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**DECEMBER 26, 2021 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, Jan. 1st:**

5:00PM - Fr. Santos

**Sunday, Jan. 2nd:**

7:30AM - Fr. Kuizon

9:00AM - Fr. Dennehy

10:30AM - Fr. Santos

12:00PM - Fr. Kuizon

## **DAILY MASS:**

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM

Saturday: 8:00AM

U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday at 4:00PM  
or by Appointment

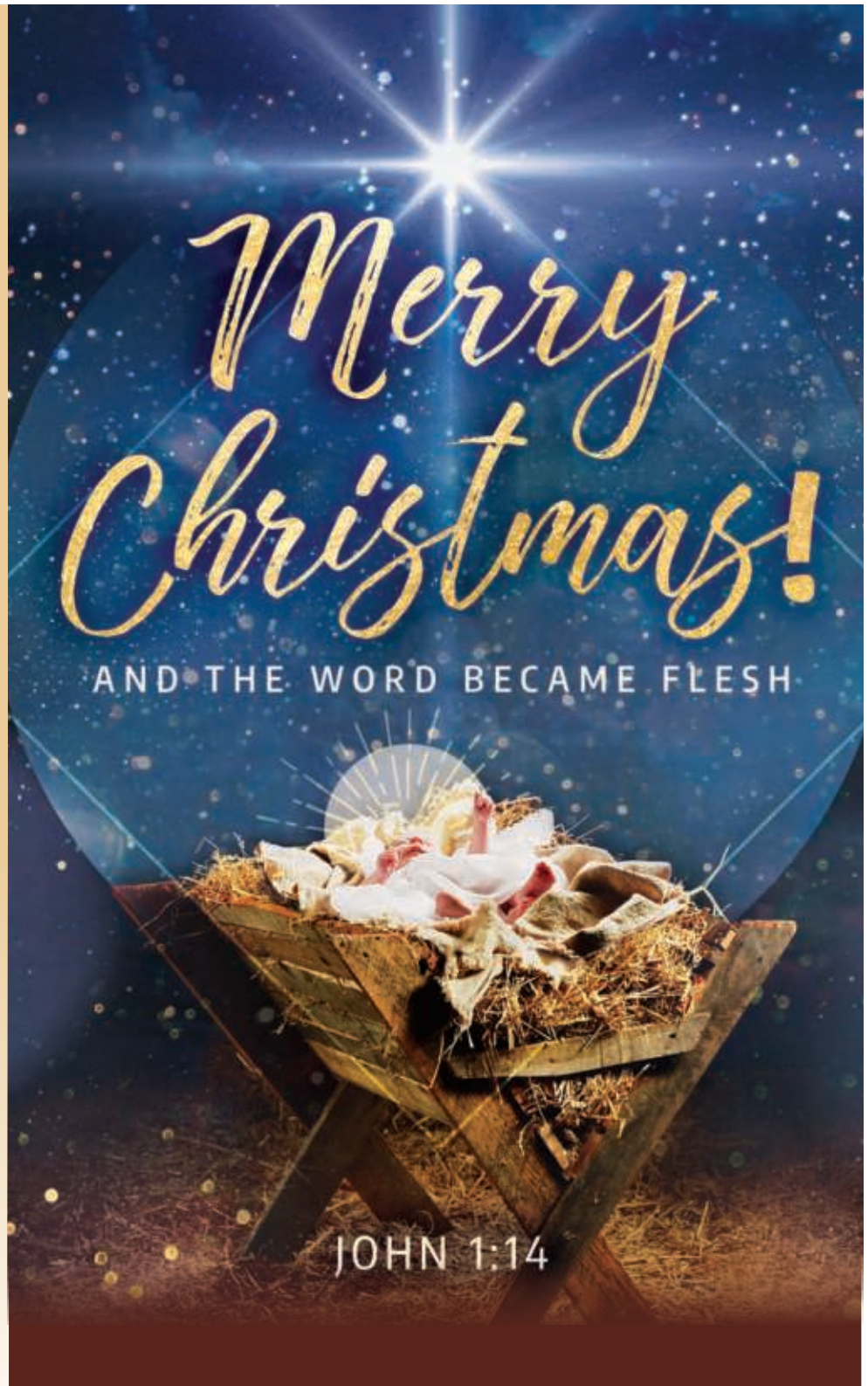
## **DEVOTIONS:**

**Rosary & Novena:**

Mondays at 7:00PM in the  
Church and Facebook Live

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Second Saturday of the  
Month: January 8, 2022  
3:00PM-4:00PM



