

Mass Intentions

Thursday 7:00pm Alice Kennedy; Gloria Noseworthy; Roslyn Keels
 Dec. 29th Caron; Kathleen Reid; Thomas J. Brazil; Errol Keels

Friday 9:30am Phonse Littlejohn; Helen Dwyer; Frank Pendergast;
 Dec. 30th Marjorie Sweeney; Mary Renough; William Moore;
 Marie Rees; John A. Whalen

Saturday 3:00pm Wedding of Greg O'Brien and Heidi Wiseman
 Dec. 31st 5:00pm Bobby Power & Emma Noseworthy; James & Anne
 New Year's Eve Leonard & Margaret Metcalfe; Kareem Farhat & James
 Metcalfe; Dec. of Hammond, Stone & Eveleigh
 families; Stephen Hawco; Aiden & Madonna Power;
 Fred Watson; Doris & Ambrose McCarthy

Sunday 10:30am For All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
 Jan. 1st
 New Year's Day

Collections

Offertory - 158 envelopes.....\$1861.25
 Toonie Collection.....\$9.50
 Children's Advent - 2 Folders.....\$10.25
 Advent - 13 Folders.....\$250.00
 Heating - 1 envelope.....\$20.00
 Initial Offering - 1 envelope.....\$5.00
 Christmas - 3 envelopes.....\$50.00
 Dues - 4 envelopes.....\$105.00
 Donation in Loving Memory of Arthur Cummings.....\$50.00
 Donation in Loving Memory of James Keels.....\$20.00
 Donation in Loving Memory of Mary, Sam & Mark Nolan.....\$25.00
 Donation in Loving Memory of Lloyd & Johnny Pitts.....\$50.00
 Donations for Christmas Flowers in Memory of Loved Ones.....\$255.00
 Donation in Loving Memory of Michael & Margaret McLean.....\$50.00

Thank you for your financial support

Thank you

A sincere thanks to all who donated to our Jesse Tree food collection during the Advent season. Your donation will make a difference for families of our island this Christmas and is kindly appreciated by all who are in need.

Liturgical Ministers

Sat. Dec. 31st 5:00pm Readers: Ros Hurley & John Kent
 New Year's Eve Eucharistic Ministers: Jasmine Brazil; Lydia Brazil;
 Fred Carroll; Pat Craig
 Presentation of Gifts: Irene & Kevin Delahunty
 Ushers: Peter Power; Bill Hammond;
 George Jackman; Joey Kent;
 Christopher Delaney

Sun. Jan. 1st 10:30am Readers: Geraldine Fitzgerald &
 Christine Quinlan
 New Year's Day Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Eileen Osborne; Connie Cole;
 Rosanne Grant; Shirley Murphy
 Presentation of Gifts: Clara Hammond & Riv Fitzgerald
 Children's Liturgy: Teresita McCarthy
 Ushers: Sid Maddigan; Ray Whalen; Alex
 Newell; Art Whelan; Michael King

Flower In Memory

Sincere thanks to all who donated towards the purchase of Flowers in memory of your loved ones for the decorating of our church for Christmas. A list of the donations and the names of the deceased are recorded at the main entrance of the church. Thank you for your kind donations.

Welcome Home

As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas Season, we extend a warm welcome home to family and friends who have returned for the holiday. Please make a special effort to attend mass and ensure the true meaning of Christmas is acknowledged and celebrated in all our families.

Church Envelopes 2006

If you have not received church envelopes for 2006, you are most welcome to call the office and request them . We thank you for your continued support and I trust all members of our parish family will support the maintenance and care of our parish .

A Grace for Christmas

Lord help is to be thankful
For Food: in a world where many walk in hunger; For Faith: in a world where many walk in fear; For Friends: in a world where many walk alone. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Nativity of the Lord

Focus: Jesus came that we might live forever. “Do not be afraid”- this was the greeting of the angel to the shepherds. These simple shepherds were the first to hear the good news that would change the world forever, a *Savior has been born for you*. Jesus was born into the world, but he lives forever. He teaches us that we, too, are called to be with him in eternity. We need not be afraid, God is with us.

Our readings center on the coming of the Son of God. Isaiah names him, Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero. Paul writes that Jesus, the grace of God, has come to the world for our deliverance from evil. Luke tells of the Child, born of Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. The angels of heaven sing praise to God.

“A Story of Reflection”

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, “How much do I owe you?” “You don’t owe me anything,” she replied. “Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness.” He said: “Then I thank you from my heart.” As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He has been ready to give up and quit.

Year’s later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor’s gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass on the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words: “Paid in full with one glass of milk.”

Dr. Howard Kelly

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CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 25TH, 2005



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Once again we celebrate the festive season of Christmas. For the past weeks, we all have taken time to extend greetings of the season and purchase special gifts for those we love especially our children and members of our family. Tonight (today) we gather in our House of Prayer to worship and praise the new born child: Jesus Christ. As we kneel in homage before the crib, we follow the example and long tradition of our ancestors who truly gave all honor and praise to Christ The Lord.

This is the season to celebrate the love of family and a time to reflect on our call to be more like Christ. May the birth of Christ bring the great gift of peace into your hearts and find its radiance in the love you extend to family and friends. We all share pain or uncertainty in our lives and within family life but with Christ we can find the courage and faith to see the hope of reconciliation and healing.

On behalf of our Parish Pastoral Council, I extend to you and your family every blessing of this Holy Season. For those who mourn the loss of loved ones, we offer you our prayers and love . I am sure it is a painful time.

May God who sent His only Son into our world bring you the peace and joy of the new born child.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Father Wayne Dohey

