

The Catholic Communities Crown Point & Moriah



4th SUNDAY *of Advent*

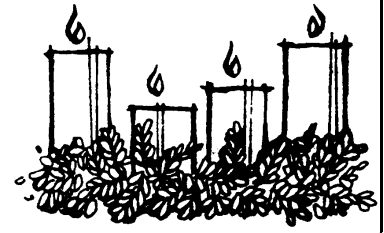
"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." Lk 1:43-44

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 19, 2021

Blessed are you who believed that what was
spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.
Luke 3:45



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec. 18	3:30 PM (SP)	Confessions
	4:00 PM (SP)	Andrew Breeyear by the Family Deborah Harrington (2nd anniv.) by John
Sunday Dec. 19	9:00 AM (SH)	Mollie Titus by Carol Stanley
	11:00 AM (SP)	Mary Petro by Ann Cooney & Stella Sr. Jane Frances Cutting by Ann Peterson ^ Blaise
	1:00 PM (SP)	Latin Mass: James Talarico by A. Tramontano
Mon. Dec. 20	8:30 AM (SP)	For All the People of the Parish
Tues. Dec. 21	8:30 AM (SP)	Malvina Russom by her estate
Wed. Dec. 22	8:30 AM (SH)	All Souls Intentions
Thur. Dec. 23	8:30 AM (SP)	For All the People of the Parish
CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 PM (SP)	<i>Vigil Mass: Christmas Memorial Intentions</i>
	6:00 PM (SH)	<i>Night Mass: Christmas Memorial Intentions</i>
CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 AM (SP)	Christmas Flower Memorial Intentions
	11:00 AM (SP)	Latin Mass: Christmas Memorial Intentions
Sunday Dec. 26	9:00 AM (SH)	Ben Stanley by Carol Stanley
	11:00 AM (SP)	Edward Wojcik Sr. by Dianne & Joe Harvish Bill Petro by Kathe Petro
	1:00 PM (SP)	Latin Mass: The Tramontano Family by Anthony

Weekly Offering

Dec. 5, 2021

CROWN POINT	
Envelopes (21)	\$ 955.00
Plate + other	\$ 122.00
Bldg. & Fuel	\$ 270.00
Total	\$1,347.00
Last Year (10)	\$ 305.00
MORIAH	
Envelopes (64)	\$2,196.00
Plate + other	\$ 487.00
Bldg. Fuel	\$ 809.00
Total	\$3,492.00
Last Year (49)	\$2,159.00

Your Christmas Offering

not only supports our parish but also funds the Retirement Plan providing pension benefits & health insurance to our retired priests. *Thank you for your generosity!*



ARE WE THERE YET?

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-o-ng ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imaged: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?"



By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were eager to learn the account of his birth. Those stories revealed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, "When are you due? When is he coming?"

The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

- Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection: *For which of God's promises are you excited?
Open your mind and heart to our firm, strong, and dependable leader*

Please pray for our sick: Pam Wagner, Dano Miller, Ann Dedrick, Lucille Trow, Jodi Whalen, John Belcastro, Bill Prew, Amy Allen, Mark Frame, Jim Connors, Kennie Anderson, Louise von Brockdorff, Bob Mildon, Diann Gerling, Bev Baker, Albert Cutting, Julie Goodspeed, Nappy Marcotte, Mary Reiland, Caleb Yakalis, Marie Allen, Kathy Henry, Noah Benoit, Thomas Catillaz, Celia Diefendorf, Margaret Parah, Susan Lahendro Nephew, Bevie Anne Kelly, Bill Scribner, Mary Bryant

From the Pastor

**Behold, I come to do
your will, O God.**
(Hebrews 10:7)

As I hear these words from our 2nd reading I'm reminded of the moment in the ceremony of ordination when those to be ordained to the clergy lie stretched out face down on the ground offering themselves body and soul to God to continue the work of Christ. That action expresses their complete self-surrender to God and His will and is a vivid and powerful reminder to me of what we celebrate at Christmas: the eternal Son of God who by his birth into our world, took on a human life and offered his body as a sacrifice to redeem us from sin and death and consecrate us to God.

