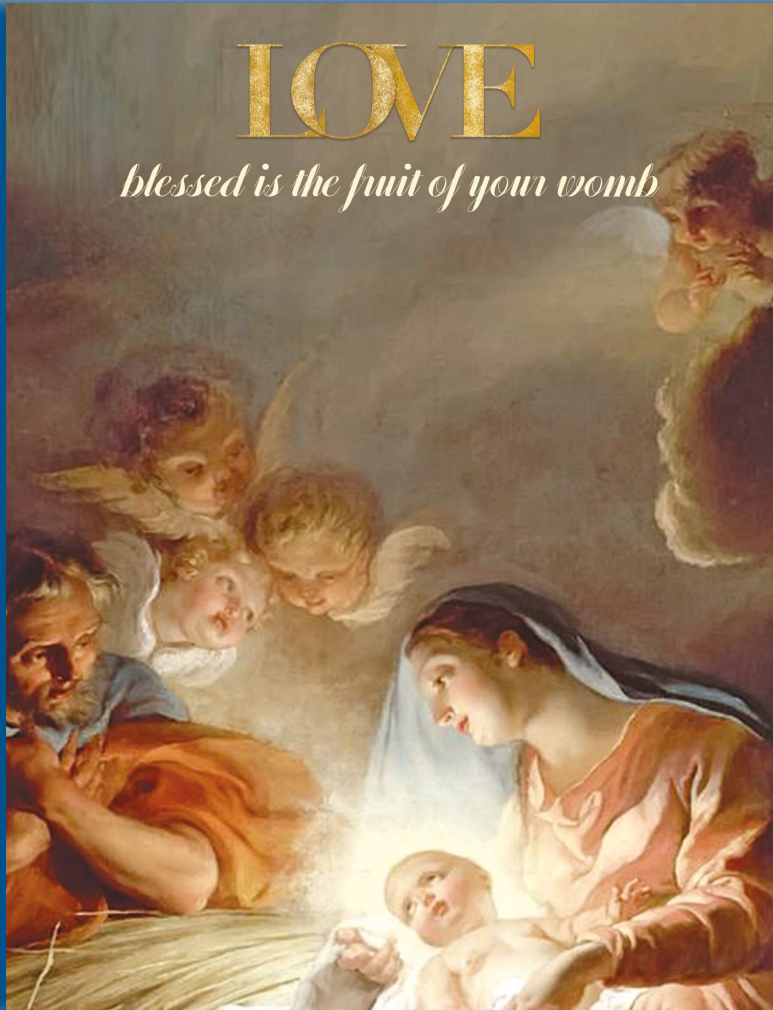


Catholic Neighbors In Faith



Merry Christmas

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.) The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.) The Christ-child lay on Mary's Heart, His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.) The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown, And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the stars looked down.

Rev. Paul Cygan, Administrator - Rev. Donald Watkins, Parochial Vicar - Rev. Marcin Porada, Parochial Vicar

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St. John

282 Newton Ave.
Jamestown NY 14701

St. James

27 Allen St.
Jamestown NY 14701

Our Lady of Victory Oratory

6 Institute St.
Frewsburg NY 14378

Sacred Heart

380 E. Fairmount Ave.
Lakewood NY 14750

Our Lady of the Snows

36 E. Main St.
Panama NY 14767

St. Patrick

189 Main St.
Randolph NY 14772

Our Lady of Loreto

309 W. Everett St.
Falconer NY 14733

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

December 22, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Catholic Neighbors In Faith Parish Happenings

Saturday, December 21

JMS: Confessions 3-3:30pm

Sunday, December 22

JMS: OCIA Class Library 9-10:15am

JHN: Jubilate Singers, 9am Mass

PAT: Faith Formation Classes

SHR: Tree & Church decorating 10am

PAT: Tree & Church decorating 12pm

SPP: HAP Choir 10:15 rehearsal, 11am Mass

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24

Offices Close at 12pm for the Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day - Offices closed

