



# St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2009

### Mass intentions for this week

#### **Monday, December 21 - Late Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) Geneva Stopfel by Paul Robillard  
7:15 Novena Prayers

7:30 Jennie Ward, 1st Anniv., by her family

#### **Tuesday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) Mary Martin by Filomena Murphy  
12:00 Janet Fournier by Alan Bromley

#### **Wednesday, December 23 - Late Advent Weekday**

8:00 AM - Deacon Adam Crowe by Sylvia, Buck, & Joe Tebo  
10:50 (SJ) Phyllis Brosnan by Gladys Gedbaw

#### **Thursday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas**

4:00 PM - Intentions of the Celebrant (*Children's Mass*)  
6:30 PM - Intentions of the Celebrant (*Youth Mass*)  
12:00 Midnight - For the People of the Parish & the Diocese

#### **Friday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord**

9:00 AM - Intentions of the Celebrant

#### **Saturday, December 26 - Stephen, first martyr**

4:00 (Antic.) Nelson Ramie by Louisa, Ross, & Linda

#### **Sunday, December 27 - Holy, Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:00 AM - John Dufore by the Linda Dufore Family  
11:00 AM - For the People of the Parish & the Diocese

- Please note the changes in this week's Mass schedule. -

### Christmas Concert

Please plan to join us for our **Christmas Concert this Sunday, December 20**, at 2:00 PM, here at the Cathedral. Our Music Director, Ernie Hadley, and our choir have been working very hard to prepare a very special concert for your enjoyment.



*Come, relax, and enjoy the beautiful music of the season!*

### Children's Christmas Choir and Pageant

Elementary school children who would like to sing in the **Children's Choir** at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to practice with us after the 11 AM Mass this weekend. There will also be a short practice after the 11 AM Mass this weekend for those who would like to participate in the **Christmas Pageant** at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

### 2010 Calendars

We would like to thank Frary Funeral Home and Fox and Murray Funeral Home for their gifts of calendars. Also, many thanks to Father Terry and St. Mary's parish for the lovely pocket calendars. Please feel free to pick one up, if you have not already done so. They may be found at the entrances of the Church.

### Sanctuary Candles Week of December 20

**Main Cathedral** - In Memory of Mema Petriglia by her family

**Deacon Winter Chapel** - Intentions of Rev. Terry R. LaValley by M/M Gary L. Bouchard and family

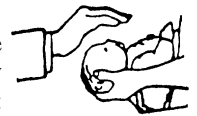
### Welcome home for Christmas!

The largest body of Christian believers in America today is the Roman Catholic Church. Recent research shows that the second largest body, some 18 million, consists of those Catholics who no longer practice their faith. Who will welcome them back and offer a place of belonging? Will you?

Think about family members, friends or neighbors that you can invite to our Christmas liturgy celebration. Extend them a warm welcome to join you and our parish family at Mass.

### A new birth - a new life

We welcome into our Catholic faith the following children who were recently baptized here at the Cathedral. They are: Adreannah Rishe, daughter of Jadie Rishe and Alysha Geddes; Luca Rishe, son of Jadie Rishe and Jennifer Ette; Ireland McNally, daughter of William and Maureen McNally; Peyton Cope, son of Allen Cope and Loreen Rumble; Emmalynn Trivilino, daughter of Joshua and Kristin Trivilino; Claire Collins, daughter of Matthew and Shelby Collins; Stanley LaFave, III, son of Stanley LaFave and Danielle Johnson; Shayne Kennedy, daughter of Joshua Kennedy and Alissa Kennedy; Colton Sommer, son of Gregg and Amy Sommer; Jude Spooner, son of Jonathan and Julie Spooner; Avery Skelly, daughter of Matthew and Amy Skelly; Isabelle Dietschweiler, daughter of Michael and Dawn Dietschweiler; Jayden, Adam, and Ethan Hadley, sons of Ernest and Michelle Hadley, Jr.; Adrianna Lesperance, daughter of Jarrod and Michele Lesperance; Ellie Hitsman, daughter of Jason and Jennifer Hitsman; Lauren Bouchard, daughter of Alan and SueEllen Bouchard; and Aiden LaFlair, son of Martin Barkley and Mary Beth LaFlair. Through water and the Holy Spirit your child became a child of God. May He continue to bless your child with faith, hope, and joy.



## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

The Advent and Christmas seasons provide us with perfect opportunities to consider the meaning of love. Thomas Merton once wrote that on Christmas "eternity enters into time, and time, and time sanctified, is caught up into eternity." Time, ourselves, and all of nature, are now made holy, illuminated by Christ.

Of all days, on Christmas we are not to forget that too many families are homeless; too many children die of starvation and treatable disease; violence wreaks havoc and terror in the lives of the innocent; and too many are not even given the chance to experience life outside the womb. How can we celebrate Christmas in such a world? The answer is that the joyful feast of Christmas exists because of, and in spite of, the pitiful human condition. We rejoice that God has come into our world, in human flesh, and we believe that Christ will come again. Today, we insist that God entered human history, not to condemn it as to enlighten it, to orient it, to save it, by redeeming every single soul.

As we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord on Friday, Sister Mary Teresa, Deacons Spike, David, and John join me in wishing you and your loved ones God's peace and joy this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year! We assure those family members who have loved ones serving bravely in the military of our continued prayers. God's blessings to all this Christmas!



## Gift ideas

As you think about Christmas gifts, may we offer some suggestions? You only need travel as far as the rectory office to purchase any of these special items: Sr. Mary Christine Taylor's book, *Mary's Parish*, on the history of the Cathedral (\$20); our parish cookbook, *Feeding the Flock* (\$5); the print, "**Comes the Dawn**", by Stephen Chambers (\$20); **holiday parish note cards** in boxes of 10 (\$3); and a relaxation/meditation instrumental CD (\$12) or **cassette** (\$8) by Ernie Hadley.

Please take a moment and stop by our **display board**, in the Cathedral vestibule, where you will find an assortment of inspirational CD's, books, and brochures. For only \$3 you can obtain a CD and learn more about our Catholic faith or for 50 cents each you may purchase a brochure. Many new Advent and Christmas titles are now available, including the following CD's: *The True Meaning of Christmas*; *Prepare the Way of the King - Making the Most of Advent*; *Glory to the New Born King - Traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns*; and *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord*. They may be purchased for \$3 each or in a bundle of four for \$10. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts!

## Do you like to decorate?

We will be decorating the Church on **Monday, December 21**, beginning at 1:00 PM. Come and join fellow parishioners as we create in our Church a truly beautiful worship space to give praise and glory to God during this Christmas season.

## Parish Prayer Line

Do you know of someone in need of prayers? Please call Tishe LaRose, team leader of our parish Prayer Line, at 393-6569 or 323-8841. *We are always in need of additional people to help with our Parish Prayer Line. If you are interested in joining our group, please call our team leader, Tishe LaRose.*

## Collection envelopes at Christmas time

The **Christmas Collection** each year is for the Priests' Retirement Fund in the diocese. This is how we support our priests who have done so much for us over the years. Currently, 37 retired priests of the diocese are provided financial support from the Priests' Retirement Fund. Also, 12 priests age 70 and older, who remain active in parish ministry, are now eligible for a partial retirement benefit paid from this fund. In total, pension benefits project to be \$740,500 this fiscal year. Contributions are also used by the diocese to prepare for retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Any offering put in the Christmas envelope goes to this collection. **Donations to the parish for December 13 and 20 and special Christmas gifts to the parish should be put in your regular white Sunday envelope.**

You recently received in the mail an offering envelope for **Christmas flowers**. We ask that you place your envelope, in memory of your loved ones, in the Offertory basket at any time. We thank you for helping us continue the tradition of beautifying our church during this special season of Christmas.

Our special Christmas mailing, that you should have received, included both the offering envelope for Christmas and the envelope for flowers. God Bless you for your generosity.

## 37th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC

Consider joining tens of thousands on **Friday, January 22**, for the March for Life to demonstrate solidarity and create one voice on the Pro-Life Issues. If you are older than 18 and out of school, consider joining college students and young adults from the Diocese of Ogdensburg for a 4 day-3 night pilgrimage. The March will include the Vigil Mass for Life at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, January 21, with Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities as celebrant and homilist. In addition to attending this Mass and the March for Life, other important Shrines and Memorials will be visited, offering many opportunities for prayer, witness, and fun. The pilgrimage will depart from the Diocese of Ogdensburg on Wednesday, January 20, and will conclude on Saturday, January 23. The all-inclusive cost is \$125 per adult. For more information, or to request a registration form, please email Father Timothy Canaan, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry at [frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org](mailto:frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org). Space is limited, please register early. All registrations, along with payment, must be submitted no later than **December 30**.

