



**Mass Intentions**

**Dec 20 SATURDAY - Saint Dominic of Silos**

4:00 Deceased Fiorentino/Giagnorio families – by Mark Fiorentino  
 Sam Covelli – by Pat & Renata  
 Marina Bulaclac – by Fitas Hernandez

**Dec 21 SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 Luigi/Anthony Marano-by Angelina DiRienzo  
 Domenic Cameli – by wife Angelina  
 Maria Girolamo – by son Rocco & family  
 Angelo/Mafalda Chiaverini-by P/A DelVecchio  
 Vitale Falivena – by wife Giuseppina & family  
 11:00 Vincent & Marie Morocco – by R. H.  
 Rosalie Morocco-Clark – by R. H.  
 Alfredo/Pilar Aquino-by Ralph,Alita,Eric,Sarah Elefante  
 Dr. Carie LaRosa-by Barb, Angela & B.J.  
 Carmen,Maria,Mario Maida – by Maida family  
 Ron Jamieson – by Maida family

**Dec 22 Monday - N O M A S S**

**Dec 23 Tuesday - Saint John of Kenty**

8:00 Angie Fiocca-Kirk – by family  
 In Honour of Saint Peregrine – by GSG

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>  
 CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00pm For All Parishioners & Benefactors  
 10:00pm For All Parishioners & Benefactors

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>  
 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
 9:00am For All Parishioners & Benefactors  
 11:00am For All Parishioners & Benefactors

**Dec 26 Friday - N O M A S S**

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm Angelina/Pompilio DiEmanuele – by F & M Santesso  
 Carlo/Maria Temporale/family – by Giovanna Parrotta

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> THE HOLY  
 FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

9:00 Rose & Antonio Nero – by Florence & family  
 Iole Biamonte – by parents Joe & Maria Orsini  
 Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria  
 Gino & Maria Visca – by family  
 Marianna,Jerry,Tony Formica – by Giuliana Formica  
 Sacred Heart of Jesus – by Mary Mauriello  
 11:00 Michele Polletta – by Angela & Tony Romano  
 Ben Salvatore – by Barb, Angela, B.J.  
 Feast of the Holy Family – by Domenic/Wilma Calabrese  
 In Honour of Saint Rita – by Emily Leo

**Dec 29 Monday - N O M A S S**

**Dec 30 Tuesday - Saint Egwin**

8:00 For All the Deceased of the Parish  
 For the Needs of All Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY - NEW YEAR'S EVE - DEC. 31<sup>st</sup>**

4:00pm For All Parishioners & Benefactor  
 NEW YEAR'S DAY

**THURSDAY - JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>  
 SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 am For All Parishioners & Benefactors  
 11:00 am For All Parishioners & Benefactors

**Jan 2 Friday - Saint Basil the Great**

9:00 For All the Deceased of the Parish

**Jan 3 SATURDAY - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

4:00 For All the Deceased of the Parish  
 For the Needs of All Parishioners

**Jan 4 SUNDAY – The EPIPHANY of Our Lord**

9:00 Costanza Martuccio – by husband Joe & family

Luigino Maruca – by wife Rosa & family

Vincenzo Elia – by wife Concettina & family

Domenico Cameli – by wife Angelina

11:00 Phil Mazzone - by wife Norma

Giovanni & Elisa Tirabasso–by A & N Mazzei

Maria Ciarlo – by Tony & Angela Romano

Maria Basilone – by husband Frank & family

**WEEKLY QUOTE**

*“...silence the sounds of arms,...overcame division,...tear down walls of division and dispel hatred...”*

*(Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi 2024)*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Love: not just a feeling**



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*When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me."*

*(Luke 7:20-23)*

On the whole, God's love for us is a much safer subject to think about than our love for Him. Nobody can always have devout feelings, and even if we could, feelings are not what God principally cares about. Christian Love, either towards God or towards man, is an affair of the will. If we are trying to do His will we are obeying the commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God." He will give us feelings of love if He pleases. We cannot create them for ourselves, and we must not demand them as a right. But the great thing to remember is that, though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifference; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him.