Thursday, December 26

Offices closed

Friday, December 27

Liturgy of the Hours - Christian Prayer on Zoom 9am

Call the central office for ID & passcode to join

Saturday, December 28

JMS: Confessions 3-3:30pm

Sunday, December 29

JHN: Jubilate Singers, 9am Mass

SPP: Coffee Hour after 11am Mass

2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24

4PM - St. John (Children's Mass)

4PM - Sacred Heart (Children's Mass)

4PM - St. James (Children's Mass)

6PM - St. Patrick (Children's Mass)

6PM - Our Lady of Loreto (Children's Mass)

Midnight Mass – Ss. Peter & Paul

11:15PM – Choir Concert begins SSPP

DECEMBER 25

8:30AM - Our Lady of the Snows

9AM - Our Lady of Victory

10AM - Sacred Heart

11AM - St. James

Christmas Eve Choir Concert

The Holy Apostles Choir will be performing a concert at 11:15 pm prior to the beginning of Midnight Mass on December 24th at Ss. Peter & Paul. The concert will begin with organ preludes followed by musical selections sung by the choir and accompanied by brass musicians.

Please pray for our Parish Family members who are ill, and intentions ...

Gayle Boudreau

James Boudreau

Kathy Bump

Alice Coan

Collins Family

Erica Collins

Carol Coulter

Michelle Cracker

Grant Damon

Emma Eldridge

David Flavin

Marla Frame

Sandy Galati

Annette Gill

Gail Gillig

Mary Giambrone

Dolores Hacker

Albert J. Hay

Mark Hedstrand III

Mercedes Holliday

Bohdan Kanicki

Elizabeth LaMantia

Joseph Moynihan

Dana Neal

Shelly Pacheco-

Johannessen

Patrick Pringle

Nancy Johnson

Sam McMaster

Elizabeth Nguyen

My Nguyen

Grace Peterson

James Post

Louis Rieg

Marty Sargent

Andrea Schneider

Donald Segreue

Dorothy and David Seth

Baby Haven Shipherd &

Family

Robert Sprankle

Emily Sechriest

Mary Helen Smith

Megan and Sean

Jim Wirges

Therese Whit

The Unborn

People of the Ukraine

Those in the military

All those touched by loneliness or illness.

Those in purgatory.

And all parishioners in need of our prayers.

Call the parish office if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.

Please Note: You must have the permission of the person you want listed before we can add them to this list.

Please let us know when someone can be taken off the Prayer List. Thank you

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21

JMS - 4:00PM † **Dr. Anthony Floccare** (Birthday)
By Wife, Norma & Family
4:00PM † **Joseph Immordino** (Birthday)
By Family
OLS - 4:00PM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners
PAT - 5:30PM † **Rita Sienkiewicz & John Andrews**
By the Andrews Family

Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

JMS - 8:00AM † **Chico** (Anniversary)
By Sue Laughlin
JHN - 9:00AM † **Tammy Yezzi**
By Mom & Dad
SHR - 9:00AM † **DMO Gawlik & Slipetz Families**
By the Wendel Family
OLL -10:00AM † **Paul Mooney** (Birthday)
By Family
SPP -11:00AM † **Fred & Carol Gullo**
By Children
PAT -11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

Monday, December 23

JMS - 8:00AM † **Serafina Caprino**
By Julie Lisciandro, Josie Pollino & Diane Kirik
SHR - 9:00AM † **L & DM of SHR Altar & Rosary**
By Altar & Rosary Society
SPP -12:10PM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
By Parishioners

Tuesday, December 24

JHN - 4:00PAM † **Joe Lisciandro**
By Ushers, Ron Pappalardo, Buddy Reale & Vince Joy
JMS - 4:00PM † **Carrie Prinzi**
By Vicky & Sam Sena & JoAnn Bordenga
SHR - 4:00PM † **Larry Dupre**
By Wife, Pat
OLL - 6:00PM † **Joan Heubusch**
By the Radka family
OLL - 6:00PM † **John C. & Joan Hoffman**
By the Hoffman family

Wednesday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

SPP - **Midnight Mass** † **Our Deceased Parish Priests**
OLS - 8:30AM † **Pro Populo - For the Parishioners**
By the Priest
OLV - 9:00AM † **L&DM of Our Lady of Victory**
By OLV Altar & Rosary
SHR - 10:00AM † **Jim Maitland**
By Wife, Joanne
JMS - 11:00AM † **Andrew Hacker**
By the Hacker & Tuzzo families

Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen

No Masses

Friday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle

JMS - 8:00AM † **Stanley Yanik Jr.**
By Sam & Vicky Sena
SHR - 9:00AM † **Joan Heubusch**
By the Rada Family
SPP - 12:10PM † **Joseph & Dave O'Hara** (Anniversary)
By Pat O'Hara

Saturday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

JMS - 4:00PM † **Josh Gollnick**
By Karen & Joseph Moynihan
4:00PM † **Verna Pappalardo** (Birthday)
By Sons, Ray & Ron
OLS - 4:00PM † **Rev. Joseph Dowdell**
By Estate
PAT - 5:30PM † **DMO the Andrews & Smith Families**
By the Andrews Family

Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family

JMS - 8:00AM † **Antonino Trusso**
By Sister, Erminia & Family
JHN - 9:00AM † **Nick Rodriguez, Jr.**
By the CNIF Staff
SHR - 9:00AM † **Nick Rodriguez, Jr.**
By Ruth Marsh
OLL -10:00AM † **Louis Shelters**
By Wife, Madeline & Children
SPP -11:00AM † **Kathy Danielson**
By Mary Dominick
PAT -11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**
By Parishioners

JMS—St. James
JHN—St. John

OLL—Our Lady of Loreto
OLS—Our Lady of the Snows

OLV—Our Lady of Victory
PAT—St. Patrick

SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul
SHR—Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Sanctuary Lamps

St. James Church

In Memory of Alfredo Frangione (Anniversary)

By Rosina Frangione & family

St. John Church

In Memory of Jason Williams. (Birthday)

By Aunt Joanie

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

In Memory of Joseph Giambra

By Children & Grandchildren

Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Nikolaus Grunert

By wife, Ingrid

Wine for the month of December

St. James Church

In Memory of Cyndi Montini

By Toni Bellitto

St. John Church

In Memory of Gust Amato (Birthday)

By Niece, Joan

St. Patrick Church

In Memory of Richard Stahley (Birthday)

By Daughter, Karen

Hosts for the month of December

St. James Church

In Memory of Theodore & Elizabeth Kurtzhals

By Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

St. John Church

In Memory of our Parents, Vincent & Arasma Consiglio, Sr, and Brothers, Vincent Consiglio, Jr. & Frank Consiglio, Jr.

By Gerri Mazzurco & Sam Consiglio

St. Patrick Church

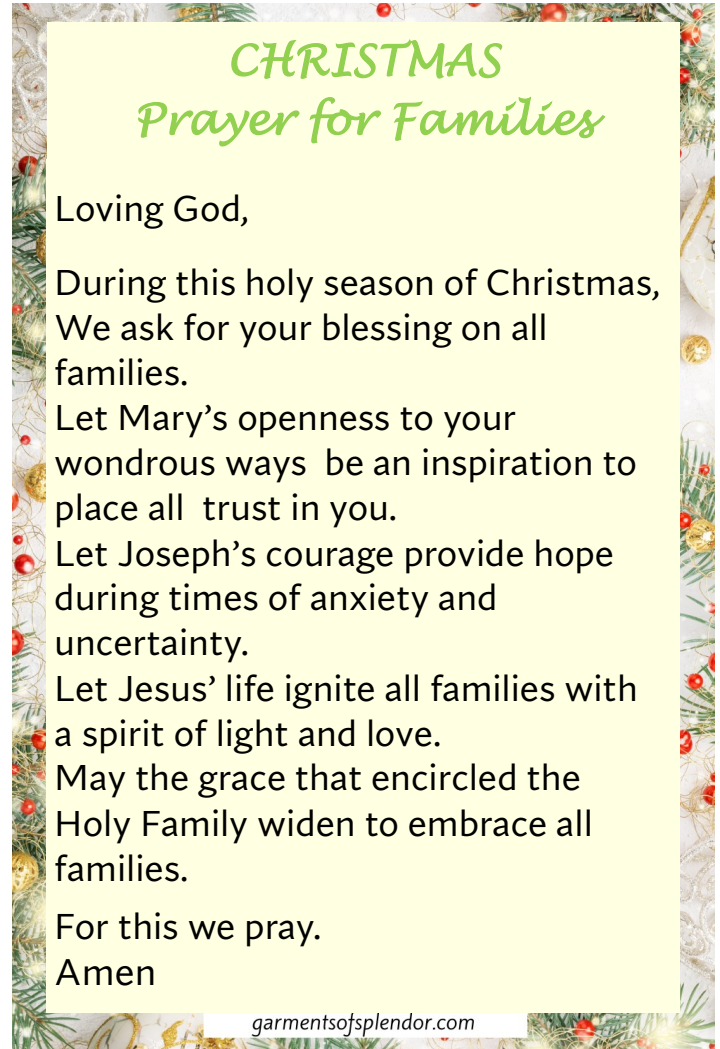
In Memory of Scott Beaver (Birthday)

