

# Catholic Neighbors in Faith



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## **Administrative Office for CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH - (CNIF)**

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### ***Holy Apostles***

#### ***Ss. Peter & Paul***

508 Cherry St.  
Jamestown NY 14701

#### ***St. John***

282 Newton Ave.  
Jamestown NY 14701

### ***St. James***

27 Allen St.  
Jamestown NY 14701

#### ***Our Lady of Victory Oratory***

6 Institute St.  
Frewsburg NY 14378

### ***Sacred Heart***

380 E. Fairmount Ave.  
Lakewood NY 14750

#### ***Our Lady of the Snows***

36 E. Main St.  
Panama NY 14767

### ***St. Patrick***

189 Main St.  
Randolph NY 14772

#### ***Our Lady of Loreto***

309 W. Everett St.  
Falconer NY 14733

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**December 24, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## Happenings within Our Parish Families...

- St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at SSPP Church Hall at 3pm.
- BAM - Bible Study will take a Christmas Holiday break and resume Bible studies on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 6:30pm
- Lord Teach Me To Pray 'LTMTTP' resume Monday, January 22nd.
- Adoration every Wednesday 9am - 7pm with confession from 6 - 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm
- Faith Formation classes resume January 7th. Please see the **Kids Corner** page for more information.
- Reminder that all mailings should be addressed to 27 Allen St. and when making out a check to be sure to make it out to the Church you are registered.
- St. James Linens will be cared for this week by Renee Sperry



From all of us to all of you, we would like to take a moment and thank all of our dedicated, hard working volunteers who give so much of their time, helping count the offerings

each week, making sure linens are clean and pressed for Mass, helping set up for Mass, bringing communion to the home bound, and nursing homes, the list goes on and on, THANK YOU! Please know how much you are appreciated!



## Please Pray For:

### **Parish Family members who are ill:**

John Adams  
Rose Atkins  
Gayle Boudreau  
James Boudreau  
Darrell Cavness  
Collins Family  
Erica Collins  
Michelle Cracker  
Grant Damon  
Michael Danielson  
Gail Gillig

Elizabeth LaMantia  
Nancy Johnson  
Sam McMaster  
Nancy Michaels  
Elizabeth Nguyen  
My Nguyen  
James Post  
Louis Rieg  
Dee Rewers  
Marty Sargent  
Andrea Schneider  
Donald Segrue

Dorothy and David Seth  
Robert Sprinkle  
Emily Sechriest  
Savannah Steves  
Megan and Sean  
Ellen Tyler  
Therese Whit  
The Unborn

People of the Ukraine  
Those in the Military

All those touched by  
loneliness or illness.

And all parishioners in need  
of our prayers.

*Call the parish office if you  
would like to add a name to  
our prayer list.*

**Please Note:** You must have  
the permission of the  
person you want listed  
before we can add them to  
this list.

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24th Sacred Heart & St. James  
will be open for private prayer from 7 - 9 pm

## Christmas Eve

### Sunday, December 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

JMS - 8:00AM † **Msgr. Antoine Attea**  
by Parishioners

#### 4:00 PM - Intentions of Parishioners

JHN - 9:00AM † **Tammy Yezzi** by Mom, Dad & Family

#### 4:00PM - Intention of Parishioners

SHR - 9:00AM † **Don Woodfield**  
by Bob & Liz Sprankle

4:00PM † **Gawlik & Slipetz families**  
by Barb Wendel & family

OLS - 6:00PM - **George D'Angelo**  
by Bob & Liz Sprankle

OLL - 10:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**  
by Parishioners

6:00PM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**  
by Parishioners

PAT - 11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**

6:00PM - **DMO the Hoffman Family** by the Family

SPP - 11:00AM † **Stella Remick**  
by Family

**Midnight Mass - Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
by Parishioners

## CHRISTMAS DAY

### Monday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

SHR - 8:00AM - † **Renaldo Muniz, Sr.**  
by the O'Boyles

JMS - 8:00AM - † **Rev. John Kuhlmann & Rev. Dennis Mende**  
by Intentions of Parishioners