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## A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



Christmas is often the occasion for when we take a trip down memory lane. We remember not only the traditions, sights, and smells of Christmastime, but especially the people who, for various reasons, may or may not be with us this Christmas day.

In our home growing up, the nativity scene with its manger and figurines, would ornately be displayed in our family's living room. Looking at the images of Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus, I would envision what Jesus' family was like in comparison to mine.

I don't believe it farfetched to think that Jesus would have had similar curious ponderings about his own family during those hidden years of his life that we hear about in the Scriptures. Why wouldn't he, right? If we take a close look at the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew, we will read a lengthy list of names belonging to Jesus' genealogy – and what a list of characters! Certainly, worthy of disputing any of our claims that our family is a unique lot!

In this litany of saints and sinners - Jesus' literal flesh and blood relatives - we see a whole assortment of personalities who gave rise, eventually, to the Christ who would save us. We find the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; we find the great King of Israel, David; in the same lineage, we find the name of the harlot Rahab; and the mother of Solomon, Bathsheba, with whom King David had an adulterous affair; we hear of Rehoboam, one of Israel's most dysfunctional kings; finally, we hear of Zadok, Achim and Eliud, figures about whom we know nothing. What a bunch! And through them all God was laying out a path for his son Jesus.

And as you can see, this "path" wasn't the yellow-brick-road that we would all imagine it to be for the Prince of Peace. The many names that make up the hereditary lineage of Jesus is peppered with morally unadulterated and totally depraved persons. Exemplary lives, wasted lives, deeply compromised lives, forgotten lives – yet all of them were integral parts of God's divine plan to save the world. Those with seemingly perfect lives and those with obviously not-so-perfect souls, contributed to the flesh taken on by the Word of God!

And so, as those beloved and not-so-beloved family members - in memory or in person - fill our homes, our hearts, and our minds this Christmas, we should remember the rather untidy family line from which Jesus descended. And with that, be reassured that God knows what he is doing. That no matter how out of control our families may seem or in control they may be, **God has a plan...and we are all a part of it.** And just in case you forget, just take a gander at the baby in the manger, and all those around him!

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

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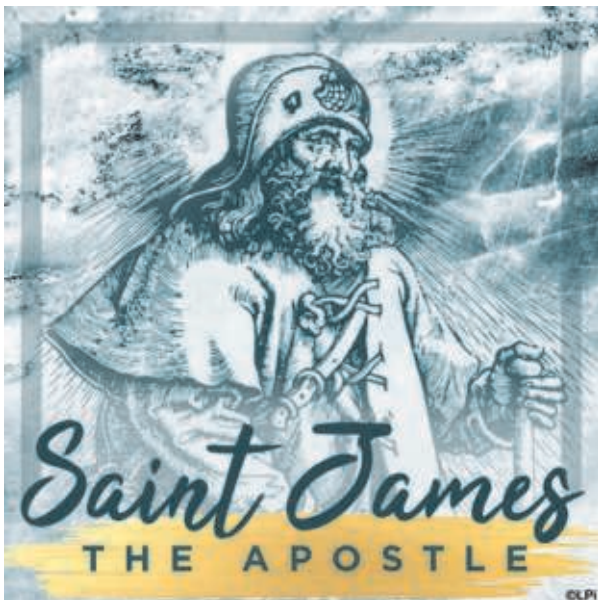
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## TODAY'S READINGS

### First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

*Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother.*

### Responsorial Psalm: 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

*Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...*

### Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

*He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.*

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to access Mass readings online.



