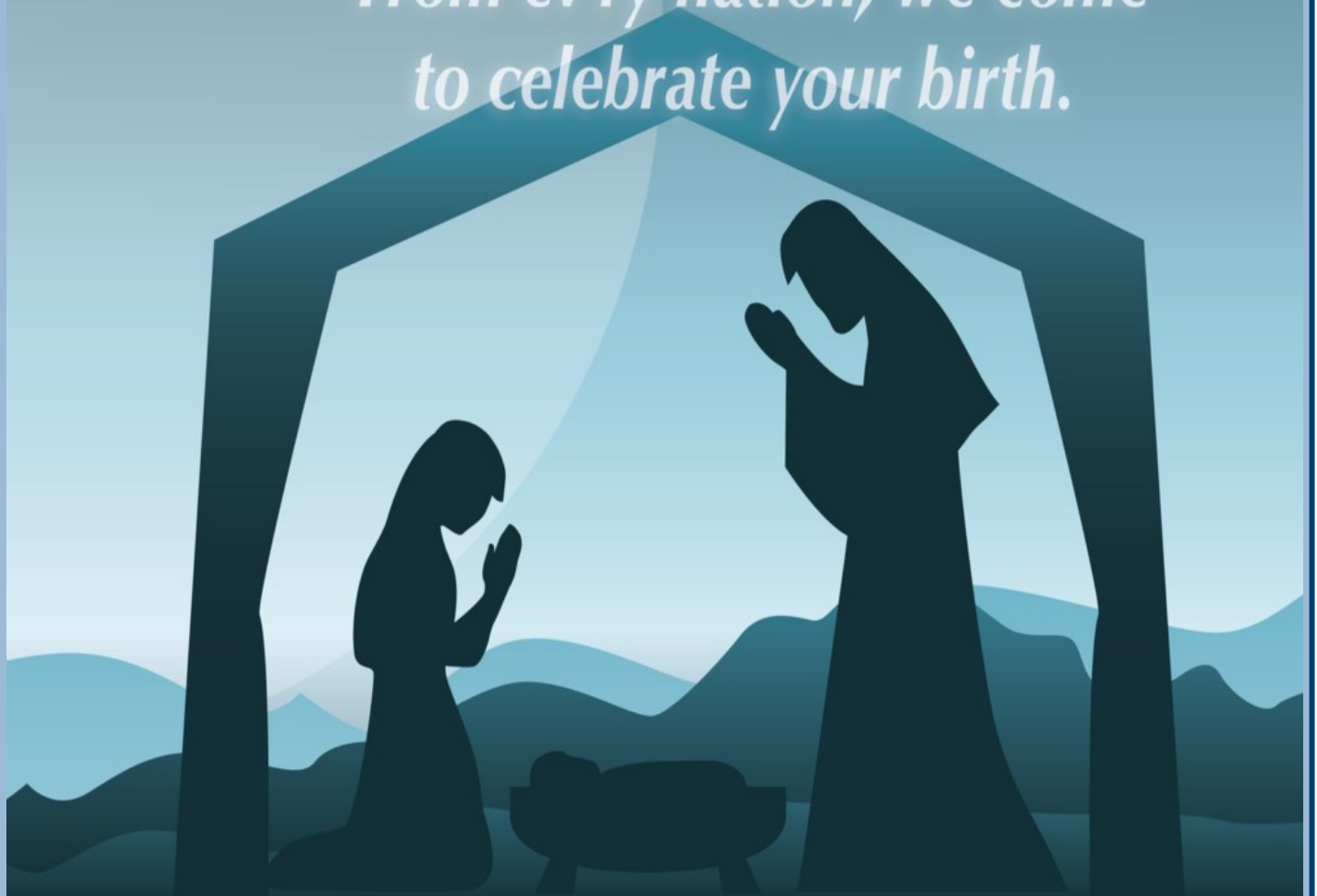


*Jesus, light of the world
hope and salvation
for all the earth,*

Jesus, light of the world

*From ev'ry nation, we come
to celebrate your birth.*



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We hope that all new residents will come to the Parish Center to register.

Adult Christian Initiation

If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing your initiation into the Church please call the Parish Center.

