

DECEMBER 25 - SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: Today we begin the Christmas season which celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. The word *Christmas* literally means *Christ's Mass or the Mass of Christ*. Historically, Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth to Mary, a young maiden from Galilee. Theologically, Christmas is the celebration of the Incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ – the self-revelation of God to the world in human form for the reconciliation of humanity to God. Liturgically, the Christmas season begins with “Mass During the Night” on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

DECEMBER 30 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: This feast, instituted in 1921, is observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30. Devotion to the Holy Family flourished during the Renaissance, and leading artists of the time – Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work.

JANUARY 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: This feast of Mary falls exactly one week after Christmas, at the end of the octave of Christmas. The solemnity is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and hence also a celebration of Mary as the Mother of God. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honour we can give Mary, and celebrating her divine maternity during the Christmas octave makes complete sense in that the celebration is connected closely to Christ's birth. In his encyclical, *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI further noted the connection to New Year's Day and Mary's role as Queen of Peace. Thus it is fitting that January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is also observed as World Day of Peace. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

JANUARY 1 - WORLD DAY OF PEACE: The World Day of Peace was established in 1968 by Pope Paul VI 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”. Today we celebrate the 52nd^t World Day of Peace. This is a special day set aside to pray for peace in the world, for goodwill among nations, and for light and guidance for civil and world leaders. It is a time for each of us to reflect on our individual responsibility to work and pray for peace. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, it is also an appropriate time to ask Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede on behalf of the world for world peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Day of Peace is “*Good Politics at the Service of Peace – Political Responsibility Belongs to Every Citizen*”.

PEACE ON EARTH WILL COME TO STAY, WHEN WE LIVE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY. Helen Steiner Rice.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Gospel is filled with joy and hope. John the Baptist, in the womb of Elizabeth, his mother, “leaps for joy” at the imminent coming of Christ into the world; Elizabeth, “filled with the Holy Spirit” is also filled with joy and loudly proclaims a blessing upon Mary, the Mother of the Christ Child. We too are called to experience this joy and hope as we come ever closer to the celebration of the Incarnation – God's coming to earth as one of us.

Christmas Liturgy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—Dec 24 - 28

Conne River----Christmas Eve -- 6:00 pm--- St. Anne's Church--- **Parish Family**
 St. Alban's----- Christmas Eve--- 8:30 pm--- St. Ignatius Church--- **Parish Family**
 St. Alban's----- Christmas Day-- 10:30 am---St. Ignatius Church ---**Parish Family**
 Wed.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Corey Collier, Jaydon Strickland
 Thurs.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Hubert, Susie, Linus Collier
 Fri.-- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- George & Pearl Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Dec. 29 and Sunday, Dec.30rd

St. Alban's- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.--St. Ignatius Church--- Debbie Way, Ron & Joan Kendall
 St. Alban's--Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
 Conne River- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-St. Anne's Church----- Gladys Benoit

New Years Liturgy: - Dec.31st and, Jan. 1st - 4th

New Year's Eve- St. Alban's-7:00 p.m.--St. Ignatius Church----- Eileen Burke,
 Gerald Organ
New Year's Day- St. Alban's- 10:30 a.m.-**Parish Chapel**----- Ralph, Rosaleen
 Chris & Regina Collier
 Wed.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Joan Haas, Sarah Willcott
 Thurs.- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Henrietta & Aloysius Walsh
 John & Dorothy Hoskins
 Fri.-- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Robert, Irene, Pauline Snook & family

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Jan.5th and Sunday, Jan. 6th

St. Alban's----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church--George,Bessie,Alfreda Harding
 St. Alban's----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
 Conne River---- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church-----Roger & Gerald John