SPP - 10:00AM - **Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
by Parishioners

OLL - 10:00AM - **Christmas Memorials**  
by Parishioners

### Tuesday, December 26th St. Stephen

OLL - 9:00 AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**

### Wednesday, December 27th - St. John

JHN - 8:00 AM † **Jason Williams** (birthday)  
by Mom, dad & family

JMS - 7:00 PM † **Alfredo Frangione**  
by wife, Rosina & family

### Thursday, December 28th The Holy Innocents

OLL - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**

OLV - 5:00 PM † **Deceased Members of the Donisi family**  
by Sally & Angelo Donisi

### Friday, December 29th St. Thomas Beckett

JMS - 8:00AM † **Mary Joan Karg Songer**  
by Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

SHR - 9:00AM † **Silva Muniz**  
by the O'Boyle family

SPP - 12:10PM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

### Saturday, December 30th

JMS - 4:00PM † **Antonino Trusso** (anniversary)  
by sister, Erminia Iuculano & family

† **Verna Pappalardo**  
by sons, Ray & Ron

OLS - 4:00PM † **Nina Marsh**  
by Friends of the family

PAT - 5:30PM † **Donald Beaver** (birthday)  
by Family

### Sunday, December 31st - The Holy Family

JMS - 8:00AM † **Joe Conti**  
by Carl & Donna Mazzurco

JHN - 9:00AM † **Miriam Rodriguez**  
by the Scarpino family

SHR - 9:00AM † **Nina Marsh**  
by Friends of the family

OLL - 10:00AM † **Louis Shelters** (anniversary)  
by wife, Adeline & children

PAT - 11:00AM † **DM of the Andrews & Smith families**  
by the Family

SPP - 11:00AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

### Monday, January 1st - The Solemnity of Mary

JMS - 8:00AM - **Mass for the Parishioners**  
by Fr. Darrell Duffy

SHR - 9:00AM - † **Fr. Joseph Dowdell**  
by Parishioners

SPP - 12:10PM - **Living & Deceased Mothers**

JMS—St. James  
JHN—St. John

OLL—Our Lady of Loreto  
OLS—Our Lady of the Snows

OLV—Our Lady of Victory  
PAT—St. Patrick

SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul  
SHR—Sacred Heart



# CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

## Wine, Hosts, Sanctuary Lights and Memorials

### Wine

#### **Holy Apostles - St. John Church**

In Memory of **Tammy Yezzi and Minnie & John Colera**  
by Mom, Dad, Children & Grandchildren

#### **St. Patrick**

In Memory of the Killburn & Hoffman families  
by the Riddell family

### Hosts

#### **Holy Apostles - St. John Church**

In Memory of our parents, **Vincent & Arasma Consiglio, Sr.,**  
**Brothers - Vincent Consiglio Jr. & Frank Consiglio Sr.**  
by Gerri Mazzurco & Sam Consiglio

#### **St. James Church**

In Memory of **Mary Joan Karg Songer**  
by Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

#### **St. Patrick Church**

In Memory of the Killburn & Hoffman families  
by the Riddell family

### Sanctuary Light

#### **Holy Apostles - St. John Church**

In Memory of **DMO Calamunci family**  
by Gust Calamunci and family

#### **St. Patrick Church**

In Memory of the Killburn & Hoffman families  
by the Riddell family  
In Memory of **Jim Maitland** (anniversary of death)  
by wife, Joanne

#### **St. James Church**

In Memory of **Michael Gullotti**  
by Carl & Maria Gullotti & family



### **Memorials To Holy Apostles Parish**

#### **In Memory of Rosalie Consiglio's birthday**

by Sebastian & Gerri Mazzurco

#### **In Memory of :**

**Alice, Dorothy, & Helen Ludwiczak**  
**Joseph Conti**  
**Charles Loverme**  
**James Gallagher**

by Joan Marcello

### **Memorials To St. James Church**

#### **In Memory of Kevin Caffoe**

by Donald A. Southwick

#### **In Memory of Alexander Gil & Christopher Bacynski**

by Wally & Dixie Huckno

#### **In Memory of Gert Melice**

By Todd & Annette Patric

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of...