Infant Baptism Preparation If you wish to arrange a baptism at Sacred Heart Church, please contact the Parish Center at 516-379-1356 ext.10. One of our baptism coordinators will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you. Ideally, both Godparents should be practicing Catholics. We will review the procedures for the sacrament and you will be able to fill out all the necessary paperwork. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 2pm in the church. First time parents need to attend a baptism class. They are held on the last Monday of each month in the church at 7:30pm. Crying babies welcome! Godparents are encouraged but not required to attend.

Sacrament of Matrimony Please contact the Parish Center at least one year in advance of the intended date of the wedding. A priest or deacon of the parish will interview you, set the wedding date and help you register for the required marriage preparation program. Marriage Preparation is held in the parish three times a year. Please contact Deacon John @ DunmoreDoc@gmail.com for dates and times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation A priest is available each Saturday at 4:00PM in the church. Please don't hesitate to call a priest at the Parish Center for an appointment for Confession at another time.

Sacraments for the Homebound If you or a family member are not able to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Center.

Thank you for your generosity.



Monday, December 26, 2022

9AM Mary A. Vaccacio

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

9AM Jennifer Civitanova (Living)

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

9AM Catherine Melley

Thursday, December 29, 2022

9AM Ruth Ann Brennan

Friday, December 30, 2022

9AM Peter Via

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5PM Josephine Richter
Edward A. Irving

Sunday, January 1, 2023

**Solemnity of Mary
Holy Mother of God**

8AM Clare Shorak
10AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
12PM Rosa Marino

In our thoughts and prayers.

<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Barbara Jenkins</i>
<i>Joanne Angelaastro</i>	<i>Gail Kmitis</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Andrew LaClaustra</i>
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<i>Baby Jack</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>John Primavera</i>
<i>Dolores Costello</i>	<i>Flo Puff</i>
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<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>Ann Rhoads</i>
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<i>Betty DiNicola</i>	<i>Theresa Vacchio</i>
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<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>John & Maria Eletto</i>	<i>John Weber</i>
<i>Robert Galvin</i>	<i>Alyssa Zangari</i>
<i>Veronique Hall</i>	<i>Rosemarie Ziminski</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Robert Ziminski</i>
<i>Pat Hesse</i>	
<i>Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher</i>	

Prayers for the Sick

In an effort to make sure parishioners who are ill are properly prayed for we would like to keep our Sick List as up to date as possible. Names will remain for one full month, but will be **removed at the end of every month**, unless there is a request by the family to extend the prayers for the following month.



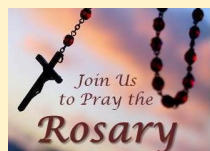
If you or someone you know needs assistance with bills, rent, food, or other monetary help, please email SVDP@sacredheartnm.org or call the Parish Center and someone from our St. Vincent de Paul Society will return your call.

Christmas Day

Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy". Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

"It is not sufficient for me to love God if I do not love my neighbor. I belong to God and to the poor."
 –St. Vincent de Paul



Every weekday morning
 at 8:30am



Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our Loving God.



*The Bread & Wine for the week of December 25th are in memory of Teresa & Francis Tinney
 Donated by the Turnbull Family*

January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule:

December 31st: 5pm

January 1st: 8am, 10am, 12pm

THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Ministry of Praise Pope's Prayer Intention for December

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

**Sacred Heart Parish salutes and
commends to prayer:**

Spc. John McCann, U.S. Army, Italy
Sgt. Richard DeTommaso, U.S. Army, Korea
PFC Kendrick McCann, U.S. Army, Korea
Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia, U.S. Army
L CPL Anthony Rusciano, U.S.M.C.
L CPL Troy Grassi, U.S.M.C., Iraq
SSgt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.
Col. James K. Lavine, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Col. Timothy W. Schnelle, U.S.M.C.
Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army
3rd CS P.O. Joseph La Form, U.S. Navy
L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, U.S.M.C.
Major Christopher Darconte, U.S. Air Force
U.S.M.C. Deployed Aircraft Carrier Iwo Jima
Sgt. Brandon Furia, U.S.M.C.
PFC Matthew Macario, U.S. Army,
Afghanistan
Lt. James Corino, Army
Lt. Commander William H. Mohr, Navy
Amn. 1st Class Daniel Gilroy, U.S.A.F.
Lt. Daniel T. Lopez, U.S. Air Force
Captain Patrick O'Sullivan U.S.N.A. U.S.M.C.
Lt. j. g. Michael Napolitano U.S. Navy
John Devoti Lt. Col. U.S.M.C.
2nd Lieutenant Jordan Paladino- US Army

