

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 24 2023
Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Please note that all daily masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise noted. In the event of a funeral mass there will be NO (8:00 AM) daily mass.

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):

<u>Sunday 6:00 PM:</u>	Claudine Plush	<i>By: The Plush Family</i>
<u>Sunday 10:00 PM:</u>	Joanne & Philip Darbyshire	<i>By: The Loving Family</i>
<u>Monday 9:00 AM:</u>	Fred Will (Anniv)	<i>By: Pauline Will</i>

Tuesday 7:00 PM: NO MASS / OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 8:00 AM: James Davis (Anniv) *By: Betty Davis*

Thursday 8:00 AM: Deceased Members Of The McGreevey Family *By: The McGreevey Family*

Friday 8:00 AM: Tom Wambaugh *By: Harry & Diana Feather*
*Rescheduled From 12-14-23 due to Funeral

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph:

<u>Saturday 6:00 PM:</u>	Barbara Hart	<i>By: Family</i>
<u>Sunday 8:00 AM:</u>	Bob Murphy	<i>By: George & Carol Will and Family</i>
<u>Sunday 10:30 AM:</u>	Margaret Felten	<i>By: The Diehl Family</i>

<u>Sanctuary Candle:</u>	For Peace	
<u>St. Peregrine Candle:</u>	Cindy (Miller) Bearer	<i>By: Patti Hankinson and Family</i>

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday: Nativity Of The Lord
Isaiah 62:1-5/PS Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (R/2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25
Matthew 1:18-25/Isaiah 9:1-6/PS Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (R/Luke 2:11)/Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14/Isaiah 62:11-12/PS Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12/Titus 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20
Isaiah 52:7-10/PS Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Feast Of St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/PS Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday: Feast Of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 John 1:1-4/PS Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/John 20:1a, 2-8/John 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: Feast Of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 John 1:5-2:2/PS Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 (R/7)/Matthew 2:13-18

Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Optional Memorial Of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
1 John 2:3-1/PS Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 (R/11a)/Luke 2:22-35

Saturday : Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 John 2:12-17/PS Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 (R/11a)/Luke 2:36-40

Sunday: Feast Of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/PS Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (R/cf.1)/Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3/PS Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (R/7a, 8a)
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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Fr. Roman Kozacheson, OFMcap-	In residence	
Fr. Stephen Shin, OFMcap	In residence-Pastor of Ss. Philip & James, Meyersdale & St. Gregory, MacDonaldton	
Br. Stephen Wright OFMcap	In Residence	

Mass Schedule:

Mon: 8:00 AM Tues: 7:00 PM Wed - Fri: 8:00 AM Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:

Mon :8:00 AM-1:00PM Wed :8:00 AM-1:00PM Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri :8:00AM -1:00 PM

Baptism: Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Holy Communion:
Low Gluten hosts will be available for anyone with a low gluten tolerance. If you have a low gluten tolerance, please tell the priest before mass so a low gluten host can be placed in a pyx for you.

Matrimony: Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program

Rosary: Saturday Evenings beginning at 5:25 PM

Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Baptist Parish is a Catholic Christian Community centered in rural New Baltimore, Pennsylvania. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek to live as entrusted stewards using God's gifts responsibly, intelligently, prudently, and gratefully to bring about His kingdom. As stewards of our time, talents, possessions, and faith, we are called to put our lives in proper focus and to live in accord with one another giving love and caring support, to accept Christ's challenge as related in the Gospels- to serve one another.



St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

Fourth Sunday Of Advent



Fourth Sunday of Advent :

This Sunday we light and reflect upon the fourth advent candle which is purple in color. The **fourth** and last **purple candle**, often called the "**Angels Candle**," which represents peace and is lit on the **fourth** Sunday of **Advent**. Our Lord is getting near as await the light Jesus will bring to the world on Christmas.

Advent Reflection...

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

Catholics Obligated to Attend Masses for Both Sunday and Christmas This Year:

Practicing Catholics will be required to go to Mass **twice** between December 23 and 25 to fulfill two separate obligations. "Because of how Christmas falls on the calendar this year, Catholics are obligated to attend Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – either Saturday night, December 23, or Sunday, December 24," said Tony DeGol, Director of Communications for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. "They are also obligated to attend Mass for the Solemnity of Christmas – either after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday night, December 24, or on Christmas Day, December 25. Attending just a vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, will not fulfill both obligations.

Christmas Schedule:

The mass schedule for Christmas is: on **Sunday Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM**, and then on **Monday Christmas Day at 9:00 AM**.

Offertory Envelopes: The 2024 Offertory Envelopes can now be picked up in the church basement.

