

MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 8:30AM +Luz Maria Collantes Cairo 5:00PM +Kenneth Salvatore r/o Theresa & Matthew Richardson
- <u>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT,</u> DECEMBER 18
- 9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Holy Name Society 11:00AM +Zygmunt Kobylarz r/o Edward & Christine Ciesla

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30AM +Maria & Raphael DiRe r/o Daughter Antoinette

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30AM +Randy Knob r/o Wife Ann

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church8:30AMFor Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30AM For the Intention of the Blessed Mother r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

<u>St. John of Kanty, Priest</u> 8:30AM +Estelle Rudnicki r/o Daughter Theresa, Grandson Ronald

<u>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24</u>

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

 8:30AM Blessings for Good Health for Olga & Digna Allccaco r/o Damian Bustamante
5:00PM For the Intention of the Blessed Mother r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

12:00AM Special Intention

<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25</u> THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- <u>9:00AM</u> +Basia Kurkowski
- 11:00AM + Dasia Ruikowski r/o Mother Myra and Family +Janusz Mnich & Family r/o Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022

He shall be called Emmanuel, "God is with us"

<u>First Reading -</u> You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

<u>Second Reading</u> - God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ.

<u>Gospel</u> -The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be called Emmanuel, "God is with us".

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

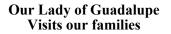


Oplatek is now available in the Meeting Room

Parish Offering Envelopes are in the Meeting Room and are listed Alphabetically. If you cannot locate your envelope box, please call the Parish Office

Pope's Universal Intention:

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit-organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.







Please invite the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe into your home for a month visit. To sign up, please call Theresa Rudnicki-Jones at 908-526-7687.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING: Wanda Czarcinski, Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Barbara Mendel, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance. HOMEBOUND: Theresa Cleary, Patricia D'Allesandro, Lorraine Deleski, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Millie Della Peruta, Madeline Wojciechowski.

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home /assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

Weekend Offerings will not be available until after the holidays due to early bulletin deadlines

Memorial Wall Candles

Renewal for the Memorial Wall Candles located in the Chapel are due in January. Renewal each year is \$100. Initial installation of a Memorial Candle is \$200. Please call the Parish Office at 732-356-0358 and let us know if you will be renewing your candle. If we do not hear from you, we can only assume that you do not wish to renew and we will then accommodate those on the waiting list.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES GOD GET???

God has blessed each of us with 1440 minutes in every day and 10,080 minutes in every week. How many of those minutes do we give back to

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week? Studies show ity of our time goes to ing and watching TV. ly about 10% of our watching TV. In conmuch time does God

get? Less than 100 minutes or 1% of our time is devoted to spiritual activities like prayer and worship. Don't you think God deserves more time?

Lector Schedule - December 17-18, 2022	
Saturday, December 17	
5:00 pm Lector	Stephanie DePass
Sunday, December 18	
9:00 am Lector	Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector	Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska

Christmas Flower Offerings



are being accepted. Place your envelope in the collection basket. Please carefully PRINT the names of the loved ones you wish to remember.

The Mass Book for 2023 has been opened!

Please note that you are allowed one (1) weekend Mass and four (4) weekday Masses Please respect this as Weekend Masses are at a premium !!

Marriage Enrichment

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 24 - 26.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information

Confessions

Monday, December 19, 2022

7:00 - 8:00 pm



CHRISTMAS TRAVELERS

Christmas recalls the story of travelers propelled by the unhurried rhythm of their animals:

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Why did these wisemen undertake such a journey?

A tall astronomer, advisor to the Persian king, springs from his midnight vigil in the palace courtyard. "Casper, come! Look along the rod I've sighted toward the constellation of the Jews."



Casper peers into the blackness. "Do you see it? That brilliant star is new tonight! It must signify the birth of a mighty king."

A soft whistle escapes him as he spots it. "There it is!" He's talking rapidly now. "I've read ancient Hebrew scriptures which tell of this ruler's star."[1] Rising, he announces, "We must see him. We must go!"

Traversing the caravan routes of Persia, Babylon, and Syria for 1,200 miles, they ford broad rivers, pass ancient cities, cross barren deserts. Three months they trek westward, day after day, "following yonder star."

In Jerusalem they inquire, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him."[2] Worship? So the Babe is more than a king!

Now they follow the shining star till it rests over a simple Bethlehem home. At early dawn neighbors gather to watch the richly- robed travelers dismount. Joseph meets them at the door.

"We've come to see the child, the King." The wise men fall before the Babe, faces to the floor, royal counselors doing homage, worshipping the Christ child. Outside, their servants unload weighty chests from the camels and set gifts before the King. Heavy fragrances of frankincense and myrrh mingle to fill the room as one by one the boxes are opened.

A touch of the boy-child's tiny fingers, a final longing look, and the men rise to go. Camel bells soon fade in the brisk morning air.

We, too, travel at Christmas, visiting family and friends. Yet, like the wisemen, the most important journey we make these hectic holidays is to draw Jesus himself with the gift of our hearts.





<u>CHRISTMAS MASSES</u>

<u>Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24</u> 5:00 pm (English) 11:30 pm Polish Carols (Choir) 12:00 pm Midnight Mass

<u>Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25</u> 9:00 am (English), 11:00 am (Polish)

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

<u>New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st</u> 5:00 pm (English) <u>New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st</u> 9:00am (English), 11:00 am (Polish)