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DECEMBER 19-20, 2020

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2020

The impact of Covid 19 has affected worship in Church. In planning for our Christmas Masses this year, we have tried to provide enough Masses for all who wish to attend. Note, we will follow the guidelines for Covid-19 precautions: a mask needs to be worn at all times upon entering Church, please sign in - Name and phone #, sanitize your hands and sit in a pew that is not marked off. Please leave the front pews for the handicapped. Families may occupy an entire pew. Couples and individuals should follow distancing guidelines for seating – 6 feet apart from another individual or couple. Please follow the instructions for receiving Holy Communion. In case of overflow at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, additional Mass will be celebrated in the Lyceum.

Christmas Eve – 2pm
Music Leader & Flutist
Katie Robinson

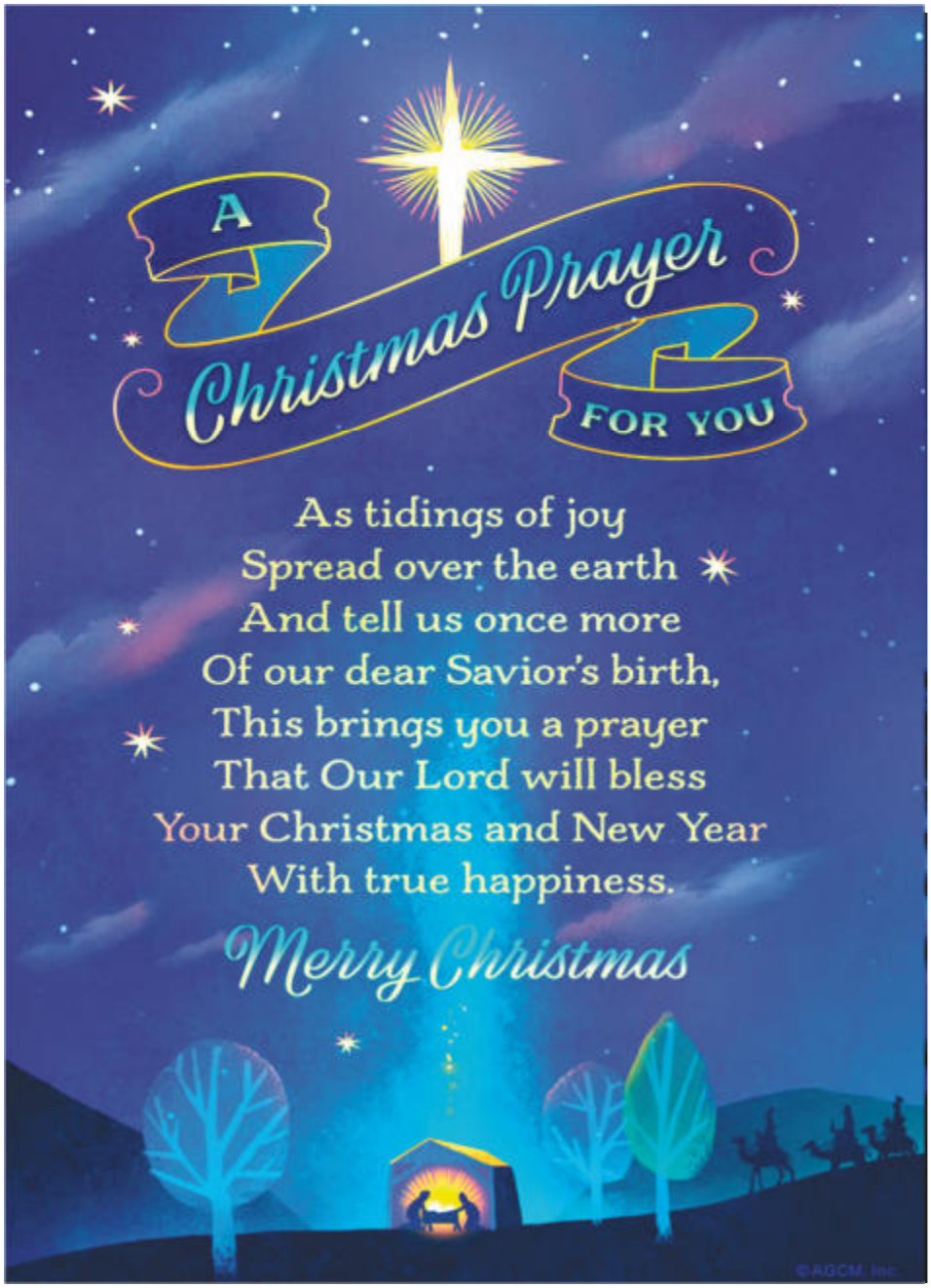
Christmas Eve – 4pm
Contemporary Music Group