***Bonded in love and in obedience to the Lord of life, the family reflects the holiness of the Holy Family, centered on Jesus. By the grace of union with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, family life - with its challenges and its joys - becomes a path to holiness.***

***-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2205***

## PRAYER TO THE *Holy Family*

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**OFFICE: (973) 376-2061**

**FAX: (973) 376-4079**

*Colleen and I wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!*

*No Classes on Tuesday, December 28th. Classes resume Tuesday, January 4th for Grades 1-7 and Tuesday, January 18th for 8th Grade.*



## SACRAMENTS AT ST. JAMES



### BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

### RECONCILIATION

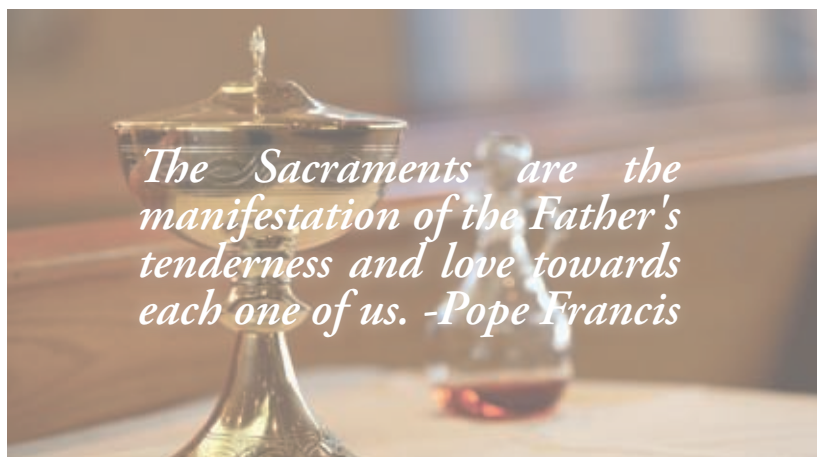
4:00PM on Saturdays  
or by appointment.

### ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

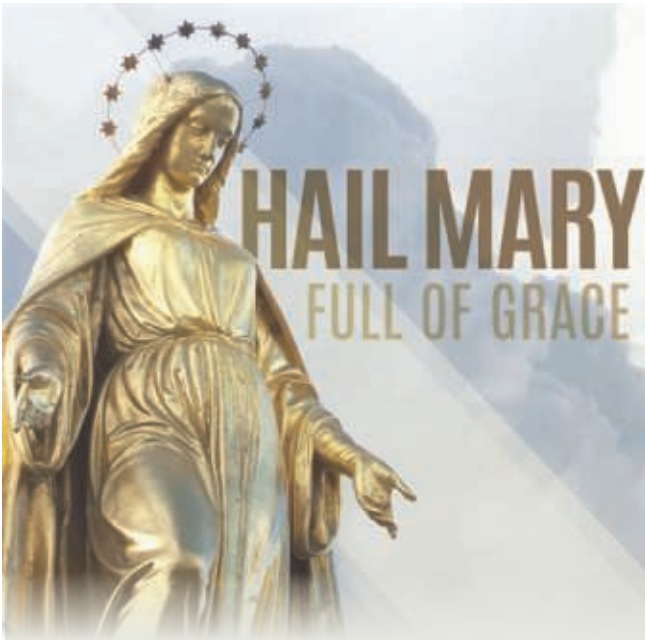
### VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life?  
Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office:  
(973) 497-4365.





## PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES



### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

7:00PM

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

8:30AM



**Join our Weekly  
Rosary & Novena  
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Second Saturday of  
each Month  
January 8, 2022  
3:00-4:00pm**

**Come spend an hour of peace with the Lord!**



New Health & Wellness information sheets have been placed in the Wellness Ministry brochure holder on the table in the gathering area. This quarter topics that are discussed are the following:

- **Bereavement Services:** provided is a list of area parishes that offer Bereavement Groups, included are schedules of meetings and contact information. In addition are details on programs the Archdiocese offers for parents who are grieving the loss of their child.