NOTICE: THIS BULLETIN IS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

| DATE | Sacristan | Reader | Collectors | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Servers | Music |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Dec. 22 | Jenny Maggie | Monica Willcott | Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M. | Matthew Willcott | Margaret Ellen | Julie Ann Chrissy |
| Dec. 23 | Mary Patsy | Philomena Sutton | Necia D. Mary Organ George Davis | Calvin Collier | Edith Patsy | Jessica Willcott |
| Dec. 24 | Mary Patsy | Ann Benoit Brenda Jeddore | Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M. | Ann Christine Jessica | Matthew Mitchell | Community Choir Valerie C. |
| Dec. 25 | Mary Patsy | Pat Pittman | Necia D. Mary Organ George Davis | Ralph Genevieve Mary S. | Anthony George | |
| Dec. 29 | Mary Patsy | Gerry Cox Monica Willcott | Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M. | Margaret Hoskins | Kevin Willie | Julie Ann Chrissy |
| Dec. 30 | Mary Organ | Mary Organ | Necia D. Mary Organ George Davis | Mary Organ | Jean Mary S. | Mary Organ |
| Dec. 31 | Mary Organ | Christine Farrell Edith Organ | Anthony W. Kevin Organ Francis M. | Elizabeth Edith Mitchell | Brenda J. Maggie | Jessica Valerie Coombs |
| Jan.1 CHAP EL | Mary Organ | Cindy Benoit | Clarence D Mike Snook Perry Cox | Valerie Ralph | Matthew Mitchell | |
| Jan. 5 | Mary Organ | Brenda Jeddore | Ed Hoskins Clayton W. Christine H. | Ann Benoit | Christine Mary O. | Julie Ann Chrissy |
| Jan. 6 | Maggie Jenny | Mary Organ | Clarence D Mike Snook Perry Cox | Genevieve Tremblett | Margaret Ellen | Mary Organ |

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Collection:-----\$1319.65 *St. Anne's Collection:*----- \$179.00
Flowers: ----- \$330.00 *Dues:*----- \$145.00
Insurance: ----- \$5.00 *Christmas Tickets :*----- \$1000.00
Christmas Offering: ----- \$40.00
Parish Dues: Theresa W. Collier, Env.#19, Raymond Collier, Everest & Melita Barnes

Many Thanks: Thank you to St. Alban's Clover Farms who donated prizes for our Christmas ticket draw. And many thanks to staff who helped to sell the tickets. \$1000.00 was raised!!!
 The winners of the tickets are: *1st Prize- Marg Kendell, 2nd prize- Kathy Collier, 3rd prize- Julio Young. Thanks to all who bought tickets.*

2019 Envelopes: are on table at back of church.

Rosary: The Knights of Columbus will be having a rosary on Dec. 30.
 It will be held in the chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Flowers

In Loving Memory of John Hull, by Philomena Hull and family
In Loving Memory of Willcott & Collier family by, Matilda & Paul Collier
In Loving Memory of Sarah & Wallace Willcott, by Philomena & George
In Loving Memory of Gert & Arch, Mike & Kevin Farrell, by family
In Loving Memory of Jaydon Strickland, by Marian & Jim Strickland
In Loving Memory of Palmer, Edmund & Shirley, by Patsy & Family
In Loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Willcott, by Gail & Family
In Loving Memory of John & Laura Willcott, by Lawrence & Mary Quilty
In Loving Memory of Alfred & Marie Collier, by Philomena & Mildred
In Loving Memory of Margaret, Leonard & Benny Long, by Long Family
In Loving Memory of Arch Dollimont, by Vivian & Family
In Loving Memory of Benny Long, by wife Frances
In Loving Memory of deceased relatives, by Edith Collier
In Loving Memory of Ken & Michael Organ, by Organ Family
In Loving Memory of Ed, Veronica & Patrick Lambert, by Liz & family
In Loving Memory of Sylvester & Frances Benoit, by Liz & Family
In Loving Memory of Clarence Collier & Roxanne Loveless, by Collier family
In Loving Memory of deceased members of the McDonald & Organ families, by John & Loretta
In Loving Memory of Thomas Willcott, Hoskins & Farrell families, by Geraldine
In Loving Memory of Elizabeth & Edgar Organ, Russell Gould, by Jean and Family
In Loving Memory of Thomas & Georgina Barnes, Jacob Benoit, Philip Cox, by Ann Benoit and family
In Loving Memory of Raymond Barnes, Madonna & Norman Hull, by Phyllis & family
In Loving Memory of deceased members of Sutton, Organ & MacDonald Families, by Patsy & Family

CHRISTMAS SEASON: The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. "Next to the yearly celebration (at Easter) of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season" (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 32). In the Roman Catholic tradition, the Christmas Season begins with the first Mass of Christmas and concludes with the last Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