By Family

Sacred Heart Church

In Memory of Jim Maitland

By wife, Joanne



Our Stewardship for December 8, 2024

St. James: Offertory \$6,565.22, Parish Imp. \$256, Fuel \$75, Christmas Flowers \$90, Campaign for Human Develop. \$25, Rel. Ret. \$85

Holy Apostles: 12/1 - 7585, Repair & Main. \$954, Flowers \$372, Rel. Ret. \$15

12/8 - Offertory 3,268, Repair & Main. \$152, Ins. \$40, Flowers \$15, Rel. Ret. \$779

Sacred Heart: Offertory \$2,002 Immaculate Concept. \$238

Our Lady of Loreto: Offertory \$1,538, Monthly \$138 Immaculate Concept. \$205, Rel. Ret. \$485, Flowers \$415

St. Patrick: 12/8 - Offertory \$1,748 Rel. Ret. \$256 Immaculate Concept. \$76

Thank you for your support of our parishes & ministries!

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

As we gather to celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, I am reminded of the boundless love and hope that the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings into our lives. This sacred time of year calls us to embrace the light of Christ and share it with those around us. It is a season of joy, renewal and profound reflection on the spiritual gifts and graces God has given us.

In the midst of our celebrations, we acknowledge that this year we are beginning a time of transition in our family of parishes. One of the most challenging transitions we face is the difficult decision to close some of our cherished church buildings. This news undoubtedly brings sadness for our collective loss, but it is also a time of looking forward to growing stronger in our faith, closer to one another, and more deeply committed to the mission of Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on the Christmas story, how can we not be moved by the courageous yes of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary? They both were visited by the angel Gabriel and told the Good News of how God had chosen them to be the Holy Family, the model of all Christian families. They were chosen to be a major part of the story of salvation history, Jesus Christ becoming incarnate, one with us! Their response was a wholehearted yes, maybe not knowing all the details and fine print, but trusting that Emmanuel was with them, God with us. May St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother be examples of always saying yes to God in our daily lives.

While this may be the last Christmas Masses in some of our church buildings, as a Church, the people of God, we will continue to celebrate many Christmases together, inviting the joy of the newborn Savior to fill our hearts, our homes and our Church. I pray that we can all take part in strengthening our Catholic community here in the Catholic Neighbors in Faith Family of Parishes.

May this Christmas season fill your hearts with the peace and joy that comes from knowing our Savior is with us, guiding us through every step. Let us be a beacon of His love, not only in our homes and families but throughout our entire community. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives this Christmas and always.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul Cygan



THE STORY BEHIND THE CAROL "O HOLY NIGHT"

In 1847, a French priest commissioned this beloved song for his parish. Lyricist Placide Cappeau finished his poem, and please with his work, he asked Adophe Charles Adams to compose the music. The song was sung for Christmas Eve mass.

Initially, Cantique de Noel (the song's French name) was widely loved. Later, leaders learned Cappeau was a socialist and Adams a Jew – and the song was banned from services. But the French people loved it so much, they continued to sing it.

Ten years later, John Sullivan Dwight introduced it in America. An abolitionist, he was moved by the third verse. (Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother). Although banned in France, Cantique de Noel became popular with Americans.