- **Healthy Recipes:** Three Immune System Boosting Soup recipes plus two other healthy soups. One a beet Soup and the other is a Garlic and Spinach Soup. All five recipes are a great way to get vegetables into the family's diet.

- **Best Ways to Combat Seasonal Affective Disorder:** During the winter months, especially here in the northern areas of our country, the shorter days of sunlight can affect a person's mood or give them a sense of lethargy. On average about 4% to 6% of the American population suffer from this disorder, with more people experiencing a milder form. About three out of every four cases belong to women. The handout will give you additional information on symptoms and approaches researchers have found to be beneficial.

If you have any thoughts on subject matters you would like to see featured in the future, or if you would like to write an article to be included as a handout or would like to be part of the ministry, please contact the ministry at [nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com)

## PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES

### NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

*Blessed are those who mourn  
for they shall be comforted. Mt 5:4*

Wherever you are on your journey of grief, you don't have to travel alone. We invite you to take part in our grief support program.

Grief is unique to each person, and journeying through it can be painful, lonely, and confusing, but it can be comforting to share this journey with others. Our group will meet at 8:00PM every other week. The sessions include learning about grief and understanding the grieving process, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually.

The meetings will be held:  
January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23,  
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20

For more information contact Jo Ann Andrasko  
[jahocswim@gmail.com](mailto:jahocswim@gmail.com) or call 973-768-6222

Because of Covid concerns, there is an option to meet in person at St. James or via Zoom.



# THE HOLY FAMILY

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## CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY IN THE  
SANCTUARY IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**

**Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia**  
*r/b the Battaglia Family*

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY IS  
DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Matthew Swajkowski**  
*r/b Cynthia & Matthew Vincent & Alison  
Swajowski*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE SANCTUARY  
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Ann Marie Bentivegna**  
*r/b the Bentivegna Family*

**Deceased Members of the DelMauro Family**  
*r/b the Battaglia Family*

**Tony Graziano**  
*r/b the Family*

**Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey**  
*r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis*

**Susan Sullivan**  
*r/b Sister, Pat*

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS DISPLAYED IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Marie & Ettore Vecchione**  
*r/b Daughter, Jill*

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF  
SAINT JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**

**Philip & Rose Ann Citro**  
*r/b Daughters and Family*

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE GATHERING  
AREA IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF**

**The Swajkowski & Feligi Families**  
*r/b Cynthia Swajkowski*

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS INSIDE  
THE CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**

**Pete Petino**  
*r/b the Family*

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR  
COLUMNS ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**

**Deceased Members of the Battaglia Family**  
*r/b the Battaglia Family*

**Hanna Grasso**  
*r/b Niece and Family*

**Angela & Daniel Raimondo**  
*r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &  
Maryann VanVolkenberg*

**Deceased Members of the Zara Family**  
*r/b the Battaglia Family*



## MEMORIAL DEVOTIONS

To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.



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### A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Sergio Evangelista, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Rose Sinopoli, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Peggy Wysock

*Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and homebound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.*

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### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Frank Costa  
Gwendoline Caillault  
Allen Santiago Rojas  
Ava Taylor Fonseca

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### A TIME TO DIE

Gus Solazzi  
For all who have died from Covid-19.

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### A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

#### *Feast of the Holy Family*

8:00AM: Mary Hayes  
r/b Gianna & Brian Hayes  
10:00AM: Alfonzo Cacciatore & Ernest Reedy  
r/b Eugenia Reedy  
12:00PM: Eleanor Carney  
r/b Patty & John  
Michael Salimbene & Sr. Irene  
Salimbene, r/b Family

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

#### *Feast of the Holy Innocents/Martyrs*

7:30AM: James Lolitti  
r/b Mary Jane Balak

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30AM: Marcela & Jose Videna  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30AM: Barbara Germinder  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30AM: Mateo Apicella  
r/b Wife, Angelina

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30AM: Jose & Marcela Videna  
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle  
7:00PM: For the People of Saint James

