



MON 12/26	8:00 am	† William Sundermann & Sons Wife & Mother
TUES 12/27	8:00 am	† Al Scheideler Family
WED 12/28	8:00 am	† Davis & Milon Families Family
THUR 12/29	8:00 am	† Rose & Victor Leone & Adele King Ann Leone
FRI 12/30	8:00 am	† Joseph & Frances Stuart & Mary Mancuso Francesca & Anthony Mancuso
SAT 12/31	4:30 pm	† Sgt. William Deighan (MIA) Family
SUN 1/1	8:00 am	Parishioners
	9:30 am	† Jack Colligan John Sundermann
	11:00 am	† Gina Aumente Family

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:
 1st Collection December 17 & 18, 2016 = \$5,796.77
 2nd Collection December 17 & 18, 2016 = \$1,716.33
 Christmas Flowers = \$1,985.00



Linda Leggatt, Lael McGrath, Susan Weidl, Ray Sites, Debbie Dolci, Lillian Faust, Joshua Thomas, Irene Andrews, &
 Dolores Miller

MONTHLY:
 Rosary Altar Society (Hall) – 1st Sunday @ noon
 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Kolbe Room) - 3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm
 K of C (Hall) - 1st Tuesday @ 7pm

WEEKLY:
 Adult Choir (Church) – Saturday @ 3:00pm
 Children’s Choir (Church) - Sunday following the 9:30am Mass
 Legion of Mary (Kolbe Room) – Tuesdays @10:30am

Sponsor of the Week
Chap
HVAC * Building
Plumbing * Electric
Thank you for placing an ad!

Family members of those for whom a Mass is offered are welcome to bring the offertory gifts to the celebrant. Please sit in the front left pew on the E St side of the church.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the
GLORY AND HONOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD
in memory of
Joe Koury
Requested by
Maryann & Carl Palmisano

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH. FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**Minister Schedule
December 31 & January 1, 2017**

4:30pm 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

C Tweed	S Degeorgis	N Weiss	T Reynolds
M Meneghin	R Carroll	J DelGuercio	M Dzibela
M McKee	B McCarthy	J Stokes	K&S Wood
J Reitwiesner	J Moyse	A Vahey	
J Berish	J Kleva	M George	

LECTORS

M Berish	M Carroll	K Howe	M Kulzy
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ALTAR SERVERS

A&F Tortoriello	K Knoetig	S Maulshagen	B D'Aloisio
	M Salt	M Hartzfeld	J Roselli

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the nativity of Our Lord we have much to be thankful for! Because of the Lord's birth, our sins can be forgiven and we can inherit eternal life! It doesn't get any better than that! We are indeed blessed!



On behalf of all the friars of St. Catharine's, this Christmas: may you and your loved ones know peace and live it, understand love and give it, and have happiness and share it.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. John



Religious Education

December 28 - No classes
January 4 - Classes in session including Confirmation Class
January 11 - Classes in session
January 18 - Classes in session including Confirmation Class

ELECTRAFLAMES



Our electraflame candles are located on either side of the altar. A gold band is placed on the red glass of the candle with an inscription of your loved one's name and who it was donated by. The band is placed for 1 year. The cost is \$65. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in obtaining a candle @732-793-0041.

DON'T MISS



A great trip to Resorts Casino sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society on Tuesday, January, 10, 2017
 Cost is \$26 and rebate is \$25. For reservations call Mary @ 732-929-2690.

Help Wanted

Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday contemporary choir is looking for new members! If you can sing, or play a musical instrument, you'd be most welcome! Please speak with either Mike or Lori Vance either before or after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



To the Parishioners and Friends
of St. Catharine's,
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

What an incredible bounty of gifts and gift cards we received from our giving tree. Your generous spirit will make Christmas merry for so many of our children! Thank you so much for the love, time, and energy you put into selecting presents from the angel tags or the many gift cards to grocery and favorite stores. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make Christmas morning a magical experience for so many families!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



And when we give each other Christmas Gifts in His name, let us remember that he has given us the sun and the moon and its forests and mountains and oceans - and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit - and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused - and to save us from our own foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.

JESUS
is the REASON for the SEASON

One Solitary Life



He was born in an obscure village, the son of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he became a wandering preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He never visited a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of those things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure for much of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as powerfully as this

One Solitary Life.

**FOOD DRIVE
FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



Next Sunday is our monthly food drive. Please place items inside entrance of E Street or Central Ave. Thanks to all of you who were so generous last month! The food pantry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help is in desperate need of: PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PASTA, SMALL PACKS OF POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, MACARONI & CHEESE & CEREAL.