On Christmas Eve in 1871, in the midst of fierce fighting between France and Germany during the Franco-Prussian War, an unarmed French soldier jumped out of the trenches, walked onto the battlefield, and started singing the song's first line in French. After singing all three verses, a German soldier emerged and started singing a sacred German hymn. Fighting stopped for the next 24 hours in honor of Christmas Day. Temporary peace was initiated by O Holy Night.

Fast forward to 1906. Reginald Fessenden figured out that by combining two frequencies, radio could do more than transmit Morse code. It would be possible to speak! For the first time in history, a human voice was heard on the airwaves; Fessenden read the Christmas story from the book of Luke, then picked up his violin and performed O Holy Night.

Merry Christmas from the Staff at the CNIF Family

We all would like to Wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Year! May the coming year bring us ever closer to our fellow family members as we strive to become one not only with Christ, but with each other.



In Loving Memory of:

“Red” Payne
Philip L. McIntyre
Melba & Charles Finnerty
Francesco “Gino” Iuculano
Sebastian “Busty” Iuculano
Antonino Trusso
M/M Sebastiano Iuculano
M/M Antonino Trusso
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Salvatore Civileto, Sr.
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Grandma Bellitto
Pat & Ed Staniszewski
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Sebastian “Busty” Iuculano
Michael Gullotti
M/M Joseph Gullotti
Helena Damond
Beatrice Nelson
Marian Winderl
Mary Lou Faso
Thomas & Angeline Lovecchio
Mary Ann Pappalardo
Fred & Verna Pappalardo
Joseph Pappalardo
Carl J. & Kala J. Basile
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Jody Pappalardo
Nick Rodriguez, Jr.
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Charles & Louise Palermo
Jim, Joe & Rosemarie Conti
Frank & Shirley Messina
Roy & Marge Shannon
Larry & Audrey Skiba
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Theodore & Elizabeth Kurtzhals
Mary and John G. Bandish
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Sam & Josie Trippi
Ted & Mary Langworthy
Seb & Mary Paterniti
Anthony & Sue LaMarca
Mariana Waterman
Louise Long
Anthony & Josephine Foti
Busty, Shirley, & Stephanie Foti
Fioravante Scala

Giampiera & Teodoro Miele
Dolores Lennon
John & Dolores Evers
John & Josephine Lennon
Ross & Josephine Spoto
Dr. Joseph & Ruth Rubé
Michael & Ann LaMancuso
Jenny & Joseph Terrano
Margaret & Edward Sunday
Sara Jean Terrano
Sam Mason
Celia and John Wladyka
Mary & Frank Sirianni
Marie Bortnick and Sonny Powall
Joseph, Anna & Anthony Cusimano
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Ward & Lois Benedict
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Laura Heitzenrater Ciuca
John Fuchs
George & Margaret Smith
Deceased Family Members
Eugene J. & Bridget Malenga
Robert L. Heffern
Janet & Henry Napier
DMO Heffern & Spadaccio Fa.



In Loving Memory of:

Joseph, Susan & Richard Urso
 Dr. Anthony Floccare
 Manuela Tan
 Tan Dio
 Jose Ibabao & Judith Ibabao
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 DMO Cinaglia & Trussalo Fa.
 Sebastian & Frances Trussalo
 Jo Marie Trussalo
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 Mary Lou Messina & Thomas Fisher
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CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the students who participated in the Christmas pageant.

Everyone did a great job! Thank you to Mrs. Nichole Mason and Mrs. Kathy Brunco for their time and talent working with our young people. A special thank you to Kater Hockenberry, Lucy Hockenberry and Vittoria Tehan for their help with refreshments. And a big thank you to the parents for encouraging your children to participate in this wonderful event.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Coffee Hour

Holy Apostles Music Ministry is sponsoring coffee and donuts after the 11:00 mass on December 29th at Saints Peter and Paul.

All are welcome to come and enjoy refreshments and conversation with fellow parishioners.



Catholic Education...It's everything you value!