Religious Education Update:

There will be **No Religious Education Classes On Sunday December 24th or December 31st**. All classes will **resume on Sunday January 07, 2024**.



Thank you to all who donated to our Advent Hat & Mitten Tree. These gifts have been given to the Women's Help Center in Somerset. There were: 33 Hats, 2 Coats, 2 leggings, 14 socks, 11 Hat, Scarf and Glove Sets, 41 hat and glove sets, 12 mittens and 70 gloves.

Empty Egg Cartons Needed:

Harry Fochtman a parishioner is looking for empty egg carton containers and is asking the parish for our help. If anyone has any empty egg cartons they wish to give please place them in the back of the Church in the Food Pantry Bins or in the plastic bags provided. Thank You for your generosity!

COME, LORD JESUS!

PRAYER LIST

Abby Barnes, Debbie Brady, Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Fr. Mark Begly, Jane Beyer, Ed Boyer, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Thomas DeArmitt, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, George Faidley III, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Myrna Fries, Debbie Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Pam Habinyak, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, George Hickey, Ida Mae Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Todd Hillegass, David Hinson, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Tina Hoover, Ernest Imgrund, Mary Janachowski, Pam Kach, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Todd Kline, Jerry Kochinski, Virginia Lambert, Teresa Lamens, Tim Landis, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Linda Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Katie Lewis, Barry Leydig, Barlow Luhn, Don Lynch, John Lynch, Jane McGregor, Toots Maddy, Martha Marker, Justin Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Declan McCahan, Tony and Janet Miele, Micki McCahan, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Virginia Meslovich, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Mary Meyers, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird Ober, James O'Bryon, Shannon Plush, Michael Price, Fr. Gavin Quinn, Sabina Restly, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Nancy Schrock, Roberta & Steve Sontus, Barb Sarver, Paula Saunders, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Jordon Seville, Rodney Shaffer, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, JoAnne Smith, Marie Smith, Merdith Speicher, Michelle Speicher, Margaret Ann Stevens, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Jim Suhrie, Leo Suhrie, Toni Suhrie, Gary Tataleba, Carol Taylor, Mary Jane Thomas, Michael Valentine, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, Bob & Mereada Werner, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Charlotte Will, George Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Larry & Alice Winegardner, Nicholas Winegardner, Angie Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, John Wolfhope, Shirley Varchetti, Fr. Allen Zeth

If you added a person's name to the prayer list and they have since recovered, please call to remove their name from our prayer list.

OFFERTORY

Sunday Loose: \$918.00

Sunday Adults: \$3378.00

Total Sunday: \$4296.00

Local Needs: \$10.00

Immaculate Conception: \$40.00

Christmas Flowers: \$411.00

Christmas \$160.00

We're always collecting non-perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Items can be placed in the bins in the back of church.

Fourth Sunday Of Advent - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

The Pope's Prayer Intention For December:

For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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IMPORTANT PLEASE READ - CCD RETREAT INFORMATION:

All **Diocesan Required Retreats** for our **9th, 10th and 11th grade students** will be held virtually this year. All Students are required to attend these retreats as part of the formation process for confirmation. Please review dates of the actual retreat and the deadlines to register by with the parish office.

Virtual Baptism Retreat (3 Zoom Sessions)
9th Grade or any 10th or 11th Grade Student
Sunday, Wednesday 8:00PM, Sunday 7:00 PM

January 14, 17, 21 Register at parish office no later than Friday December 29, 2023.

This retreat is designed for student and an adult. Adult may be parent, Godparent, or Confirmation Sponsor. Explore the sacrament of Baptism and the gift it is in our faith life. We will look at the gift of Baptism as the foundational sacrament of the Catholic Faith as well as the Apostle's Creed as it outlines Catholic beliefs and doctrine. There are two opportunities to choose from.

Virtual Confirmation Retreat Discipleship (5 Zoom Sessions)
11th Grade Students Only
Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday Wednesday 8:00pm, Sunday 7:00 PM

February 18, 21, 25, 28, and March 4 Register at parish office no later than Friday January 29 2024
March 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 Register at parish office no later than Monday February 19 2024

Explore the role of the Disciple and the connection of Baptism and Confirmation through the reflection on the baptismal prayer of being anointed to be priest, prophet and king. Emphasis is made on the springboard of moving forward in one's faith journey of being a priest, a prophet, and a king in our church and culture today. There are three opportunities to choose from.