**Kevin Caffoe**  
**Josephine Triscari**  
**Nancy Mistretta**

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord,  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls  
of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God  
rest in peace.*



### Wedding Anniversary Mass St. Joseph Cathedral

The Diocese of Buffalo & The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries with a special Mass where couples will renew their marriage vows. Registration is required; please contact the rectory to register.

Registration deadline: Friday, January 12, 2024

For questions or information contact the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-8373.

If you would like to attend please call the rectory to sign up.



**Confession** During Advent there will be 2 priests available at St. James Church on Saturdays from 3 - 3:30pm for confession either in the Confessional or in the Chapel. Confessions are also heard on Wednesdays, 6 - 6:30 pm at St. James or by calling the central office for an appointment.

### Bulletin Mailings for all Parishes

Due to the cost of rising prices, we are no longer able to mail bulletins each week at no cost.

Effective January 1, 2024, if you would like to have a bulletin mailed to your home weekly, you will need to send a **check made payable to your home parish** in the amount of \$50.00 to:

**Catholic Neighbors in Faith  
27 Allen St.  
Jamestown NY 14701**

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to keep connected to the church, ask them if this is something they would like. Or, surprise them and give it to them as a Christmas gift!

For more information, please call the Central Office at 716-487-0125 to get things set up.

### Holy Cross / Holy Sepulchre Cemeteries

Effective February 1, 2024 the cemetery pricing for burial lots will be increasing. If you would like to make a purchase before then please contact Ted Card, superintendent at 716-664-1632.

### Night Prayer

Each evening at 9pm the clergy will be holding a Night Prayer on the Catholic Neighbors in Faith Facebook page. There are Night Prayer books for sale at the Central Office for \$10, 27 Allen St. Jamestown.

#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

**Catholic Neighbors In Faith** is the "umbrella name" for our 5 parish families, but it is only that...a name, and not an actual building. Therefore, you cannot write checks directly to CNIF. When writing checks, you must write the name of the specific parish you wish your donation to be given. *Thank you!*

### Please Note

If you are interested in purchasing the Wine or Hosts for a particular month "In Memory Of..." or "In Honor Of..." that special someone, please call the Central Office at 716-487-0125. The cost for the Wine is \$40, the Hosts are \$25; and the Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for one week is \$10. A special card will be sent to the family notifying them of your donation.

### Our Stewardship

Totals for the weekly collection will be posted in the upcoming bulletin. With the holidays approaching, and earlier submission deadlines we are doing our best to get this information to you as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support of our parishes and patience with all changes going on.



LET US  
ADORE HIM  
*Christ the Lord*

## Guardians Needed

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. James Church

We have the holy Sacrament exposed in the chapel of St. James every Wednesday from 9:00am to 7:00pm for everyone to come and pray. We need individuals to sign up for a weekly hour to help keep the sacrament open through these hours. Please call the Central Office if you can help at 716.487.0125.

## St. James Parishioners

### The Stephanie Frucella Gift Fund

A special fund for college scholarships provided by the Frucella Family is available again this year for anyone who is a registered member of St. James parish and is currently attending college in pursuit of a 2-year associate or technical school program or a master's degree.

The application requirements are available at the Central Office. Applicants will need a letter from their pastor acknowledging participation at Mass and/or assisting other ministries.

**Completed applications should be mailed to:**  
**St. James Church, 27 Allen Street, Jamestown, NY,**  
**14701, starting Monday, January 1, 2024.**

## Our Lady of Loreto

Each Sunday at 9:30am there will be a Rosary prayer service prior to the 10am Mass at Our Lady of Loreto Church. It is open to anyone who would like to pray the Rosary. All you need is your Rosary.