Christmas Eve - 10pm
Choir

Christmas Day - 8am
Contemporary Music Group

Christmas Day - 10:30am
Soloist - Joe Condoluci

Once again this year, Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home has gifted us with the Holy Family Parish 2021 Calendars. They are available for pick-up at the side entrance to the Church.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19, 2020
5:00 pm Arthur & Minnie D'Amico by Family

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 *4th Sunday of Advent*
8:00 am Valentine & Wanda Marks and Zummo Family by Jean Karls
10:30 am Stanley Celmer & deceased of the Celmer Family by Family

Monday December 21, 2020
8:00 am Leon Robert Sidari, 3rd Anniversary by Uncle Pete

Tuesday, December 22, 2020
8:00 am Fannie DiRose, by daughter, Jacquie

Wednesday, December 23, 2020
8:00 am John Joy, by A Friend

Thursday, December 24, 2020 *Christmas Eve*
2:00 pm Thomas Driesel, by Estate
4:00 pm Welfare of the Parish by St. Vincent De Paul Society
10:00 pm For All Parishioners and their Intentions

Friday, December 25, 2020 *Christmas Day*
8:00 am Special Intention
10:30 am Amelia Cherebko and Helen & William Tillman by Family

Saturday, December 26, 2020
5:00 pm Linda Gehl, by Ireland Family

Sunday, December 27, 2020
8:00 am Sally Rytlewski by Catholic Daughters
10:30 am Betty Rush - Birthday by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Please pray for all our loved ones who have journeyed into the hands of God, remembering:
Patricia "Pam" Allport

Prayer REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

David Albanese, Gary Armida, Robert Behling, Bob Blackburn, Greg Blodgett, Ann Boe, Amy Bowers, Suzanne Boyce, Carolyn Budynski, Michael Brune, Atley Bull, Laurene Canale, Al Capurso, Brian Carpenter, Mary Coveney, Stephanie Corke, Ryan Cunningham, Peter DiCureia, Mary DiGuilio, Brittany Dodd, Nancy Donahue, Barbara A. Dunham, Patti Foote, Catherine Forker, Gail Forquell, Bob & Rita Galbreath, Betty Geiger, Buffie Gleason, Margaret Golden, Maryann Hildreth, Steve Karas, Gloria Kuhn, Janice McMullen, Kenneth Knights, Stacy Lynaugh, Debbie Magliocco, Gert Metz, Bella Moore, Lucille Moore, Richard Morlok, Fritz Neidert, Gloria Neilans, Mary Jane Nenni, Elizabeth Aldaco Novak, Margot O'Halloran, Carol Passaniti, Alan Penna, Kim Peltz, Mary Ann Peterson, Carol & Fred Pilon, Carol Riviere, Gregg Rush, Wendy Sanders, Bill Sargent, Danny Schmitt, Priscilla Jane Scott, Rick Sebacher, Gary Spitz, Larry Sullivan, Mark Swindon, Fr. Michael Uebler, Evan Valentine, Phyllis Wadleigh, Maureen Watt, Pat Weber, John Stirk, Lynn Tomasino, Jon "Chuck" VerKey, Kay Walter, Donald Wellman, Chris Wing, Nancy Zambito, and Shirley Zambito.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

As we look forward to Christmas, we get excited about all that has made past Christmases so special. We try to capture much of the beauty, loving moments, and reflections upon who was around the tree with us and who shared at our Christmas meal. And also, those whom we had a chance to visit over the holidays. Of course, as we grew older and people went home to God, and new members were added, the memories became larger.

This year it looks like we may be writing a much different chapter. But what remains the same is that Jesus is the focus of Christmas, prayer and music are a special part of Christmas, and the people who touch our hearts are treasured. We desire that the love of the Christmas Season will be plentiful, and will bring us more to delight in as we celebrate Christmas a year from now.

What we are hoping and praying for – that God's presence will be felt during these difficult days – we believe can be realized soon because God is always faithful to us people, the people God treasures.

I pray for you and your loved ones, for a most blessed Christmas Day and Season, that you will feel the presence of our Savior and Brother, and sense that we are truly blessed to be part of Jesus' life .