Final registration needs to be sent from the parish office at least **2 weeks** before retreat begins to Sr. Suzanne Thiabult. There is no cost to the student as it will be covered by the parish. All retreats are conducted via Zoom by Sr. Suzanne Thibault of Bethany Youth Retreat Center. Sr. Suzanne Thibault has been presenting youth retreats since 1986. She is best known for the ability to engage students and adults on retreat. The Virtual Retreat format includes live presentations on the Zoom Platform. Each session is 30-45 minutes in length and includes breakout rooms with small group sharing. Each session is followed with discussion and reflection work for the student and sponsor to take a deeper look into the presented material. The reflection work is returned to the presenter before the next zoom session. Make Up Sessions Must Be Arranged by the Candidate directly with Sr. Suzanne. This Virtual Retreat would be presented in as an 8-10 hour in-person retreat with large group, small group and one-on-one sharing between student and sponsor. For more information or questions please contact Sr. Suzanne at the Bethany Youth Retreat Center: Bethanyyouthcenter@gmail.com or srsuzanneth@bethanyministries.org or by phone at (814) 263-4177.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH COOKBOOK

Reprint of the 1991 Italian & American Parish Cookbook (Over 175 pages of Italian, American, and other nationality recipes) Can be purchased for \$20.00 (Cash or Check) at the Mount Carmel Parish Office, 806 11th Street, Altoona 16602 [Monday—Friday from 9:30 am—11:30 am; 1 pm—3:30 pm] Please receive an Order Form by email, please email the Parish Office at olomcaltoona@dioceseaj.org or call Virginia Seidel at 814-943-5321

Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto, 2023 Christmas Concert:

All are invited to "A New and Glorious Morn!" A night of Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir. 6 PM **Wednesday December 27, 2023.** Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto, Pennsylvania.

Echoes of a Polish Christmas :

All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) on **Sunday, January 7th, at 2:00 PM** at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.

Healing Mass:

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday January 9, 2024, at 7 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in anyway, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

Stewardship Reflection For Sunday December 24, 2023 —Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Our God is mighty, all-powerful and Love itself. The only proper response is to worship Him and live our lives as a grateful gift for all His goodness to us. But how can we possibly live up to this task? Only by relying on God, as St Paul tells us in the Second Reading, from his letter to the Romans. Paul instructs us to go to "him who can strengthen you... Jesus Christ." The truth is, once we recognize that all we have is a gift from God, the next step is to acknowledge that we need God's strength and wisdom to guide us in the best use of those gifts for the building of His Kingdom. Hopefully, we are making time during Advent to go to God in prayer and through the sacraments to obtain the strength we need to live as His disciples and the guidance to know we are indeed following His will with the gifts He has entrusted to us. In fact, our aim should be to make the words of our Blessed Mother our own. We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of her 'fiat', her 'yes' to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward. After Mary's fiat, we read "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her. Yet, she followed God's will perfectly! She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She trusted in her Heavenly Father to guide her at each step, and He did. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example as disciples today. The Christmas, let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. It is the work of a lifetime. But He will give us all the help and strength we need to do it

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!

What Did The First Christmas Really Look Like?

As Advent comes to a close, one of the best ways to prepare for Christmas is to revisit the story of the Nativity - the true meaning of Christmas. You can read the story of the first Christmas in both the Gospel of Matthew (1:18 - 2:12) and the Gospel of Luke (2:1-20). What better way to end the season of Advent than to take time as a family to read about the Holy Family! We can get so used to all the secular images of Christmas that we can easily forget what it really looked like. As fun as it is to celebrate with presents and elves, reindeer, and Santa - the first Christmas was even more magical! After spending some time reading through the Christmas story, explain the story of the Nativity in your own words, as a family or group act it out.

Christmas - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

History of the Nativity Scene

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. What better way to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child than to take a brief journey to Greccio, the spot in central Italy where Saint Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223. Francis, recalling a visit he had made years before to Bethlehem, resolved to create the manger he had seen there. The ideal spot was a cave in nearby Greccio. He would find a baby—we're not sure if it was a live infant or the carved image of a baby—hay upon which to lay him, an ox and an ass to stand beside the manger. Word went out to the people of the town. At the appointed time, they arrived carrying torches and candles. One of the friars began celebrating Mass. Francis himself gave the sermon. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, recalls that Francis "stood before the manger...overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness..."For Francis, the simple celebration was meant to recall the hardships Jesus suffered even as an infant, a savior who chose to become poor for our sake, a truly human Jesus. On this Christmas Eve, as we pray around the Christmas cribs in our homes, we welcome into our hearts that same Savior.