*The Rosary*

Little Prayers

- ⑦ After completing the 5 Mysteries, pray the **Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)**  
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ
- ⑧ Pray the **Rosary Prayer** followed by one **Our Father**, one **Hail Mary**, and one **Glory Be**
- ⑨ Pray the **Memorare**
- ⑩ Make the **Sign of the Cross**
- ⑥ Repeat Step 4 for the 2nd Mystery. Do this for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Mysteries.
- ⑤ Pray ten **Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be**; then pray the **Fatima Prayer (O my Jesus)**
- ④ Say the 1st Mystery and pray one **Our Father**
- ③ Pray three **Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be**
- ② Pray the **Our Father**
- ① Make the **Sign of the Cross** and pray the **Apostle's Creed**

[www.facebook.com/littleprayers1](http://www.facebook.com/littleprayers1)

### Vocation News

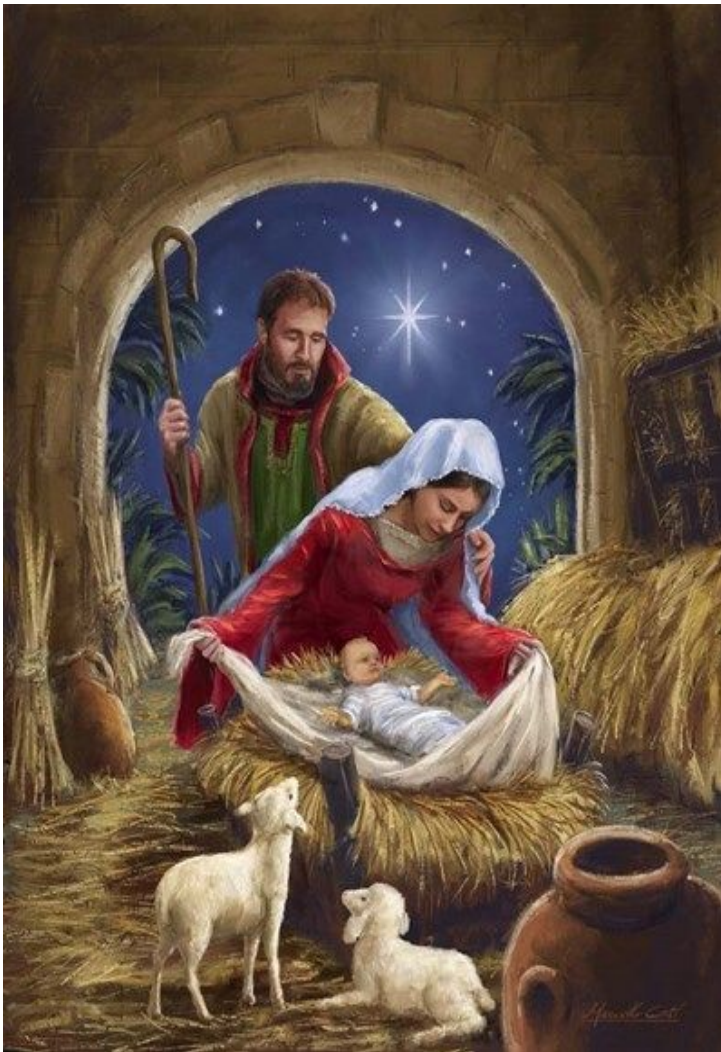
"The angel Gabriel from Heaven came..." When God's plan was made clear to Mary, she had questions but ultimately answered with a confident YES. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)





## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"Lord, I thank You for coming to earth so You could redeem me. When I think of the extent to which You were willing to go in order to save me, it makes me want to shout, to celebrate, and to cry with thankfulness. You love me so much, and I am so grateful for that love. Without You, I would still be lost and in sin. But because of everything You have done for me, today I am free; my life is blessed; Jesus is my Lord; Heaven is my home; and Satan has no right to control me. I will be eternally thankful to You for everything You did to save me! I pray this in Jesus' name!" [Rick Renner](#)



Dear Catholic Neighbors in Faith Family!

