



Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY - NEW YEAR'S EVE - DEC. 31st

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

THURSDAY - JANUARY 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY.

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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

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

Jan. 5 Monday - NO MASS

Jan. 6 Tuesday - St. Andre Bessette

8:00 Jan Szpakowski – by wife Irena
Vito & MaryAnn Forte – by Forte family

Jan. 7 Wednesday - Saint Raymond of Penafort

8:00 Nick & Michelina Arcaro – by Olga Fiello

Jan. 8 Thursday - Saint Angela of Foligno

8:00 Guelfo Scialdone – by family
Mario & Maria Sandolo – by children

Jan. 9 Friday - Saint Adrian of Canterbury

9:00 Pietro Talarico – by friends
Secondo/Maria (Battiston) Azzano – by Francesca
John Pizzolato – by Ferruccio Forte
Anna Nhan – by Duy Nguyen

Jan. 10 Saturday - Saint Gregory of Nyssa

4:00 Andrew & Ruth Rondinella – by MaryLou Boychuk
Fred Boychuk – by wife Mary Lou
Deceased Marbella family – by MaryLou Boychuk

Jan. 11 SUNDAY - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 Benedetto DiRienzo – by wife Angelina
Iole Biamonte – by parents Joe & Maria Orsini
Efisia Orsini – by Joe & Maria Orsini
James Lorenzo – by Lorenzo family
Gino Giallonardo – by Giallonardo family
11:00 Pompilio & Angelina DiEmanuele – by son Ezio
Msgr. Vincent Ferrando – by Michael Simmonds
Antoinette Candusso-LoParco – by family
Iole Biamonte – by husband Sam & family
Lena Mazzotti – by Audrey/Mary Giura & fam.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus is born to reveal to us that we are all children of one God – God of peace and love. So, “let us walk forward with purpose: setting intentions that align with our values, strive to be a little better, a little wiser, and a little more compassionate than we were yesterday.” The future is not something we await, but it is something that we have to create.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Gesù è nato per rivelarci che siamo tutti figli di un solo Dio. Dio di pace e di amore. Quindi, “camminiamo avanti con uno scopo: stabiliamo intenzioni che siano in linea con i nostri valori, sforziamoci di essere un po' migliori, un po' più saggi e un po' più compassionevoli di quanto che siamo stati ieri”. Il futuro non è qualcosa che aspettiamo, ma è qualcosa che dobbiamo creare.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

JANUARY 1st

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.

Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany is the story of seekers - who searches, who inquires and asks, is restless, relentless in the quest.

The Magi seek the child king. Herod seeks the answers that will rid him of the threats to his throne and to the delicate power balance he struck with Rome. The chief priests/scribes seek clues hidden in Scripture that point them to the coming of the true Messiah. The people seek to reclaim that which was theirs in long past - the wealth & culture that were the glory of Solomon's Israel.

Matthew's story is not just about seekers long past: it is our story, too. Each one of us is a seeker, scanning the darkness of the void for a glimmer of hope; stretching out weary arms for warmth of love's embrace; straining in the silent stillness for a murmur of faith.

Epiphany - the word means 'manifestation' - God is manifested in Christ in such a way as to leave nothing hidden. What is revealed? God is a seeker! God seeks each of us by name and is, as tireless in relentless pursuit, pleading that we "rise, clasp my hand and come!" (F. Thompson in *Hound of Heaven*) God's promise is made: *I will give what you so desperately seek.*

Epifania del Signore

L' Epifania è Manifestazione del Dio che si è fatto uomo / bambino, per condividere con tutti noi e per noi tutte le miserie e le sofferenze di questa umanità (tranne il peccato). I primi ad accogliere l' annuncio dell' angelo sono gli umili pastori che all' epoca erano considerati proprio all' ultimo gradino della scala sociale.

Poi ecco arrivano anche i Magi dall' oriente. La stella li guida fino al santo luogo della natività dove Maria e Giuseppe stanno accudendo il neonato dal destino glorioso. Una gloria anticipata dai doni simbolici dei tre 'Re': oro, incenso, mirra. La gloria di quel bimbo gli verrà attribuita perché farà la volontà del Padre fino alla morte di Croce che sarà seguita dalla Resurrezione.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

To all those who helped us to prepare for this Christmas and New Year. A Special thanks to staff, volunteers, Organists ... *Tina Biamonte and Christina LeRose*, Choirs, Cantors... all those who so beautifully decorated and helped to decorate the Church...*Donna Caldwell, Edmay St. Angelo, Ferruccio Forte, Mark Forte, and Sam Fiore*, all the liturgical ministers, servers, ushers and all of you who came to join in the liturgical celebrations. Happy New Year and may GOD BLESS YOU and your families throughout 2026.

POPE LEO XIV's – MESSAGE OF PEACE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE (excerpts)

"PEACE BE WITH YOU"

If peace is not cultivated, lived and protected, aggression spreads into domestic and public life. Logic and confrontation dominates global politics, and deepens instability.

Everyone must sincerely cooperate in the effort to banish fear...and banish war from our minds.

The essential service that religions must render to a suffering humanity is to guard against growing temptation to weaponize even thoughts and words. Let's not drag the language of faith into political battles, to bless nationalism and to justify violence in the name of religion.

Let's hope that every community becomes a home of peace and defuses hostility. We need to free ourselves from evil.

Let us cry out "Enough" to evil, and whisper "Forever" to peace.

WEEKLY QUOTE

...silence the sounds of arms,...overcome division,...tear down walls of division and dispel hatred...

(Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi* 2024)

Please note on your calendar
ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
Friday, January 16th 2026
More information in the next bulletin!

COFFEE WEEKEND 2026 – January 10 – 11 Gennaio

All parishioners and visitors are invited next weekend - **Saturday & Sunday – January 10th & 11th** for Coffee and Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

This Coffee Weekend is being sponsored by **Rosie Damiani & Nina Girolamo** in loving memory of their parents **Francesco & Clementina Scialdone**.

THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED

Christmas is a joyous time of year for most, but with families facing financial hardship it can be anything but merry. It's hard to believe that every day, one in five students goes to school hungry and waits in line to receive a breakfast. Your donation will provide a needy student with a breakfast and nourishing snack daily for a school week. Your support to help students in need would be greatly appreciated.

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

Monthly Parish Pasta Dinner

Thursday 5th February

St. Ann Parish Hall doors open 4:30 pm

With Meatballs, Salad, Dessert & Coffee

Take-out available

Tickets at the door: Adults \$ 15.00

Children (up to 10 years) \$ 8.00

Sponsored by Vittoria Wikston & the Visca Family
 In Memory of GINO & MARIA VISCA.

CHILDREN's LITURGY

The CHILDREN'S LITURGY resuming Sunday 4th January 2026 at the 11:00am Mass.

Happy New Year to All!

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE

Sunday 8th February 2026 @ 3:00pm

With Bishop Gerard Bergie

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Celebrating All Married Couples especially those with significant 2026 Anniversaries

Reception to Follow-No registration required

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 Spaetzl, Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber