

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Dear Parishioners,

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born to you who is Christ and Lord.” These words which the angel used to herald the coming of the Lord Jesus on that first Christmas echo across the centuries and announce to us once again, on this Christmas, that God has not, and does not, forget His people. He has sent His only Son, born in the flesh, the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

“Do not be afraid” – how central these words are to the proclamation of the Lord’s birth. In a world filled with darkness and sin, the coming of Redemption and Light is startling. This is as true for us today as it was for the shepherds 2000 years ago. In our world today, where there is still sin, hatred and violence, we are called to leave behind the fear and live in the peace and hope that came to the world that first Christmas.

As your pastor, it is my hope and prayer that this Christmas we may move past the secular celebrations and find our joy, hope, and strength in the true message of Christmas – “a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”

On behalf of the staff (including Petey and Mary the Wonderpuppys), the other priests and myself, may God grant each of you a Blessed Christmas. I pray that the love of God will fill all of our hearts and that the true peace of the season will be with each of us. Boun Natale!

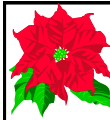
In the Peace of the Babe of Bethlehem,
Fr. Caruso

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

OLP/St. Peter Collection: \$6,787.00

SJ/HT Collection: 2,957.00



The Christmas Flower Booklet will be online starting December 25th on the Parish website and also on Facebook. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please call the Parish Office, 315-422-7163.

To allow our parish staff some time for rest and to be with their families during the Christmas season, the Parish Office will be closed beginning **Thursday, December 22th through Monday, January 3rd.**



2022 HOPE APPEAL UPDATE LAST CHANCE TO GIVE

The Annual HOPE Appeal Campaign for 2022 will be coming to a close as of December 31st. This will be the last time you will be able to donate to the HOPE Appeal. If you have not pledged/donated to the appeal yet, won't you prayerfully consider doing so.

Please remember no amount is too large or too small.

Wouldn't it be great to have 100% participation? Thank you to those who have responded!

This Week We Remember...

Monday: December 26
12:00 pm - NO MASS

Tuesday: December 27
9:00 am
Pasquale & Giovannina Geremia Ann/Gilda
Antoinetta Pascarella/Tony & Liz Madonna

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Wednesday: December 28
9:00 am
Mary Brice/The Loguidice Family

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Thursday: December 29
9:00 am
Dr. George C. Heitzman/wife Gina & Family

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Friday: December 30
9:00 am
Antoinetta Pascarella, 1 yr Ann./Pixie
Pasquale Sisera/wife, Gilda
John Cannata/Angelo & Rosita
Rose Andaloro/Angelo & Rosita

12:00 pm
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: December 31
4:00 pm
Anthony Nuzzo 2yr Ann/wife, children & grandchildren
Charles (B) & Sarah DeGilormo/Joanne Licitra
Benny & Terry Cimino/son, Joseph

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sunday: January 1
7:30 am

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity
For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/
Holy Trinity



11:30 am
Doris Pirro/Marianne Rose Foster
Frank & Nancy Fugale/children
Vito Toia/ wife, Betty & Family
Joanna Federico Cox/ Jim & Angela Albanese

5:00 pm
NO EVENING MASS

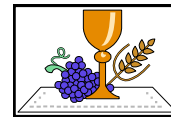


*Eucharistic Angels In Loving Memory of
Richard Tortora, Sr
Requested By
Rita, Doug & Jeffrey Fox*



BEREAVEMENT

Please remember in your prayers, Henry Pagano, who passed away this week. Our deepest sympathy to his family. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

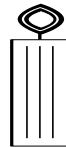


Bread and Wine
For Masses Celebrated During The Week

Nicholas & Antoniette Silvaggio

Requested By
Tony, Nick & Joe

Padre Pio



Devotional Candle Burning
For the Special Intentions of
Liz & Tony

*grateful
thankful
blessed*

Vienna Boys Choir... our gratitude is overflowing

Many thanks to Father Dan that expressed the sentiments of so many in his article last week regarding our Vienna Boys Choir concert 2 weeks ago. It was an absolutely beautiful evening. God blessed us with wonderful people in attendance, generous sponsorships, patrons, and supporters, a remarkable committee, a beautiful evening of beautiful boys with angelic singing voices and above all the combination of all resulting in a spirit of Christmas that we as Catholics speak of but don't always realize. It was in the air, in our beautiful church, the voices and faces of the choir, the warmth of our attendees and I believe in everyone's heart. God willing that very spirit will carry throughout the season and joys of Christ's birth to blessings for the New Year. When I woke that morning I said a prayer asking that the concert would bring the true meaning of Christmas to all attending. My prayers were truly answered. I say over and over that I am merely a spoke in the wheel. I want to express my gratitude and love to all the spokes that made the wheel go around. Our wonderful committee...

