO OUR AID

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus.

May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.
Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.
As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.
May they know your peace.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



CHARITY: Volunteer with us in charitable fundraising to support the needs of those in our community.

UNITY: Work together with brother Knights to support with our talents the Church in her various ministries.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for all parishioners, family members and friends who have requested our prayers, especially:

Laura Lange Connolly, Faith & Dennis Mercurio, Herb & Roberta Raistrick, John Fang, Dave Crowley, Camille P., Diane Loud, Theresa O'Brien, Cecilia Sullivan, Tony Smith, Norma Marino, Nico, Helen Hall, Enid & Trevor Rodericks, Patrick Sean Swenly, Sue Hickey, Joey Testa, James Carrozza, Maria Celestina, Bob & Terry Blaton, Kimberly Boroyan, Joseph Pescaturo, Camille & Lillian Frost, Mary Dorrington, Bruna Noe, D.J. Sirobot, Gene Mardini, Joanna Riuti, Steve Folan, Thomas & Patricia Keane, Karen Lang, Lee Donovan, Elizabeth Kathleen White, Emrick O'Brien, Catherine Meo, Karen Bourque, Karolyn Genualdo, Cathy McCarthy, Patricia Murillo, Nicole West, Mark Christopher, Costa Family, Pat Costa, Chester Anna Correa-Graham, Roy & Donald Frost, Steven Butler, Stephanie Romano, Nancy Menolez, Rachael Romano, Paul Sidilo, Robert E, Tony P. Maria Gonzales, Sandy Breyer, Marcia Muir, Belinda Gonzales, Maureen Butler, Eleanor Culla, Barbara Tracey, Ruth McCarron, Len C., Linda Paul Daniel Mahoney, Stephen DeSimone, Sean O'Neil, Maria Marmello, Mallardo, Kylee Depradine, Dolores Saia, David DeSimone, Thomas O'Brien, Linda Benasky, Pat Byrne, Laura Desrameaux, Ann Malley, Kali, Joseph Bernard, Billy Antenor, Michael Sullivan, Ayla, Jen Aprile, Tom Zazzara, Michael Haynes, Margaret Geraghty, James Rooney, Peg Allard, Jerry Vendola, Bobby Coggiano, Ann Mestas, Julie Hannon, Rocky Mueller, Joseph Musriati & Jennifer DiPietrantonio, Thomas Papile, Jr., Joseph Greg LaDouceur, Nieves Family, Harvey, Luciano, Carol Stamm, Brett Dalton, Vinnie DeGeorge, Arthur, Stephen, Betty Lou Svendsen, Michael, Ron Kapchus, Emilio & Lucy Scapiachio, Steven Jones, Michael & Merleen Cardarelli, Bob Casella, Ellie Clarke, Joseph Family, Gloria & Albert Puopolo, Eugene Carty, Denise Lloyd Barbagallo, Helen, Kevin & Steve Curtis, Joe O'Neil, Charlie Dzielczak, Lillian O'Donnell, Kerry Bartlett, Naime, Pat & Robert Cummings, Clare Rich, Dana DeRobertis, Kathy Thrash, Regina Weizman, Kathleen Gatdula, Virginia O'Neill, Lillian Natola, Ed Yorke, Sue Smith, Jack & Jane Costello, Kenny Bettencourt, Jonathan Phillips, Danielle, Gerard, Maria DiRico, Tom Pittman, Michael Natola, Chris Della Pelle, Deb, Rena Rodcard, Jeanne O'Brien, Ann Healy, Alexis Pacelli, David Foley, Donna Egan, Robert Gray, Catherine Monahan, Alex & Bob O'Brien, Christine Michalski, John Martignetti, Stephen Serino, Diane Williams, John Williams, Mary B., Mrs. Clinton, Justin Hadaya, Jr., Arthur Lauretano, Bill Murray, Spencer Monde, Gloria & Barry Reider, Marguerite Cullen, Diane Hawkins, Tony Sullivan, Ann Marie Mardini, Liddle McCook, Bill & Anna Quigley, Chris Conway, Mairead, Rita Conti, Maureen Skehan-Neil, John Hubbard, P.B., Robert Carr, Marion Davis, Olivia Falzone, Linda Giroclano, Carolyn Curtis, John McDonald, Robert Rockwell, Bob Green, Michael D., Susan & Dan Creedon, Bill Boyd, Jack Lynch, Sally Chindillo, Sr. Iris Marie, Betty Zumpfe, Brianna Kemp, Ken DiBlasi, Suzanne Gilpatrick, Kerrianna Capadanna, Aggie Duarte, Rea, Francis Witkus, Aileen Hagerty, Lois Brenton, Gabriel Carreiro, Willie Giudice, Lee Williams, Judi Raschko, Cathy Palmerino, Nagle Family, Carolyn Special Intention, Ann Meffan, Sharon Bowe, Marion Davis, Stillo Family, Patricia, Mark White, Mike & Chloe, Susan & Gerard Herook, Betty Hackett, Mary & John Starr, Mark Donovan, Joyce Smith, Millie C., Mary Benoit, Joyce Rizzuto, Ross, Charles, Sue, Paul Goebel, Rosemary Coleman, Theresa L, Richard Carino, Hollyn Fisher, Geir Granlund, Anne Ockerbloom, John Parovan, Mariann Wilson, Bob Maloney, Pauline, Jesse, Joe, Susan, Reagan M., Michael Fitzgerald, Tom, Joey C., Maria C. Virginia Ruane, Stephen Shea, Lea Paoletta, Clorinda Saragosa, Doris Wilson, Florence Frasca, Fr. Gerry, Barbara Kaufman, Anita, Craig S., Elenor, Sue, Susan, Mary Helen L, Chris Roden, Ciara, Brendan B.

And for those serving our country: Lt. Paul DeWolfe, Jr. -USMC, Brian Carney, First Lt. Christopher, Lt. Col. Sean Morro, US Army, Philip West, PFC Steven Garrity, Major Paul A. Capone, U.S.A., Lt. Brittney Capone, USA CPL Anthony M. Peluso, USMC, CPL Kimberly Vega-USMC, LCPL Sam Ferreira-USMC, Riley Hennessey, US Army, Raymond Owens, Command Officer
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