With Love, Hope and Prayers,
Fr. Dick

HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

THANK YOU to all for your donations to this years' Giving Tree. Once again, parishioners and friends have shown great generosity. The gifts have been distributed throughout the community, to the school and organizations and ministries that deliver to families in need. With a grateful heart for all you have done to help our neighbors in need. Wishing you a Blessed, Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00pm St. Mary Worship Site Medina
9am St. Stephen Worship Site Middleport
4:00pm St. Patrick Worship Site Barker
4:00pm St Mary's, Holley
5:30pm St. Joseph Worship Site Lyndonville
6:00pm St. Marks, Kendall
7pm St. Stephen Worship Site Middleport
9:00pm St. Mary Worship Site Medina
10pm St. Mary's, Holley

Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day
8:30am St Mark's, Kendall
9:00am St. Patrick Worship Site Barker
9:00am St. Patrick Worship Site Barker
10:30am St. Mary's Holley
10:45amSt. Joseph Worship Site Lyndonville
11:00am St. Mary Worship Site Medina

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Lamp - Dec. 13-26, 2020
For John & Florence Stucko and Phil & Kay Ciarico by Marcia & Phil

Sanctuary Lamp - Dec. 20- Jan. 2
Special Intention for the Dibley Family by Francis Dibley

Pastor: Rev. Richard Csizmar
Faith Formation: Nancy Sedita
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Permanent Deacon: James Collichio
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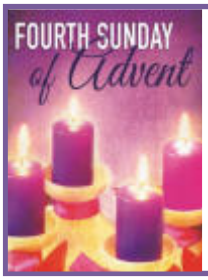
Folk Group: Chris Taber



ADVENT WREATH PRAYER - WEEK 4

God of new beginnings, you announced through an angel's message how you would enter the world as one of us so you could love us more deeply. As we light these candles, we reflect on Mary and how we can freely say "yes" to what you ask, just as she did. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

My Brothers and Sister in Christ,

With Christmas almost upon us, it is good to remind ourselves of what we truly celebrate with the Nativity of our Lord. So often, when we think of Jesus, we immediately go to usual depictions of him, the crucifixion, the image of the Sacred Heart, or even, the manger scene. Such images have a twofold aspect, first, to remind us of a specific time of Jesus' journey, and second, to show how Jesus relates to us in that moment.

For ourselves, we find that the Nativity scene represents the most-pure form in which we celebrate our faith. A child, in the most-humblest of origins and settings, surrounded not only by his human family, but God's creation as well (manger animals), shows how even the most innocent individuals (infants) can be fostered to help change the world in the most positive of ways. Another meaning, is that all can come and partake in this Sacred mystery, those who are there from the beginning, those individuals raised in the faith (represented by Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph), and those who have seen the signs of God in their life and pursue that sign (represented by the wise men). We use the image of the Nativity as the *foundation* of our current faith and Church, to show how we build upon this singular image of hope and love, to bring about these same qualities in our world, from our societies, to our own personal relationships.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas with your loved ones during these times and know that Christ is with you!

In Christ, Fr. Aaron.

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. Of all the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever sailed, all the kings that have ever reigned- put together- have not affected the life of humankind, as much as that one Solitary Life, born in Bethlehem.

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Christmas is a gift of God becoming one of us so that we can become more like Him. This season let us as a Church, a community and a nation give our hearts over to the love of the Incarnation, the love that brings unity, healing and understanding that we're all sisters and brothers.

See you soon, once this Virus is over.

Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ, *Deacon Jim*

PARISH Support

OUR THANKFULNESS IS TRULY SO GREAT FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN US SPIRITUALLY, IN SHARING YOUR TALENTS AND IN YOUR MONETARY HELP. WE ARE SO BLESSED AND APPRECIATIVE!!

Due to the early publication of this Bulletin, the Collection information for Dec. 12-13 will be included in next weeks' bulletin.

Thank you for your most generous support of the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Thanks for Giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who supported the Retirement Fund. Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired religious."

Christmas Wafers (OPLATEK)

A traditional Eastern European custom which family and friends share by breaking off a piece, wishing each other best wishes, and passing it on during the Christmas Eve activities. Each packet contains four wafers, available at the Altar Rail. Donations, if you wish, can be placed in the basket next to the wafers.

Community Action wishes to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to you for your donation of Turkeys and gift cards made to their Holiday Program by Holy Family Parishioners and friends. Your donation has renewed faith in families, showing them that people do care.

Wishing you all a blessed Holiday,
Annette Grillo Finch, Director

Feeding Our Community

The Knights of Columbus are conducting their Annual Christmas Food Drive for Christ Church Community Kitchen. The Community Kitchen operates on local donations only. The Covid-19 has increased the demand for food and meals for those in need. During this Advent season may we reach out to those in need with love and compassion to support this most precious gift in our community. Thank you for your generosity and we wish you all a Blessed Christmas season. Boxes are at the church entrances for donations. through December 24th. Albion Council #1330 Thanks You!

Glory to God in the Highest

Jesus in the manger, you give us hope. In the darkness of our world, your light has shone. Your coming in gentleness encourages us to hold out the hand of reconciliation, to help one another, to work for peace. We remember the message of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace." Jesus, help us to be people of peace and to spread peace everywhere we go. Let us pray now for peace.

The challenge of Christmas by Howard Thurman.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

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