



SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-shares in the saving promise.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, did him homage, and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But because of Herod, they returned to their home country by another way.

THE COLLECTION for Sunday Dec 28,2014 was \$1,669

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION as of January 1st was \$6,985. You can still be part of this special collection.

SECOND COLLECTION next SUNDAY is for Catholic Communications and Catholic University.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 4TH TO JAN. 11TH

SAT. JAN. 3 5PM ROSE AND FRANK PETRAMALE REQ FAMILY
SUN. JAN. 4 8AM PRO POPULO
9:30AM
11:00AM DOMINICK PETRAMALE REQ MARY/ED MARTINO
MON. JAN 5 8AM PETER FONDINO REQ ROSELYN RICCIO
TUE. JAN. 6 8AM FRANCES KEAREY REQ FRANZI TUEY
WED. JAN. 7 8AM ANNIV. MICHAEL PETRAMALE REQ FAMILY
THU. JAN. 8 8AM
SAT. JAN., 9 8AM ELIZABETH ANSTETT REQ PAT & ARNIE
5PM PATRICIA TURCO REQ MIKE/JOANNE PETRAMALE
SUN. JAN. 10 8AM PRO POPULO
9:30AM ANNIV. SALVATORE CARRADO REQ SISTER
11:00AM EVANGELINE ANGELO REQ JEANNINE ANGELO

WASHINGTON TRIP FOR LIFE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015 SPONORED BY K of C KINGSTON, ULSTER RESPECT LIFE & RIGHT TO LIFE. CALL AL KAFEL 338-1734. ADDITIONAL INFO ON BULLETIN BOARD.

Dear Parishioners,

A new year is just upon us. It is an opportune time to look back over the encouraging growth of "Church" involvement that has occurred in the past six months.

Some years ago the church fathers noted that **The laity must take an active part in the church's mission of evangelization. The laity has a mission of service to perform in and for society.**

The parishioners of the community of St. Joseph certainly have begun to respond to this challenge.

To just to name a few-- An active Finance Council of six people has been meeting regularly to assess our current and future financial needs. A nucleus of leaders of the societies and other interested parishioners are gathering to form a Church Council that now numbers 19. Hopefully, more parishioners will join in the discussions. As a result of these get togethers we now have 13 people volunteering to be Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion and 10 people willing to become Lectors to proclaim the scriptures. A musical ministry is forming. At Christmas Masses we had over 20 volunteering. A Building and Grounds Committee of six have become involved in the concern of the facilities. Outreach and a Community involvement leaders have stepped up to organize working committees. A Hospitality group from the Holy Name, Rosary, and Mother's Club has taken on the responsibility of hosting the now regularly scheduled friendship gatherings after all the Masses on the third Saturday and Sunday of each month. Encouragely, the numbers of parishioners stopping by have been increasing. *Please plan to join us.*

The hope is to build up a stronger sense of community as we enter the next phase of the merger of the two parishes of St. Joseph and St Mary of the Snow in the next 8 months, which will very likely have only one priest for presiding at Masses, but have two worship sites.

Several people have expressed the great feeling of the Spirit that has come into their lives as a result of these activities. Please consider becoming an active participant in your church .

May the Lord bless us all as we move on.

Fr. Kearney

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS. An Archdiocesan wide campaign Sun,Jan. 25,2015 to Sun.Feb.1,2015 . Bring food to help stock our county food banks after the Christmas season. For further info and ideas, look ay the bulletin board in the back of church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK; ROSE RIOZZI JANET REMIS JOHN HANNAHS
JOAN BANNEN PAUL BRAZIER SANDRA DEMAYO RON FISHER
MARYANN DEPOALO GERALD DONAHUE CAROL FABIANO
ANTHONY FIERRO GENEVIEVE GRIFFIN DONNA IBRAHAM
THOMAS JASKEL MARTIN KEENEGAN LILLIAN MOTTSEY
BRUNO & THERESA PELLEGGRI SHIRLEY PERPETUA ANNA
SANTANA FRAN TIANO BEVERLY WALUER DONALD SECRETO
BEATRICE POLICASTRO LISA SASSO ROSE SASSO
REV. PHIL TRAN JEANNETTE CLEARWATER PATRICIA ROBINSON