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✠ Fourth Sunday of Advent ✠

December 22, 2024

With only a few days until the Feast of Christmas, we are invited to fix our gaze on the ineffable mystery that Mary treasured for nine months in her virginal womb: the mystery of God who is made man. This is the first foundation of the redemption. The second is the death and Resurrection of Jesus and these two inseparable aspects express a single divine plan: to save humanity and its history, assuming them fully by taking on the entire burden of all the evil that oppresses it.

Beyond its historical dimension, this mystery of salvation also has a cosmic dimension: Christ is the sun of grace who, with his life, “transfigures and enflames the expectant universe” (see Liturgy). The Christmas festivity is placed within and linked to the winter solstice when, in the northern hemisphere, the days begin once again to lengthen.

Let us now turn our gaze again to Mary and Joseph who were awaiting the birth of Jesus and learn from them the secret of reflection in order to taste the joy of Christmas. Let us prepare ourselves to welcome with faith the Redeemer who comes to be with us, the Word of God's love for humanity of every epoch. ~ *Pope Benedict, December 21, 2008.*

TODAY ADVENT CONFESSIONS: with visiting priest-confessors.

St. Lawrence O'Toole – Sunday, December 22; 1:00 p.m.

An Examination of Conscience to help in preparation is available on the entrance tables.

2025 ANNO DOMINI (in the year of the Lord) - A JUBILEE YEAR: Pope Francis has designated the 2025 ordinary jubilee year with the title **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**. It is 2025 years since the Incarnation and 1700 years since the First Council of Nicaea. It's a period of spiritual renewal, forgiveness and celebration that lasts from Christmas Eve 2024 until Epiphany in January 2026. The Church — the Body of Christ and People of God — does not give in to despair but truly continues to trust in God and all of his many promises of mercy, love and salvation.

+ The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas +

Tuesday, December 24 4:00 p.m. For Our Faithful Departed and Intentions
Wednesday, December 25 10:30 a.m. For Our Faithful Departed and Intentions

*The Masses of Christmas are offered for your in-memoriam flower donations
and for the general intentions of all parishioners.*



+ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph +

December 29, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. For Our Faithful Departed and Intentions
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	December 28	December 29
Readings	<i>Sean Conway</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Communion	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. John of Kanty, priest
Wednesday - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Thursday - St. Stephen, the first martyr
Friday - St. John, apostle, evangelist
Saturday - The Holy Innocents, martyrs

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Closed between Christmas and New Year's.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,494.00 (Envelopes: \$2,492.00; Loose: \$72.00; Visitors: \$70.00; E-transfers: \$455.00; Christmas Flowers: \$115.00; Christmas: \$50.00; Building Renewal: \$240.00)

Reminder: Don't forget to make your donations before December 31st! Your generosity can make a significant impact, and donating within the fiscal year ensures your contribution is counted for this year's taxes. Thank you for your support and kindness!

THANK YOU: A heartfelt thanks to all who came to our annual dinner, both CWL members and families from our parish. Advent Vespers was prayerful; the food was delicious, and the hall was full of laughter and good cheer. Thanks to those who organized, decorated and the many tasks that made it a delightful event. ~ *Lorraine Flynn, CWL Madame President*

BIBLE STUDY: We will begin a study of **The Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin)** on Wednesdays, starting January 22nd from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. A typical evening begins with opening prayer, a hymn, and a conversation about the current chapter we're reading with regular attention to the Old Testament and Catechism. We close each week with intercessory prayer. These evenings are led by John Morris. Books for this study have been ordered and are \$30 each. Please contact the office to reserve yours, 613-756-2037. ~ *Fr. John*

KOLEĐY CONCERT: The Wilno Heritage Society Community Choir Presents *Koledy*, a collection of traditional Polish Christmas Carols at St. Mary's Church, Wilno on Friday, December 27th at 7:00 p.m. Accompanist: Joseph Platt; Director: Peter Glofcheskie; in collaboration with the Polish Heritage Institute Kaszuby.

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the Source, the Ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

The Decorations for Christmas are for the Glory of God and in Memory of Our Loved Ones

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and for the general intentions of all parishioners.*

+ All our Family Members and Friends *by David & Julia Cannon* + Our Parents, Melvin, Sr. Gabrielle, Sylvester & Elizabeth *by Eric & Susan Coulas* + *In Loving Memory of Karl & Robbie Coulas, August & Coulas Families & Margaret Cowan* + *In Loving Memory of Joseph, Beatrice & Mildred Brotton by Susan Brotton & Family* + *In Memory of Margaret & Elmer Dombroskie by Lori-Kay Dombroskie* + *In Memory of Family Members of Alfred & Evelyn Villeneuve* + *In Memory of Claire Brovillette by Dave & Christine Trudel & Family* + *Thanksgiving for our Lord God by John & Rita Hudder* + *Aloysius Smaglinski & Deceased Family Members by Maxine Smaglinski* + *Cathy Serran by Larry Serran* + *Family, Relatives, Friends, Brother Priests & Faithful Departed Parishioners by Father John N. Burchat* + *In Memory of Deceased Family Members by Neil & Connie O'Reilly* + *In Memory of Gerard O'Malley by Daniel & Patricia O'Malley* + *For the Souls of John MacLeod & Patrick & Ruth Cowan by Terri MacLeod* + *In Memory of Scott Jeffrey by John & Ursula Jeffrey* + *Deceased Relatives by Andrew & Colleen Dombroskie* + *Sidney Pecarski by Darlene Bresnahan* + *In Memory of August, Theresa & Wayne Hudder by Charlie & Debbie Rodway* + *Frank & Annie Serran & Ray & Anna Mullin by Bob & Margaret Serran* + *In Memory of Alfred & Evelyn Villeneuve & Deceased Family Members by Claire Sullivan* + *In Memory of Our Deceased Family Members by Tom & Dianne Ryan* + *Stanley, Agnes & Cindy Chippior by Larry & Sharon Chippior* + *Jerry & Bill Green by Diane Green*

For the Intentions of: *Loretta Murray; Dorothy Prince, Tony & Debbie Burant, John & Joanne Olsen, Wieslawa (Vicky) Skoczylas, Anne Bonnah, Alphonse Brotton, Barbara Conway, Viola Cybulski, Glen Dombroskie, Basil Herron, John & Beth Hildebrandt, Roy & Enise Hunter, Pat Kuiack, Terry & Patsy Prince, Terry & Helen Recoskie, Deborah Rodway, Robert & Margaret Serran, Edward & Bev Stoppa, Bruce & Karen Sullivan, Jonathon & Annabel Marsh, Jerome & Shirlee Etmanskie, Barry & Susan Dombroskie, Timothy & Sandra Etmanskie, Jamie & Tammy Prince*

O Christmas Tree, Fair Christmas Tree
Your leaves are so unchanging
So green as in the summer last
Defying death in winter's blast
O Christmas Tree, Fair Christmas Tree
Your leaves are so unchanging.