Blessing of a Nativity Scene:

God of every nation and people from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

History of a Christmas Tree:

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

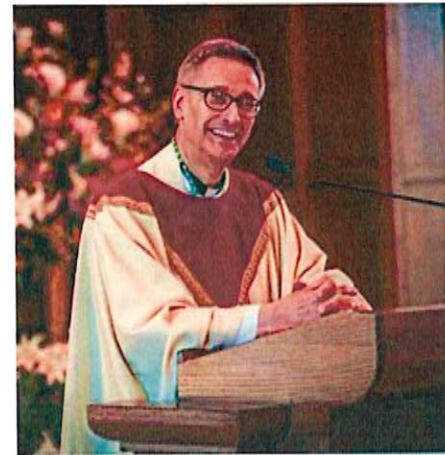
Blessing of a Christmas Tree:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



From all the friars and staff here at St. John's we want to wish you and your family a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS or FELIZ NAVIDAD!**

A Christmas Message from Bishop Mark



Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art—Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Those words were written in 1744 by the prolific hymn-writer Charles Wesley. They are often sung during the season of Advent; a season of longing and expectation which prepares our mind, heart, and soul to celebrate the birth of the Savior. By the time Christmas day arrives, young children are painfully aware of their longing for all the good things that come with this great feast of the Nativity. They can hardly wait for the gifts to be discovered under the tree on Christmas morning! They wonder if they will receive that special gift that they asked for this year. And they repeatedly express that they can't wait! John Wesley reminds us that the strength, the consolation, and the hope of God's people and even the whole world, are found in the coming of Christ. In the world today, people long for strength as they confront things like war, crime, and poverty. They long for consolation, solace, and the comfort that is nothing more and nothing less than a heartfelt expression of compassion in the face of such tragedies as sickness, violence, oppression, and war. How is it that our celebration of Christ's birth, Christmas, can move our hearts beyond all those tragedies that never seem to go away? It begins with the realization that the Lord Jesus was born into the world like us in all ways but sin, so that we might find a share in eternal life. The birth of Christ reminds us that God has not forgotten us. The Lord Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, calls us to share in the eternal life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is our consolation as we acknowledge our fears and the power that sin seems to have over us and our world. In the end, the answer to problems and prayer is to be found in the Lord Jesus whose birth we celebrate. The Lord Jesus is kind and merciful. He is the Incarnate Word of God. He is the way, the truth, and the life. The birth of the Savior happened in a time and place that appeared to be too full to allow Christ to be born. But Mary and Joseph and the Lord Jesus were not entirely alone. The animals in that stable represent God's creatures, and the shepherds who adored, and the wise men who came bearing gifts represent the best of what can happen when hearts are open to God's merciful love. That's the message we need to share with our children, our families, the poor, the lonely, the refugees from war, and especially those who resort to violence without considering the possibility of seeking peace and reconciliation. And just in case you think that it's too much for us to accomplish, think about the 2nd verse of Wesley's famous Advent-Christmas hymn. It reminds us how the Lord Jesus did the hard work and we are the beneficiaries of his grace and love: *Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Prayers and best wishes to all at Christmas and in the New Year! Please pray for peace!

Bishop Mark

The following have donated Christmas Flowers

In Memory Of:

Robert P. Murphy
 Carl & Helen Murphy
 Ray & Pauline Adams
 Ed & Teresa Carthew
 Robert & Robin Pope
 Deceased Loved Ones
 Tauris Davis
 Norbert & Martha Fochtman
 Deceased Family Members
 Raymond, Irene & Betty McGreevey
 Karen Will
 Deceased Family Members
 Our Parents
 Deceased Family Members
 Manfred & Vera Glessner
 Chester Hillegass
 Deceased Family and Friends
 Carl, Pauline, Jerlyn, Richard & Mary Gardill
 Jim Lauer
 Bob Murphy
 Cathy Smith
 Chet Hillegass
 Mae Leister
 Karen Will
 Cathy Smith
 Bernard Smith
 Olive Smith
 Fred Will
 Joshua Thorpe
 Oscar & Catherine Nicholson
 Cyril & Josephine Suhrie
 David Suhrie
 Fred Hillegass
 Anna Hillegass Burkett
 Paul Burkett
 Robert Stoe
 Janis Cooper
 Cindy Robinette
 Jim & Gladys Hoffman
 Mark and Vera Restly
 Louise & Tom Conner
 Jim Davis
 Charles Hankinson
 Barbara Kane
 Sonnie & Lew Little
 Joe and Rosina Cristaldi
 Joe & Helen Clifton

By:

Bonnie, Eric, Mandy, Riley, Regan, Matthew, Jennifer, Peyton & Lydia
 Bonnie & Families
 Bonnie & Families