We are excited to share a message of hope and renewal for Western New York's Catholic Elementary Schools. Like other Dioceses across the country, we have faced challenges; yet, through the collaboration of hundreds of people who are passionate about Catholic education, we are launching a strategy to ensure a brighter and stronger future for our schools.

Our Catholic schools will remain rich in tradition and academic excellence, wrapped in a Christ-centered, safe, and welcoming community. Throughout 2025, we'll share more exciting news. We are currently searching for a Diocesan Superintendent to lead our future strategy. Please spread the word.

Interested in being part of this exciting movement? Enroll your students or apply to join our highly qualified and dedicated team of educators at:

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/326b8948/hwkkLY0-XESuEouFgi_Owg?u=http://

Reflections

The Signs of God

Midnight Christmas Mass was always my favorite as a kid. We would get all dressed up and enter the beautiful Church with all the decorations and the nativity scene. It's like I can still smell the pine trees and see the glow of the Christmas lights. I think we probably all have memories that bring us back to the Christmas season. Whether it is the smell of freshly baked cookies or the Christmas ham roasting for hours, these physical signs point us back to memories and experiences that we have enjoyed.

The Gospel from the Christmas Mass during the Night proclaims, "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." This has me thinking about the importance of physical signs. Wedding rings are exchanged as a sign of commitment. Gifts are exchanged as a sign of love or friendship. In today's Gospel we have the signs of the manger and the swaddling clothes that are communicating to us that God has become flesh. Signs are important for us.

The beautiful thing about the signs we have in the Catholic Church is that they go beyond mere symbols. Today we commemorate not just a sign of God's love in clothes and a structure, but we commemorate God literally taking on flesh to be a physical and effective sign of his love. Not just a sign in the sense of symbolic representation, but a sign that is so real and so effective that it literally becomes what it signifies.

We see this played out in every Mass. We start with the Liturgy of the Word where we read from Scripture. But that Word, throughout the course of the Mass, becomes so living, so real, so physical, so effective, that the Word of God literally becomes flesh for us on the altar. This is the very thing we celebrate this Christmas season. We can think back to all the great symbols that plunge us deeply into beautiful memories of family life, but let's set aside some special time today to focus on the fact that God transcends all earthly signs and literally becomes one of us. He wants to be one with you and with me. If there is nothing else we take out of our celebrations today, I think it would do us well to focus on that reality. God loves you enough that he was born in a manger to have a relationship with you and one day be with you forever in paradise.

From all of us here at Diocesan, Merry Christmas and God bless! By Tommy Shultz

CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

Memorial Page Listings

We will once again be offering the opportunity to have your loved ones remembered on a Memorial Page each week in the bulleting. We had a great response last year and are hoping for the same this year.

Your loved one's name (s) will be listed each week on a page in the bulletin. A yearly donation of \$50 is asked per line. This offering goes to help support the parish community.

There are two options. 1) Listed as one individual name: "Mary Jones," or 2) You may list family groupings: "The Jones Family." 3) Multiple names may be listed; "Tom Smith and Mary Jones." The cost is \$50 per line.

Catholic Neighbors In Faith Memorial Listing (Please Print Clearly)

Please send a check for \$50 made out to your HOME PARISH and mail it to: 27 Allen St., Jamestown NY 14701.

Name (s) _____

Your Contact Information

Your Name _____ Parish _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS: _____
City St Zip

Bulletin Mailings

If you are currently receiving the bulletin each week in the mail and would like to continue to so, or you would like to have a bulletin mailed to your home weekly, please fill out the form below with your correct mailing address along with

check made payable to your home parish in the amount of \$50.00 to: 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701

If you would like to drop an envelope in the collection basket with the coupon below, you can do that as well.

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to keep connected to the church, ask them if this is something they would like. Or, surprise them and give it to them as a Christmas gift!

Bulletin Mailings

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
City St Zip

Amount Enclosed: _____

2024 OFFERTORY TAX STATEMENTS: If you received a tax statement last year, then you do not need to request one this year. You will automatically receive one. If you did **NOT** receive a tax statement last year, but would like one, then fill out this form and drop it in any weekend collection or call the Central Office to request one.

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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In Loving Memory Memorial Page

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen

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