

*Mass for the  
Intentions for the  
Week*

**SUNDAY DEC 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SATURDAY DEC 23 Saturday Vigil**

4:30 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
CRANDLEY FAMILY  
By Dolores & Family

**SUNDAY DEC 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

8:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHONERS  
10:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHONERS



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

The Little Red Robin  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
3:45-4:15 pm  
Followed by 4:30 pm Mass

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Christmas Eve  
Sunday, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
4:30 pm  
10:00 pm  
Christmas Day  
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 am  
10:30am

**TUESDAY DEC 26 St Stephen, First Martyr**

8:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHONERS

**WEDNESDAY DEC 27 St John, Apostle & Evangelist**

8:00 AM FOR OUR MILITARY

**THURSDAY DEC 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:00 AM FOR ALL ON PRAYER LIST

**SUNDAY DEC 31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY, AND JOSEPH**

**SATURDAY DEC 30 Saturday Vigil**

4:30 PM CHESTER, ANN MARIE &  
CHESTER JR. BARNICK  
By Alfred & Mary Anne Benjamin &  
Family

**SUNDAY DEC 31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY & JOSEPH**

8:30 AM RICHARD MURPHY  
By The Murphy Family  
10:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHONERS

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2017**

**“Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High.”**

The great moment in the history of salvation, began with the visit of the angel Gabriel and the invitation to be the mother of Jesus. It is not surprising that Mary hesitated, questioned and then consented. Wouldn't you? Her response 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say' redirected the course of human history. The celebration of the Bethlehem event tonight, allows us not just to recall what happened, but to imitate Mary and permit the Lord to touch our lives in a truly special way. Our traditions and customs are rich as we relive Jesus' entering our lives again. The Simbang Gabi celebration of Filipino Catholics or Las Posadas of Latin Catholics lead us to the stable cave to meet and adore the Lord of history, the Lord of today. We have been praying 'Come Lord Jesus' for the four weeks of advent. Today, we welcome Him with joy.

As we celebrate this special night, may we be ready to open our door not just to Joseph and Mary, but Christ who comes to us.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**QUESTION:** What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

**ANSWER:** HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for nothing is impossible with God.

**CHRISTMAS TIME**

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

**Your Sacrificial Offering**

**COLLECTION WEEK DEC 17, 2017**

ACTUAL COLLECTION \$3,492.00  
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: \$1,082.00

ANNUAL COLLECTION: \$27,640.00

**GIFT CARDS**

**COLLECTION WEEK DEC 17, 2017**

STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS THIS WEEK: \$300.00  
SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS THIS WEEK: \$1,225.00  
PROFIT FOR THE PARISH: \$76.25



*He shall bring peace*

Please remember in your prayers all the members of our parish who are in the hospital, nursing homes, homebound, or in need of the comfort of prayer.

Hold especially in your prayers; Stella McGurk, Elsie Lally, Saran, Michael Petro, Mike Voytek, Tricia Kelley, Gi Dussault, Normand Dussault, Francine Dussault, Yvon L'heureux, Grace Parisi, Carol Onksen, Carl Lima, Lydia Pina, Libania Balla, Brenda, Lori Penha, Zack Fernandes, DeborahWarrek, Rose Marie Piselli, Kathie Cavaliere, Mary Hegedus, Gene Ballarin, Joseph, Dorothy Amore, Laura Luzzi, Ed Raschke, Jake Adinolfi, Virginia Slupski, Ann Hauser, Gabriella Bolster, Mary Vantrece, Elaine Clifford, Linda Ulrich, Catherine Maxwell, Ray Bragano, James Ramos, Dolores Crandley, Rohin Manohar, Albert J. Olenski, Stanley Kavan, Elijah Johnson, Mary Jackson, Felicia Jackson, Elgin Weston, Patti Gabriel, Danielle F., Alison Podpolucha, Lucas McHall, Michelle Lanese Louis Bartha, John Vico, and Jack Fiorillo

If a member of your family wishes to be named here, please call the Parish Office weekdays between 8:30am and 1:30pm. Please remember to call the Parish Office to let us know when to take a name off the Prayer List.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR ALL ON OUR PRAYER LIST. THE SACRED HEART CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR OUR MILITARY.**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sunday**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Monday**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Friday**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday**

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**2018 MASS BOOK**

The 2018 Mass Book is officially open. Please call the Rectory to schedule your masses.

**CALENDARS**

The 2018 calendars are available in the vestibule through the generosity of Cody White.

**Dear Parishioners,  
The joyous feast of Christmas is at hand. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us welcome him into our hearts, families, and our community. May his peace come into our homes and lives. May you have a blessed Christmas with family and friends. Merry Christmas and God Bless you all.**

*Fr. Cyriac*

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31

4:30 pm

Monday, New Year's Day, January 1

8:30 am

10:30 am

**ANNUAL COLLECTION**

The Annual Collection is to provide a needed addition to the weekly offertory, which does not cover ongoing operating expenses. The participation of All parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Fr. Cyriac

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE ELKS LODGE**

The Milford Elks Lodge No. 1589 cordially invites members of our community, who may be in need of a hot meal and companionship, to join us for a complimentary Christmas dinner Monday, December 25, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Lodge on 124 New Haven Avenue. May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace.

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