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Crown Point & Moriah*



❄️ **MERRY** ❄️ **CHRISTMAS** ❄️

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Christmas / Holy Family Sunday Dec. 25 - 26, 2021

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 AM (SP)	Christmas Flower Memorial Intentions
	11:00 AM (SP)	<i>Latin Mass: Christmas Memorial Intentions</i>
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)	<i>Latin Mass: The Tramontano Family by Anthony</i>
Mon. Dec. 27	8:00 AM (SP)	For All the People of the Parish
Tues. Dec. 28	8:00 AM (SH)	All Souls Intentions
Wed. Dec. 29	8:00 AM (SP)	The Russom - Burke Family
Thur. Dec. 30		<i>No mass: Fr. Al at meeting in Saranac Lake</i>
Fri. Dec. 31	8:00 AM (SP)	Revs. Bernard & John Wyzykowski
Saturday Jan. 1	3:30 PM (SP)	Confessions
	4:00 PM (SP)	John Sweet by Joe & Mary Gilbo Joe Jacobs by Port Henry K of C
Sunday Jan. 2	9:00 AM (SH)	For All the People of the Parish
	11:00 AM (SP)	Joe Gilbo by the Port Henry K of C Arthur Pratt by Dianne & Joe Harvish
	1:00 PM (SP)	<i>Traditional Latin Mass</i>

Weekly Offering

Dec. 12 2021

CROWN POINT	
Envelopes (19)	\$ 570.00
Plate + other	\$ 183.00
Rel. Retirement	\$ 265.00
Total	\$1,018.00
Last Year (12)	\$ 570.00
MORIAH	
Envelopes (51)	\$2,143.00
Plate + other	\$ 811.10
Rel. Retirement	\$ 952.00
Total	\$3,906.10
Last Year (42)	\$2,042.00

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THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

This day is called the birthday of the Lord, on which the God's Wisdom revealed Himself as a speechless Child and the Word of God cried wordlessly with a human voice. His divinity, although hidden, was revealed by the witness of the star to the Magi and was announced to the shepherds by angelic voices.

Each year, therefore, we celebrate this day which saw the fulfillment of the prophecy: *Truth is sprung out of the earth: and justice hath looked down from heaven.* Truth, eternally existing in the bosom of the Father, has sprung from the earth so that He might exist also in the bosom of a mother. Truth, whom the heavens cannot contain, has sprung from the earth so that He might be placed in a manger.

He lies in a manger, but He holds the whole world in His hands; He sucks His mother's breasts, but feeds the angels; He is swaddled in rags, but clothes us in immortality; He is nursed, but also worshiped; He could find no room in the inn, but makes a temple for Himself in the hearts of believers.

What praises shall we voice, what thanks shall we give for the love of God, Who so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; who was in the world younger in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; He was made man, Who made man; He was created of a mother, whom He created; Who 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."

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time. *He has become our justice, our sanctification, our redemption.*

- St. Augustine's Christmas Sermons

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



A Letter from Bishop LaValley

*“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.”
(Luke 2:6-7)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At our Christmas Vigil Mass, we will hear St. Luke tell us that God was born in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior this year, it is fitting that we ask ourselves: Is there room for God in my heart?

Today, there is so little room in our hearts for many—the unborn, the poor, those suffering from mental illness, the migrant, the victim of unjust discrimination, the elderly, the addict, the lonely, the imprisoned, indigenous peoples, the abused, the terror-stricken refugee. So many women, men and children are hurting. They are members of our families. They are us!

We enter this Advent Season, preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, grateful for blessings received, but also keenly aware of our Christian duty to be the hands and tender heart of Christ to those who currently warrant scarce attention from us. This Christmas, let us resolve, inspired by our own time spent with Jesus, to see His Face in our sisters and brothers who we too often neglect. We yearn to make room in our hearts and in our lives for the hurting. Their human dignity demands it. Our Christian dignity impels us.

We pray that the beautiful acts of generosity that characterize the Christmas Season, will be transformed from seasonal gestures of charity to lifelong acts of justice and mercy. Such personal transformation will give tangible evidence that we are *Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled*. We can do great things in Christ Jesus, the Savior whose birth we celebrate with such joy and gratitude. Our God’s unconditional love and boundless mercy became flesh and bones in the Person of Jesus Christ so that we might extend God’s compassion and love.

May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

From the Pastor

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son, and they shall
name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”*

Amid all the uncertainties of our lives and the troubles of our world, the Christmas message resounds with hope and joy: *This day is born for you a Savior, who is Christ And Lord*. The almighty Son of God was born a babe in Bethlehem to share our human life and weakness. He lived and walked the earth as one of us, sharing our hopes and dreams, our toils and tears, even our suffering and death. He *gave himself for us to deliver us from the power of sin and death*, St. Paul tells us, *and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good*.

This is God’s great gift to us at Christmas: he *loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that all who believe in him might have eternal life*. God’s eternal Word of love, the Wisdom by which the whole world was made took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, *and dwelt among us* to share with us his divine and eternal life: to make us sons and daughters of God like him. As St. John tells us: *to those who accept him, who believe in his name, he gave power to become children of God*.

As I offer Christmas masses this year, my prayer is that the saving power of this gift of divine life and love will more and more transform our hearts and lives, casting out the darkness of sin and bringing us the heavenly joy and peace the angels announced that first Christmas night. Merry Christmas to you and all your loved ones, and may the New Year ahead be filled for you with all the blessings of God’s love and grace!

Fr. Al



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

VOCATION CORNER

A child is born for us; a son is given to us! Is God calling you to proclaim this good news 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.

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