

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, CHRISTMAS DAY ~ December 25, 2016

Sunday Scripture Meditation:

Christmas Day readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

As we celebrate Jesus' birth today, let us fix our eyes on the Baby Jesus and make Him the priority of our day. Carve out some private time with Him in prayer before our celebrations begin. Let's contemplate God's magnificent plan for us that was grounded in the most dramatic act of humility ever. **A Blessed Christmas to all!**

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Dec 24	4:30 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
		10:30 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
Sun.	Dec 25	7:30 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
		9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
		11:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
Mon.	Dec 26	7:30 AM	FOR PROTECTION AND RESPECT OF ALL HUMAN LIFE
Tues.	Dec 27	7:30 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
Wed.	Dec 28	7:30 AM	+DOROTHY JABLONSKI, <i>Anniversary ~ The Silhavey Family</i>
Thurs.	Dec 29	7:30 AM	+DIANE GIARDINA, <i>Anniversary ~ Giardina Family</i>
Fri.	Dec 30	7:30 AM	+MAE and +GOLLY KASCAK ~ <i>Daughter, Sr. Gloria Marie Kascak</i>
Sat.	Dec 31	8:00 AM	+ROBERT BYLO ~ <i>Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport</i>
		4:30 PM	+ANTOINETTE, +GEORGE AND +GEORGE R. MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
Sun.	Jan 1	<u>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</u>	
		7:30 AM	+RICHARD LAVERY ~ <i>Patricia Secchiaroli and Son, Lawrence</i>
		9:00 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>The Lapinski sisters</i>
		11:00 AM	+DAVID PETREYCIK ~ <i>Joe and MaryAnn Walsh</i>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 12-18-2016

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,613
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 2,478
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 7,091
SHORTFALL	\$ 2,884
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 25.....\$ 249,375	
Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$240,429 Shortfall \$8,946	



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. Please pray for the good health of: **Peggy Hudak, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Janet Onze, Peter Panicale, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Jennie Tesla**



A Blessed and Merry Christmas is wished for all of our Parish Family and Friends!

Fr. Andy, Msgr. Cuneo, Deacon Michael Sr. Gloria Marie, Sr. Joseph Therese, Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education: **December 25 Christmas Day:** No Religious Education Class ~ No Confirmation Class
January 1 The Solemnity of Mary: No Religious Education Class ~ No Confirmation Class

The Parish Office will be closed on December 26 and will re-open on Tuesday, December 27.

Next weekend the second collection will include: the Solemnity of Mary and the Monthly collection.

The ANNUAL PARISH Collection Envelope will be included with the JULY 2017 envelopes.

Our thanks and gratitude to the parishioners who decorated our beautiful Christmas altar and set up our outdoor manger. For the lovely music and voices of our Senior Choir, Youth Choir and Nativity Pageant participants. For the faithful service provided by our Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers and Religious Education teachers. To all our Parish Family for your prayers, participation and support, may God bless you.



From our Parish Nurses: The nurses will be available the second weekend of January following all the Masses on **January 7 & 8.**

Simple Truths Now is the time of year to embrace kindness, to remind each other of what each and every one of us can do to make a positive impact in the lives of the people around us and to thank those who have made a positive impact in our lives. Life is full of difficult choices. Remember that the path to true happiness lies in “freebies” like love, courage, and purpose. Choose the immeasurable over the material and you will ultimately find your bliss. Focus on the values that matter- gratitude, character, kindness, faith, love, courage, family, friendship, happiness and purpose.



Youth Choir News: *We thank our Youth Choir for their beautiful singing last week at the 9:00 AM Mass.*

The Youth Choir is on winter break. We will resume our Wednesday rehearsals, in the church choir loft, on January 11, 2017 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. *The Youth choir is looking for new members to join our wonderful group. If you are in grade 6 through 12 and like to sing, please come to our next rehearsal.*



The LORD'S KITCHEN As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus let us remember to follow His command to address the needs

of those less fortunate than ourselves. **The next date for Holy Name of Jesus Church to prepare a hot meal at the Lord's Kitchen is Wednesday, January 11.** If you can help us by volunteering to either help cook or serve the meal, please contact Armand Majewski 203-521-5915 or Toni Majewski 203-520-5117. In order to help pay for the food and supplies, please place your check made out to Holy Name of Jesus or cash in an envelope marked “Lord's Kitchen” and put it in the offertory collection or bring it to the Parish office. *Following this January date, the next date will not be until April or May so please help us soon with your monetary donations or come and experience the Holy Spirit of Giving from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM on January 11, 2017.*

Young Adult Ministry-The Diocese begins its second year of Catholic Underground held on the second Saturday of each month at St. Ann Parish in Bridgeport at 7:30 PM. Catholic Underground is a Holy Hour with confessions followed by a performance by a Catholic artist.
<http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/dobsocial>
CONNected Catholics has a new website.
www.conncatholics.org See the website for the most up to date list of young adult gatherings.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

The Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace, born as a



child among the world's unimportant people. From the beginning, the Savior upsets every standard by which the unredeemed world has ruled itself. To celebrate Christmas in truth is to allow our eyes to be opened to God's view of reality.

“Jesus came to dwell among us. He didn’t just drop by on earth, but devoted His

time to us because He wanted to share our life and fulfill our desires. Jesus wanted, and still wants, to live here with us and for us. He cares about our world, which on Christmas became His world. The nativity scene reminds us that God, in His great mercy, has descended among us to stay with us always.”



Pope Francis

November Thanksgiving Clothes Drive

I have many words that I could say to describe the gratitude I feel for the generous donations. The only word to say is “thank you”. I thank God for leading me to this congregation and helping me with this mission to help others. It’s like the sun is shining in the nursing home! I can’t change their situation but changing their appearance helps them feel better. I walk through the doors and I see a change in the patients and they are so thankful. Please know all is well appreciated and every week when I go there I’m reminded of your generosity.

Thank you Congregation! Brenda Baker
And

Dear Parishioners, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation on behalf of all the residents at Bridgeport Manor, Department Managers and Administration. Your very generous donations of clothing and other items are so thoughtful and reassure our residents, many of whom do not have family or visitor, that they are being thought of in the community. Donations from caring people like you help us make up for what may be lacking for so many of our residents. We, and those we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity. All of us at Bridgeport Manor appreciate your kindness. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Carla L. Ward, Administrator



Beginning this weekend through the month of January we will be collecting toiletries for the homeless.

Items will be distributed to area people in need. You may drop off your donations in the marked box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your charity.