Prayer For The Safety of Our Service Men & Women

Almighty and Eternal God, protect these men and women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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**The next Anointing of the Sick is
Friday, January 6, 2023**

Christmas Flower Remembrances

<i>Jerome Herzog</i>	<i>Joseph Meegan</i>	<i>Peter & Elisa Miragro</i>
<i>Salvatore Cappuzzo</i>	<i>Robert Dunn</i>	<i>Mary & Paul Mundy</i>
<i>Cullinan Family</i>	<i>Laura & Fred Meyer</i>	<i>Haig Family</i>
<i>Kennedy Family</i>	<i>Rose & Frank DeCristofaro</i>	<i>Joseph V Davis Jr.</i>
<i>Teresa & Nick Lemura</i>	<i>Alonge Family</i>	<i>Joseph V. Davis, Sr.</i>
<i>Clara & Anthony Tarantino</i>	<i>Wright Family</i>	<i>Wilma & Peter Amedeo</i>
<i>Danny McGrory</i>	<i>Pasquale & Caria Petrosulo</i>	<i>Mary Donohue</i>
<i>Margaret McGrory</i>	<i>Ben DeFranco</i>	<i>Michelle Palma Furchak</i>
<i>Terry McGrory</i>	<i>Lobalbo Family</i>	<i>Joseph Schwarz</i>
<i>Juan Mayoral</i>	<i>Melaccio Family</i>	<i>Yalongo Family</i>
<i>Kevin Murhphy</i>	<i>Kathy Keegan</i>	<i>Abbate Family</i>
<i>Florence Costello</i>	<i>John & Rose Hasselberger</i>	<i>John G. McManus</i>
<i>Edward Irving</i>	<i>Joe & Rose Licari</i>	<i>John M. McManus, Jr.</i>
<i>Antonio & Lena Daddio</i>	<i>James Tannehill</i>	<i>Kevin Wellstead</i>
<i>Veronica Dilger</i>	<i>Mary Fuchs</i>	<i>Mirto Family</i>
<i>Cettina Family</i>	<i>Stephen & Marie Brigandi</i>	<i>Rita Gicala</i>
<i>Hostoski Family</i>	<i>Tracey Family</i>	<i>Mom & Dad Coppola</i>
<i>Bridget & Joseph Dudek</i>	<i>Gavigan Family</i>	<i>Mr. John Hollis</i>
<i>Amelia & Gabriel Alarcon</i>	<i>Deceased Parishioners</i>	<i>Dolores Novello</i>
<i>Kathy Ann Suhr</i>	<i>The Towey Family</i>	<i>Richard John Brazenor</i>
<i>Theresa Arzillo</i>	<i>Thomas N. Weber</i>	<i>Theresa & Philip Horsting</i>
<i>Arthur & Helen</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Carillo</i>	<i>Rose & James Baldassi</i>
<i>Arthur & Maddy</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. V. Mazzara</i>	<i>Thomas & Kenny Martone</i>
<i>Coyle Family</i>	<i>Harry Guckert</i>	<i>Ramon Garcia, Jr.</i>
<i>O'Brien Family</i>	<i>Salerno Family</i>	<i>Joseph & Catherine Scilletti</i>
<i>O'brien Family</i>	<i>Buono Family</i>	<i>Dorothy Mulzoff</i>
<i>Morgan Family</i>	<i>Frank Family</i>	<i>Vivian Doyle</i>
<i>Mary Higgins</i>	<i>LaMaina Family</i>	<i>Richard Ward</i>
<i>Richard Higgins</i>	<i>Lillian Milana</i>	<i>John Fitzpatrick</i>
<i>Lawrence Pinto</i>	<i>Hintz Family</i>	<i>Cathleen Marincsak</i>
<i>Elizabeth Pinto</i>	<i>Gianetti Family</i>	<i>Eriksen Family</i>
<i>The Duffy Family</i>	<i>Cisano Family</i>	<i>Daly Family</i>
<i>Staszale Family</i>	<i>McKenna Family</i>	<i>Lester Smith</i>
<i>The Sansone Family</i>	<i>Lydia Magri</i>	<i>Rose & Sal Pellechia</i>
<i>The Fennessey Family</i>	<i>Gene Magri</i>	