On behalf of all the priests of our family of parishes we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We pray that the joy and grace of the newborn Savior fill your hearts and your homes this Christmas. During this season of peace and unity, we pray that God will also bring us closer together as a family of parishes becoming ever more dedicated to the truth, goodness and beauty found in Jesus Christ. We have so much to look forward to in the upcoming year and we are grateful for all of our parishioners, faithful disciples of our Lord.

We remember the angels message to the shepherds in the field:

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12

Just like the shepherds may our response also be to go in haste to celebrate the Christ child in our midst!

We welcome all visitors to our parishes and pray for joy in your families and safe travels during this season.

May God send you his Christmas blessings upon your family, your friends and upon our Catholic Neighbors in Faith Family!

*Merry Christmas!*

*Fr. Darrell*

*Fr. Don*

*Fr. Paul*

## Reflections

### ***The Nativity of the Lord      Great Expectations***

Christmas can be disappointing. We remember the Christmases from our childhood, all the joy, the excitement, and the fun we had. When we grow up, we have to shop for gifts, write and mail the cards, put up the decorations, and do all the preparations that seem to stress us out. We may be sad that the day did not meet our expectations. Now that most of that is done, (unless you are reading this on a break from cleaning house before the grandkids arrive) we can reflect on how the first Christmas upset all expectations.

I'm sure Joseph never expected to have a child so soon. Or to have the baby born in a stable miles from their home in Nazareth. The shepherds never expected to be awakened by angels. And those Jews who looked forward to the coming of a Messiah never expected him to come as a baby. Yet God had reasons for coming in this way.

The nativity scene looks so peaceful and beautiful, but the reality was not so romantic. The messiah came not to the sound of war horns, but the cry of a helpless infant. He was born in a stable because no one had room for him. The first to see him were the shepherds, the migrant workers of the time. The political leaders (Herod and friends) wanted to kill him. Jesus was born in this way to show that he came not for the important and wealthy, but for the poor and outcast. As an adult, he would continue to surprise: he ate with sinners and tax collectors; he challenged the religious leaders of Israel. He was executed as a criminal.

So today he continues to come to us in the homeless, the undocumented immigrant", the sick, those in prison, the unborn infant, that we might find him where we least expect. Can we learn to see him in the unexpected, in our trials and difficulties, our own weaknesses? When we do, we will celebrate what Christmas is truly about.

May my soul rejoice in my Lord and Savior! May I be granted a metanoia of heart and spirit to grow in wisdom and knowledge that leads me closer to the glory and wonder of God. Amen!

By Beth Price

## Saints of the Week

### ***SAINT STEPHEN (first century)***

***December 26***

"A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church's first martyr, Stephen's life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, "the faithful witness" (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works "great signs and wonders among the people" (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen's face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus', is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father's hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen's killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.