Father Dan, Lauri Gildemeyer, Jim Stanley, Mar-yann DeAngelis Iannetone, Carol Marshall, Michelle Kloc, Colleen Rosenthal, Marie Felice RIP, Angela Townley, Joe Losurdo, Steven Murray-Caruso, Al and Janet Petragnani, Jimmy and Angela Albanese, Joey Nigro, Betty Jane Toia, Maurice Etheredge, Tino Porrino, Jimmy Magnarelli, Sandy Laurenti, Connie Smithers RIP, Cindy Muscemeci, Patty Marco, Mary (Pixie) Scarfino, D.J. Scarfino, Lenny Di Bello, Guy Blassi, Gerry Neri, Steve Shoen, and Louanne Colaneri. And to our remarkable bakers.. (I get calls every day asking "where they can buy those delicious cookies". We are so proud to say that our dear parishioners made every one of them with generosity and love...The Caruso Family, Betty Jane Toia, Mary Linda Raccuia, Edda Iacampo, Rita Nicoletti, Marqurite Fiorello, continued.

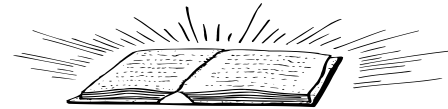
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Janet Petragnani, Angela Townley, Maria Scarfino, Mary Muraca, Liz Morgan, Pat Turkett, Noreen Zakreski, Ronnie Shea, and Joey Nigro. Special thanks to all our security detail.. Jay Arena for building the altar risers and everyone that contributed in any way large or small. And special thank you to the Muraca's and O'Brien's for their culinary contributions.

Thank you personally to all that believed in us and that hung in through the covid wait, the support was immeasurable. And thank you too for the compliments and reassurances that expressed an answer to our prayers.. that it was truly a heaven sent evening and the perfect Christmas Blessing



My heart is full..Lucy



Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter 2023 MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2023 Mass Book is open for your Mass Intentions. Please be advised there is no specific intentions at holiday Masses (For All Parishioners).

For your convenience here is the list of donations:

There is a \$10 donation for Masses;
\$25 for Bread and Wine,
\$10 each for Sanctuary Lamps (there are 2),
\$10 each for Eucharistic Angels (there are 2), and
\$10 for the Padre Pio candle these intentions will be for the whole week.

Your requests may be made during our office hours M-F from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

THANK YOU ...to the Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral home for the yearly calendar's that they have again supplied to us this year.



HOLY NAME 50/50 RAFFLE

A friendly reminder to purchase your Holy Name 50/50 raffle ticket. We are asking all parishioners for their support to help make this fundraiser a great success. Tickets are available for you to purchase and as a reminder there are 300 tickets at \$50.00 each.

The drawing will be on **May 10, 2023**. Please call Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis.

We thank you for your support.



Taste of Pompei 2023

Hello Friends,
It's that time of year again!!!

The Taste of Pompei is coming up on January 28th at 5:00pm in the school

cafeteria. In the past you have been generous enough to lend your amazing culinary talents to the event which in turn has made the events both delicious and wildly successful! We are hoping that we can count on your amazing dishes to help make this year's event a success. If you could let us know whether you would be willing/able to lend your culinary skills and the dish you would like to prepare - we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions, give either of us a call at 315.427.6474 or croenthal@syrdiocese.org (Colleen) or 315.345.0562 or lucycp2004@yahoo.com (Lucy), we thank you in advance for your generosity and talent!


Thank you!! Lucy Paris & Colleen Rosenthal

**WISHING YOU A VERY,
MERRY CHRISTMAS**



OUR ANGELS ON EARTH... YOU...OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS

How do we ever thank you, **our wonderful parishioners**, for making Christmas and Santa happen for our school children? Your generosity provided 2 gifts each for under the tree, a family game and the incredible knitted mittens that Parishioner Frances Ward so kindly made them. What better way to celebrate Christmas than in the spirit of giving and sharing? We are so blessed to have so many true angels in our parish family that exemplify exactly that.

Thank you from the bottom of all our hearts for your goodness, Godliness and example of the true meaning of Christmas and Christ's birth. 

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parishes and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Robert Capria, Angelo Cannata, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Joe Falge, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Peggy Miccinelli, Diane Moro, The Pavia Children, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.