Christmas Flower Remembrances

<i>Romano Family</i>	<i>Anthony Guadagno</i>	<i>Maureen & James Mullen</i>
<i>Auletta Family</i>	<i>O'Brien Family</i>	<i>John Kilkenny</i>
<i>Frank D. Saviano</i>	<i>Ladislaw Family</i>	<i>Peter DeCarolis</i>
<i>Mary & Philip Turnbull</i>	<i>Nina L. Milous</i>	<i>Henry Martin</i>
<i>Frank Sarrantonio</i>	<i>Rogan Family</i>	<i>Anthony & Veronica Milito</i>
<i>Paul Vasconi</i>	<i>Flynn Family</i>	<i>Robert Lindgren</i>
<i>Adele Forte</i>	<i>Reimann Family</i>	<i>Donnolly Family</i>
<i>James Forte</i>	<i>Caruso Family</i>	<i>Anna T. McManus</i>
<i>Donna Sinz</i>	<i>Michael & Anna Gandazza</i>	<i>Arthur Miller</i>
<i>William Sinz</i>	<i>Mabel Conlon</i>	<i>Muriel & Sal Coviello</i>
<i>Debbie Ryan</i>	<i>Mary Sack</i>	<i>Irene & Walter Plen</i>
<i>Patrick Darienzo, Sr.</i>	<i>Theresa Cullum</i>	<i>Horsting Family</i>
<i>Patrick Darienzo, Jr.</i>	<i>George Mickulas</i>	<i>Eileen Kaland</i>
<i>Gruber Family</i>	<i>Robert & Rosalie Schmidlin</i>	<i>Theresa Sommers</i>
<i>Theresa Horsting</i>	<i>Anne Epp</i>	<i>Barbara Beiger</i>
<i>Deceased Family & Friends</i>	<i>Babette Paul</i>	<i>Joseph Beiger</i>
<i>Edward Davis</i>	<i>Walter Jablonski</i>	<i>Theresa Davis</i>
<i>Frank Mangiaracina</i>	<i>Daniel & Catherine Contartesi</i>	<i>Joseph & Celia Ursino</i>
<i>Geroge & Sally Schnell</i>	<i>Balnis Family</i>	<i>Violet & John Wagkl</i>
<i>Rocco & Connie deStefano</i>	<i>Zaleski Family</i>	<i>Jim & Ellen Haynes</i>
<i>Harold F. Flay</i>	<i>Opal & Stewart MacBride</i>	<i>Jean & Rico Cotumaccio</i>
<i>James & Mildred Dunleavy</i>	<i>Joan & Buddy Baberadt</i>	<i>Mary & Jim Mannion</i>
<i>Patricia Flay</i>	<i>Portenza Family</i>	<i>Norma Castine</i>
<i>Jeannette Flay</i>	<i>Gallo Family</i>	<i>Jennifer Castolones</i>
<i>Loretta DiGiglio</i>	<i>Frances & Raymond Bequet</i>	<i>Eric Charles Doll</i>
<i>Baicich Family</i>	<i>Scott A. Sepe</i>	<i>Rosalie Dougherty</i>
<i>Simicich Family</i>	<i>Catherine Rottkemp</i>	<i>Maddalena Randazzo</i>
<i>Petrinich Family</i>	<i>Camela Caruso</i>	<i>Irene Hughes</i>
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<i>Genevieve Tusa</i>	<i>Kathleen Feminella</i>	<i>Joseph Wollweber</i>
<i>Brostek Family</i>	<i>Sansonetti Family</i>	<i>Bruno & Lina Villa</i>
<i>Stepinowski Family</i>	<i>Audrey Watkins</i>	<i>Alfred & Olive Van Slytman</i>
<i>Al & Gen Roth</i>	<i>Kathy Keegan</i>	<i>Samuel Lukas</i>
<i>Ralph Giglio</i>	<i>Connie & Jo McGinley</i>	<i>The Fennessey Family</i>



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2022

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, and in a non-judgmental spirit of mercy, humility and charity, I invite everyone who will be present at our Christmas Masses, or watching our Christmas Masses via the Catholic Faith Network or CBS, or not present at all: If your life has been far from the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist, I invite you with Pope Francis to return.