 Bill & Valerie Carthew
 Audrey Benning

 Velma Davis
 Richard & Cheryle Engbert
 The McGreevey Family

 Greg Will and Family

 Norma Jean & Don Lynch

 Don & Carol Hillegass
 Richard & Joanne Seese
 The Gardill Family

 Eric, Mandy, Riley & Regan Lauer
 Kristina, Mark, Marshal and Maria

 Jeff & Brenda Hillegass

 Pauline Will

 Leo & Linda Suhrie

 Pat & Patty Stoe

 Richard & Alzine Hoffman

In Memory Of:

Margaret, Judy and Alfred Fochtman
 Lorraine & Watson Gregg
 Harold and Phyllis Will
 Mary Gardill
 Lawrence & Elizabeth Fochtman and Family
 Myra Albright
 Grave Sivits
 Frank & Bernedette Fochtman and Family
 Deceased Lewis Family
 Deceased Fochtman Family
 Deceased Shippy Family
 Dick, Joe and Pat Boland
 Charles & Katy Hankinson
 Joe & Marion Gardner
 Claudine Plush
 Bob Beals
 The Irene Hankinson Family
 Michael & Mary Imgrund
 In Memory
 Charles & Linda Boyer
 Deceased Family Members
 Lewis & Sandra Little
 In Memory
 In Memory
 Kenneth Wambaugh
 Deceased Family and Friends
 Ken Wambaugh
 Tom & Ann Wambaugh
 Edward & Margaret Wambaugh
 Harvey & Irene Ranker
 Jim Wambaugh
 Loretta Domen
 Rita Miller
 Beth Engle
 Helen Sadowski
 Bob & Shirley Gaffron
 Kenneth Wambaugh
 Deceased Wambaugh Family
 Deceased Ranker Family
 Christian Mothers
 Deceased Family Members
 Deceased Family Members
 Claudine Plush
 In Memory
 In Memory
 Deceased Family Members
 Chet Hillegass

By:

Richard & Alzine Hoffman

 Paul Fochtman

 Roger & Rita Lewis
 Mary Boland

 Patricia Gardner
 Mary Grace Imgrund
 Mr. & Mrs. Johnathan Holler
 Family
 Wayne & Theresa Fochtman
 Mike, Tracy and Family
 Scott & Kelly Winegardner and Family
 Harry Fochtman

 Anna Lee Wambaugh

 Dayna Wambaugh

 Kim, Anna Lee and Dayna Wambaugh
 Bruce & Linda Leonard
 Sam & Linda Fochtman
 The Plush Family
 Richard & Arlene Fuller
 Jarrod & Lisa Easter and Family
 Ann Huston
 Ida Mae Hillegass



The following have donated Christmas Flowers

In Memory Of:

Gladys Hankinson
Deceased Family Members
Anna, Andrew & John Meslovich
Leonard & Susanna Miller
Polly & Roy Taliaferro
Edward Wolfhope
Keith Wolfhope
Stanford & Betty Shippey
Demetrius & Eleanor Wolfhope
Nancy, Clyde and David Shippey
Wilma Emerick
Barry Shippey
Brian Nyahay
Bill & Barb Emerick
Charlie & Mary Logue
Tom & Dorothy Emerick
Anna & Fred Hillegass
Paul Burkett
In Memory
Werner Families
Zwick Families
In Memory
In Memory
Deceased Family and Friends
Robert Rieker
Deceased Members Of The Fochtman Family
Deceased Members Of The Dull Family
Deceased Family and Friends
Deceased Family and Friends
Living & Deceased Members of the Cler
Cathy Smith
Deceased Family and Friends

By:

Ida Mae Hillegass

Tony & Margee Taliaferro
Peggy (Wife), Tawnya, Troy, Wyatt & Landon
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Children and Grandchildren

Brothers, Sisters and Your Family

Aunts, Uncles and Your Family

Andy, Brook, Hunter
Alfred and Barb Sarver
David & Donamae Zwick
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Elaine Stewart
Henry Hillegass
Jeff & Kay Hickey
Lauretta Rieker
Lynn and Susan Fochtman and Family
Scott & Lisa Bischof
Doris Fochtman
David Wolfhope
Joe Smith and Family
Ken & Andrea Wakefoose

In Honor Of:

Eric, Mandy, Riley, Regan Lauer
Matthew, Jennifer, Peyton, Lydia Murphy
Barb Lauer
Bonnie Murphy
Andy, Brook, Hunter
Travis, Jen, Ryan and Mer
Missy & Mike
Fr. Mark
Fr. Roman
Fr. Stephen Shin
Br. Stephen
Pat & Patty Stoe

By:

Mom & Grammy
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Eric, Mandy, Riley & Regan Lauer

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Dayna Wambaugh
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