*Lord Jesus, remind me that you are close to me and listen to my prayers, whether I am aware of it or not.*

## Christmas Blessings

During this Christmas season we recall all those people who are an important part of our lives and our ministry. You are for us a source of faith and hope in a world that desperately needs witness.

As an expression of our ministry and gratitude, you and your loved ones will be prayerfully remembered at all the Masses celebrated at St. Ann Church during the Christmas Season.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fr. Kessete Hammad

## Joy, Joy, For Christ is Born

Yes, JOY! – the word deserves to be uttered twice: JOY! JOY! “For Christ is born!” The angelic announcement brings to fulfillment generations of waiting and hoping and praying and preparing...and even though we know the story, we have been going through those same emotions and activities on the way to celebrating it again.

What Child is this? It is you, Christ the King! Son of David, Emmanuel, Redeemer, Lamb of God, Bread of Life, Good Shepherd, Alpha and Omega, Prince of Peace, Rock of Ages, the Light of the World, the Word made flesh, the Prophet promised, and, of course, the names by which the Christmas angel announced you to the shepherds: “a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord.

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP – CHRISTMAS 2025

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2)

**My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

It seems at this present moment that we are walking in darkness. Our world and country are facing many challenges that seem overwhelming at times. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to see a way forward. That is why we need the light.

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John we read the following: “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world” (John 1:6-9).

John is referring to Jesus, who tells us that he is the Light of the World: “I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness” (John 12:46).

At Christmas we celebrate the fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The light has entered the world so that we would be saved from the darkness of sin and death. Here we see the great generosity of God the Father in giving to us the gift of his only begotten Son.

As we know, shades of darkness remain in our world. As followers of Jesus, we still need to “testify to the light so that all may believe in him”. A powerful way for us to do this is to be generous and follow the example of God the Father who gave us Jesus, the Light of the World.

Across our diocese, I have been inspired by many faith-filled individuals who have given of their time, talents, and financial resources to spread the light of Christ by helping others. Their actions remind me of how blessed I am to be your bishop.

Thank you for your generosity and love. You are indeed helping many who walk in darkness to see a great light. At Christmas and throughout the year this helps to strengthen the weary and inspire hope.

May Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, grant you a joyous Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.

Yours sincerely in Christ - Bishop Gerard Bergie, D.D.

## Buon Natale a tutti

Durante questo tempo di Natale ci ricordiamo di tutti quelli che sono importante nella nostra vita e nel nostro ministero. Voi siete una testimonianza di fede e speranza in un mondo che ne ha bisogno. Come espressione del nostro servizio e gratitudine, voi e i vostri cari sareste nelle nostre preghiere durante tutte le messe celebrate a Sant' Anna nella Vigilia e nel giorno di Natale.

Buon Natale e Felice Capo D'Anno!

Padre Kessete Hammad

## WORLD DAY OF PEACE

JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.” Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

## PARISH GROUPS

The CHILDREN’s LITURGY GROUP will not convene during the Christmas Holidays but will resume on The Epiphany - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The RCIA group will also not convene during the Christmas Holidays but will resume on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2026.

*Merry Christmas to All!*

COFFEE SUNDAY – January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

In Memory of Francesco & Clementina Scialdone  
Offered by Nina & Rosie

## SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

HEALING MINISTRY – Next meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Mount Carmel - 7020 Stanley Avenue, N. Falls

*Please note on your calendar*

THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT  
WILL TAKE PLACE on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026.  
*More information to follow!*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THE HOMEBOUND

Vince Anania, Mary Argenta, Giuseppe Armenti, Leonora Ballena, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli, Domenic & Wilma Calabrese, Iole & Gus Crescenzi, Estelle Critelli, Mario DeBiasi, Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo, Adrianna DiRisio, Frank Dorazio, George Ellis, Carmen Fabiani, Jenny Green, Mark Johnson, Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell, Patricia Millington, Tina Pupo, Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Bettina Paola, Teresa Scozzafava, Gregg Serles, Mary Slovak, Deanna Spaetzel, Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber

*The Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 to Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026.*