I invite you to experience the power and liberation of Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and to cross the bridge into the full practice of your Catholic Faith through a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass and an ever-deepening love for the Holy Eucharist.

Perhaps you are not a Catholic and yet have some mysterious attraction to the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist.

You are not alone! Many saints – I think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the pioneering American Catholic educator and convert – had the same experience and were drawn to enter the Church through their intuitive experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our parish churches! Be open to the Eucharistic movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Our celebration of Christmas 2022 occurs this year as every Catholic diocese, every Catholic parish, every Catholic hospital, university, and institution in the United States is engaged in an evangelizing ***Eucharistic Revival***.

What do we mean by the phrase "Eucharistic Revival" and why is it so important for our celebration of Christmas?

What does a love for the Eucharist and an openness to being a 21st Century Eucharistic missionary have to do with our celebration of Christmas 2022?

Pope Francis points out the relationship between the Birth of Christ and the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. The very word Bethlehem means "house of Bread."

Pope Francis states: "Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. There God, in the *house of bread*, is born in a *manger*. It is as if he wanted to say: 'Here I am, as your food.' He does not take, but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. To us, who from birth are used to taking and eating, Jesus begins to say: 'Take and eat. This is my body.' (Matthew 26:26) The tiny body of the Child of Bethlehem speaks to us of a new way to live our lives: not by devouring and hoarding, but by sharing and giving. God makes himself small so that he can be our food. By feeding on him, the bread of life,

we can be *reborn in love*, and break the spiral of grasping and greed. From the ‘house of bread,’ Jesus brings us back home, so that we can become God’s family, brothers and sisters to our neighbors. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. The Lord knows that we need to be fed daily. That is why he offered himself to us every day of his life: from the manger in Bethlehem to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Today too, on the altar, he becomes bread broken for us; he knocks at our door, to enter and eat with us (cf. Revelation 3:20). At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life.”¹

Eucharistic Revival, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, is a rediscovery of “Eucharistic Amazement” and Eucharistic Devotion.

Eucharistic Revival means that we understand deeply that every Mass has a cosmic significance, and every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the world – the Altar of Ukraine and every war torn and injustice-ridden area of our world.

Eucharistic Revival is an effective catechesis of the theology and spirituality of the Catholic Mass that moves the hearts, minds, souls and imaginations of the People of God.

Eucharistic Revival in our Catholic schools means the cultivation of a radical fidelity to the Sunday Catholic Mass on the part of our teachers, our staff and our families.

Eucharistic Revival is a rekindling of Pope Benedict XVI’s insight that every period of Church reform and effective Catholic evangelization and mission throughout history can be traced to a rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.²

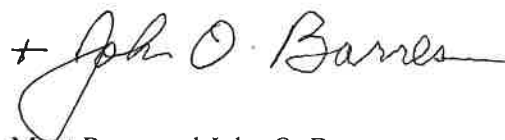
As we celebrate the birth of Christ and his rebirth in our hearts and families at Christmas, we pray for a renewal of our faith in Christ’s Eucharistic presence.

We pray that each of us could be Divine Mercy instruments of bringing many, many people back to a full fidelity to the Eucharist and the Catholic Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are being called to be intentional, compassionate, understanding and listening Eucharistic missionaries.

Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the love of the Christ child and the love of the Holy Family light your remaining steps on earth and light your path to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning of the first name.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Pope Francis Homily for Midnight Mass, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018.

² See Pope Benedict XVI’s 2017 Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* 6: “Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord’s eucharistic presence among his people.”

Parish Outreach

Food Pantry Needs

If your means allow, the following items are in short supply:



paper napkins
detergent
black beans
bar soap
milk
eggs
butter
Frosted Flakes, Special K
bread
canned chicken
syrup
shampoo, conditioner
kid's snacks and drinks
coffee
rice

SUNDAY CONNECTION—CHRISTMAS

This part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

We celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

The Parish Center is closed
December 26th, 29th, 30th and
January 2nd. We wish everyone a
Blessed Christmas and a New
year filled with peace!



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