### ***SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)***

***December 29***

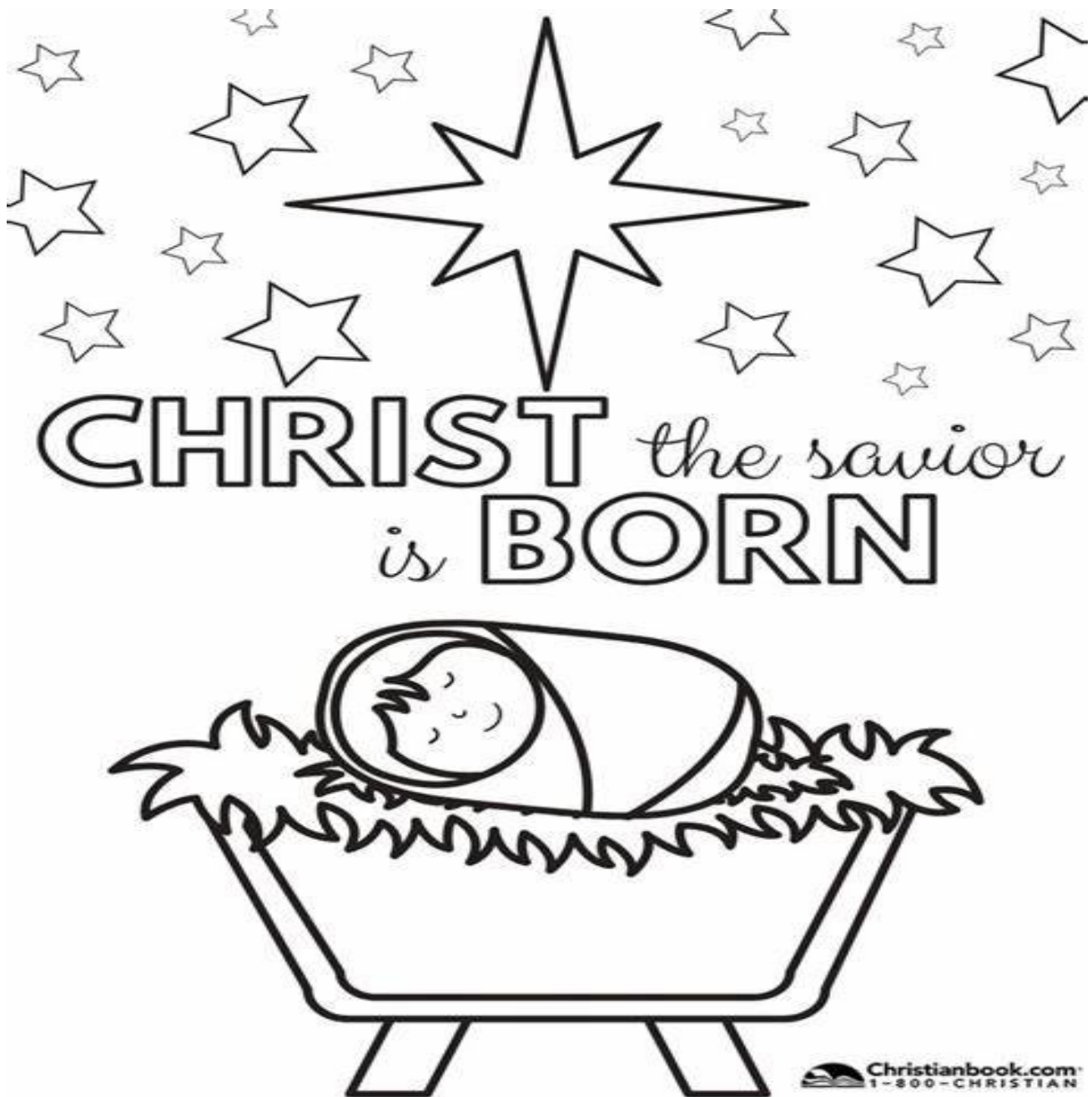
To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the King presumed, could be counted on, if made Archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the King's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.





## Kids Corner

An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy. It is for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you." He is Christ the Lord. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said, "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!" The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger.



# Catholic Neighbors in Faith Memorial

## In Loving Memory Memorial Page

This is a great opportunity to have your loved ones remembered. Your loved one's name (s) will be listed each week on a page in the bulletin. A donation is requested.

A yearly donation of \$50 is asked per line. This offering goes to help support the parish community.

There are two options. 1) Listed as one individual name: "Mary Jones," or 2) You may list family groupings: "The Jones Family." 3) Multiple names may be listed; "Tom Smith and Mary Jones." The cost is \$50 per line.

We hope to have the Memorial page ready for print by the beginning of January 2024.

If this memorial listing is complete they will run from January 2024 - December 31, 2024.

Please complete the form below. Make your check out to your parish and mail it to: 27 Allen St. Jamestown NY 14701.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen.

### *Application For Catholic Neighbors in Faith Memorial*

#### *Memorial Listing*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name (s)**

#### *Contact Information*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parish**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Street**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**State**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone**

This is a great opportunity to have your loved ones remembered throughout the entire year. Your loved ones will be listed bulletin each week.

- Please Include \$50.00 Per line
- Please Print Clearly
- Please Complete This Form and Return It to the Central Office With Your check.