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

#### *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

8:30AM For the People of Saint James  
5PM Vigil: For the People of Saint James

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30AM: Mimi & Sal DeNichilo  
r/b Inneo Family  
9:00AM: Joe Driscoll  
r/b Nancy Mahoney-Rajs  
10:30AM: Amelia Montana  
r/b Janice Montana  
12:00PM: Francis Congema  
r/b Gary & Mary Ellen Capron

***Please note: New Year's Day Mass will be held at 8:30AM on Saturday, January 1.***



*Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

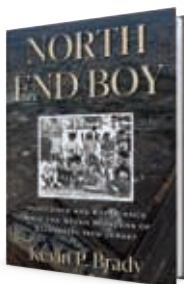
# NORTH END BOY



A parishioner of St. Bartholomew's, Kevin Brady, has written a book called ***North End Boy***, a memoir set in Elizabeth, N.J. Proceeds from book sales will be donated to St. Benedict's in Newark, which is featured in the book.

North End Boy tells the story of seven friends coming of age in 1978 against a backdrop of urban crime, abandoned factories and political corruption. Over a thirty-six hour period, the young friends struggle to find their place in a changing city and a changing nation. One gets into the family business. One moves out. One finds redemption in the Catholic Church. Another doesn't.

An intensely local book, North End Boy is also a larger meditation on post-war America, as seen through the eyes of a first generation American with immigrant sensibilities and working-class roots. It is also a story of Catholic conversion and redemption that takes place on the gritty streets of Elizabeth and Newark.



You can purchase North End Boy on Amazon or visit the book website at [www.northendboy.com](http://www.northendboy.com) or scan the QR code with your smartphone or mobile device.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals December 11-12

Church Collection:	\$7,265.00
Online Collection:	\$2,460.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,725.00</b>

Immaculate Conception:	\$1,679.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$1,377.00

We also accept online credit card donations.

Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



### ONLINE GIVING

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# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>

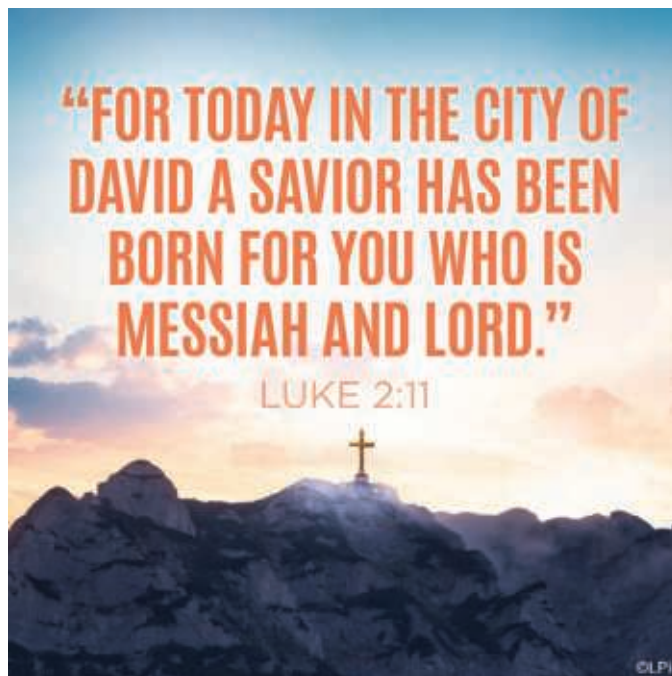
## Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

### Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Dear Parishioners, Thank you to all those who have contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. Because of you, *Saint James Church has received \$33,239.00 in pledges from 113 families which represents 66.93% of our goal. Our parish goal is \$49,665.00.* Saint James Church will receive 100% of all funds collected over our goal. This is beneficial to our parish because we will be able to make some of the much needed repairs to our aging buildings. To date, we have collected \$32,134.00. We invite you to read the complete 2021 Annual Appeal Impact Report by visiting [www.rb.gy/jv5dlr](http://www.rb.gy/jv5dlr) scanning the QR code.



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