

Mass Intentions

Wednesday Jan. 4 th	7:00pm	James Quinlan & dec. fam.; Maude & Henry McCarthy; Eneas Bickford; Vera & Noel White; Thomas J. Brazil; Kathleen Reid
Thursday Jan. 5 th	7:00pm	Marion Rees; Gloria Noseworthy; Mark Nolan; Rosemarie Murphy; Bernard Brazil; Edward Brown
Friday Jan. 6 th	9:30am	Gary & Patrick Murphy; Catherine, Leo Mansfield Sr. & Jr.; Susan & Thomas Murphy; Michael & Margaret McLean; Errol Keels; Sophia Dyer
Saturday Jan. 7 th	4:00pm 5:00pm	Sacrament of Penance Vince & Patricia McGrath; Thomas & Anastasia Cole; Edward Cole; Mary Laurie Cole; Vince, Mae & Janet Murphy; Peter & Annabelle Conway & dec. fam.; Patrick Hammond
Sunday Jan. 8 th	10:30am	Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

Collection

Offertory - 112 envelopes.....	\$1227.47
Christmas - 118 envelopes.....	\$3234.00
Toonie Collection.....	\$6.38
Annual Dues - 1 envelope.....	\$1500.00
Dues - 53 envelopes.....	\$387.00
Children's Advent - 1 Folders.....	\$30.00
Advent - 25 Folders.....	\$505.00
Donations for Flowers in Memory of Benedict & Marie Farrell, Leo Ezekiel; John & Annie McGrath; Peter Sweeney & John & Mary Miller....	\$200.00

Thank you for your financial support

Liturgical Ministers

Sat. Jan. 7 th	5:00pm	Readers:	Christine Tulk & Rosemary O'Keefe
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Ros Hurley; Betty Quigley; Kevin Quigley; Cecilia Kent
		Presentation of Gifts:	Mabel & Mary Ann Gendreau
		Ushers:	Leo Byrne; Charlie O'Brien; Jason Hickey; George Hickey; George Jackman; Cyril Jackman
Sun. Jan. 8 th	10:30am	Readers:	Des & Teresita McCarthy
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Geraldine Fitzgerald; Sr. Elsie Lahey; Riv Fitzgerald; Sid Maddigan
		Presentation of Gifts:	Valerie Gorman, Brenda & Brendan Fowler
		Children's Liturgy:	Karen Seward
		Ushers:	Rick Whelan; Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Jim Pendergast; Fred Carroll; Michael King

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM FOR JAN. 2ND TO JAN. 6TH
TEAM 5

Thank You

The busy schedule of the Christmas holiday and the celebration of the beginning of a New Year has been a time of wonderful joy for family and friends. I trust it was a time of Peace for all and a great opportunity to renew family ties and friendship. I sincerely thank all who offered kind words to me, shared Christmas cards and gifts. Your kindness to me is truly appreciated and strengthens a wonderful feeling of being part of your family. I wish to thank all who celebrated the many liturgies with us and helped in any way to decorate our church for the Christmas season. Your donation of flowers to our church in loving memory is also a beautiful gift to those who have gone to their eternal home in Heaven. May the New Year be a time of renewed faith and a firm resolve for all of us to be active members of our church family and to serve Christ in the love we share with one another.

Welcome Home

As we continue 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.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The Twelve Days of Christmas is one of the more popular carols that is sung around the world during this Holy season. The following is the meaning of the Carol's symbols:

A Partridge in a Pear tree- The Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. The pear tree signifies the manger and the wood of the cross, while the fruit reminds us of the reason for the Incarnation.

Two Turtles Doves- The two parts of the Sacred Scriptures, Old and New Testament.

Three French Hens- The three theological virtues, given from God and poured into our hearts (Faith, Hope and Charity)

Four Calling Birds- The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Five Golden Rings- The first five books of the Old Testament

Six Geese a-Laying- The six days of creation 1. Creation of Light; 2. Creation of the firmament and division of the waters; 3. Collection of waters and formation of dry land; 4. Creation of the heavenly bodies in the firmament (sun, moon and stars); 5. Creation of sea creatures and winged fowl; 6. Creation of the beasts of dry land and of mankind.

Seven Swans a-Swimming- the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

Eight Maids a-Milking- the eight Beatitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing- the nine choirs of angels - Angels; Archangels; Principalities; Powers; Virtues; Dominations; Thrones; Cherubim; Seraphim

Ten Lords a-Leaping- The Ten Commandments

Eleven Pipers Piping- The eleven faithful apostles- Simon Peter, James the Great; John; Simon; Jude; Andrew; James the Less; Matthew; Phillip, Bartholomew and Thomas

Twelve Drummers Drumming- The twelve articles of the Apostle's Creed

Church Envelopes 2006

Just a reminder for all those who use the Church Envelopes. If you have not already received yours, they can be obtained by calling the parish office and requesting them.

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OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JAN. 1ST, 2006

“The Lord look kindly upon you and give you and give you peace!” This is the blessing that Christians can always hope for, and the beginning of a new year is marked with this promise. After months during which our world has been scarred by natural disasters, war, terrorist attacks, and continuing poverty, we need the hope that things can be different: “May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity.” God does not magically deliver us from the consequences of our folly, of course; but the Scriptures do offer a path to the building of a different sort of society. As you listen to these words of promise and deliverance, we are not bound by our past, but that by God's grace we can begin anew to fashion families, parishes, and ultimately a society in which God's way is “known upon earth; among all nations.”