## Bishop's Fund Appeal

Last year, 224 families contributed to the Bishop's Fund Appeal. So far this year, 268 families have made a gift to this important Appeal - an increase of 44 families! Our parish has reached 86.76% of our goal of \$50,484.88. Our total in gifts received and pledges is \$43,799.28. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making your pledge or one-time gift soon. The Bishop's Fund Appeal provides us the opportunity to share our blessings with others as we continually serve those who most need our help throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. To make a gift, please place your pledge envelope in the collection basket or mail it to: The Bishop's Fund Appeal, P.O. Box 150, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

**Don't forget to pray for your  
Advent Prayer Partner!**

**Remember in Prayer**

**We pray for loved ones who are ill:**

Davalene Layng, Leward Lucia, Ann Losurdo, Joan Cutway, Jean Seeley, Dennis Moore, Wanda Taylor, Randy Livingston, Stanley Seymour, Geraldine Sansoucy, Mike Cagler, Elmer Martel, Tori Elliott, Michele Cline, Marie Craven, and Janet Knill.

**We also request your prayers for:**

Those who care for the sick and all our military men, women, and their families.

**This Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, December 20**

- Religion classes for all grades.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.
- Children's Choir and pageant practice after the 11:00 AM Mass.
- Christmas Concert at the Cathedral at 2:00 PM.

**Monday, December 21**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 9 AM in the rectory.
- No RCIA.

**Tuesday, December 22**

- Confessions: 11 AM-12 noon and 6-7 PM.

**Wednesday, December 23**

- No Legion of Mary meeting.

**Thursday, December 24**

- No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Sunday, December 27**

- No religion classes.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.



**K of C Children's Christmas Party**

The Ogdensburg Knights of Columbus will hold their annual children's Christmas Party this **Sunday, December 20**, from 1:00-3:00 PM at their clubhouse at 721 Hasbrouck Street. There will be soup, hot dogs, hot cocoa, chips, candy, games, and fun. There will a special visit from Santa around 2:30 PM. Please call 393-7990 with the age and number of children who will attend. Come! Enjoy the fun!

Capital Campaign Phase I goal.....	\$1,200,000.00
Capital Campaign Phase II goal.....	\$ 400,000.00
Cash received.....	\$ 823,321.61
Outstanding pledges.....	\$ 584,912.29
Total cash and pledges as of December 15.....	\$1,408,233.90

Number of donors: 386



**God's plan for giving - tithing**

**December 12-13, 2009**

Envelopes.....	\$ 7,549.00
Number of envelope users: 208	
Plate.....	\$ 409.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 8.50
Miscellaneous/Donations.....	\$ 603.00
Total.....	\$ 8,569.50
Envelopes last year.....	\$ 9,116.00

May God bless you for your continued generosity.

**Staff**

**Diocesan Administrator/Rector**

Rev. Terry R. LaValley, J.C.L.

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Deacon Francis F. Bateman  
Deacon David J. Sandburg  
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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

1115 Ford Street 393-6579  
Store Hours: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday  
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Saturday  
Store is closed during July and August

**Weekend Liturgies**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. anticipated  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.  
or by contacting Father Terry

**Nocturnal Adoration**

Thursday before the First Friday of each month in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning with Holy Hour for Vocations at 8:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:00 a.m. on First Friday.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday and Thursdays (except the Thursday before the First Friday of the month) in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning after the noon Mass until 5:00 p.m.

**Daily Liturgies/Holy Days**

As listed in the bulletin.

**Baptism**

First Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. Sponsors are to be at least 16 years of age, have received Holy Communion and Confirmation, and practice their Catholic faith. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted in the company of a Catholic sponsor, serving as a Christian Witness.

**Marriage**

As arranged with the parish staff.

**Project Rachel**

Alternatives to Abortion: 393-2255 or 393-2660

**Elizabeth Ministry**

Contact Sister Mary Teresa LaBrake, G.N.S.H., at 393-3930.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF ANY ICE AND SNOW FALLING FROM THE CHURCH AND RECTORY ROOFS. THANK YOU!**

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