On this last Sunday before Christmas the gospel turns our attention to the woman who made that birth possible. *Behold, the handmaid of the Lord*, she responded to the angel Gabriel's message, *be it done unto me according to your word*. Mary offered herself obediently in faith and love to all God required of her, and by her self-surrender allowed the Son of God to be conceived in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, thus fulfilling the words of the prophets we hear in our 1st reading.

From that day forward all generation call her blessed: Blessed Virgin, Blessed Mother. In Elizabeth's words: *Blessed are you who believed the Lord's words to you would be fulfilled. Blessed are you among women* we pray to honor her who brought the world God's Son and Savior. And we can share that blessedness if we are open like she was to the gift of Christ's life which God offers us, if like Mary we trust the Lord's plan for us and respond with faith and obedience to love and serve him with our lives.

The gospel tells us that no sooner had she conceived the Savior, when *Mary set out in haste and traveled to the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth.* And the Lord's presence within Mary's womb filled Elizabeth and the infant John the Baptist, with the Holy Spirit. By a simple visit Mary brought the joy and blessings of salvation to everyone in the house.

God wants each of us to bring the Christ we've received to the people around us, just like Mary did. Things as simple as offering a helping hand, visiting those who can't get out, inviting those who are alone for the holidays, helping the needy are all ways we can imitate and communicate the gift of God's love. And isn't that what Christmas is all about?

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Sincere thanks to all who purchased gifts for needy families for our **Moriah Giving Tree** and to everyone who helped in making this year's Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar a great success!

For all those who donated items, created beautiful baskets, helped cook and serve lunch, set up and clean up we are deeply grateful! And thank you to all who supported our efforts by purchasing raffle tickets and/or attending the Bazaar

Thank you!



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week at St. Patrick's Church in loving memory of **Joe Jacobs** at the request Stefanie Posada.

MORIAH OFFERING ENVELOPES



A boxed set of weekly offering envelopes for 2022 was prepared for all Moriah parishioners who used them last year and are available at the rear of the church.

A few more boxes are available for anyone who would like them. If you don't see your name on a box, let Fr. Al know or contact Dorothy at the parish office: 518-546-7254.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish, especially during the difficulties of the ongoing pandemic. It is deeply appreciated

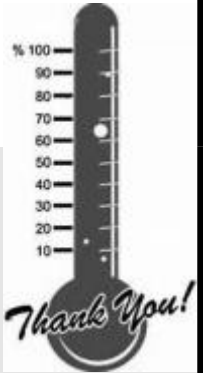
BISHOP'S FUND 2021: The Family of Faith in Action

Crown Point

Goal: \$ 2,198
To Date: \$ 2,616 25 gifts

Moriah

Goal: \$ 9,596
To Date: \$ 9,637 77 gifts



Thank you to all who helped us surpass our goal in both parishes!

CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

Holy Lord,
we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



VOCATION CORNER

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified. How is God calling you to grow in holiness? Could it be as a priest, religious sister or brother?



Talk to Fr. Al, Fr. Chris Carara, ccarrara@rcdony.org, Sr. Mary Eamon Lyng SSJ, elyng@rcdony.org, at myvocation.net or (315) 393-2920 ext. 1450.

Danuta Wermuth, Patricia Frank, Lara Brehm, Milt Tesar, Clement Jackson, Annette O'Neil, Wendy Wojcik, Cathy Belisle, Christine Boest, John & Doris McGinness, Christine Wilson, Mary Veenker, Gerard Power, Denise Hawk, Bob Hughes, Eugene Barcomb, Stacey Drake, Keegan McCray, Tom Neddo, David Malbon II, Kristy Porter-Fosco,

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