

The 12 Days of Christmas

The 12 days stretch from Dec. 25 to Jan. 6 (Epiphany or 3 Kings) is an ancient part of the Church calendar. However the song was developed after 1558 when Catholics in England were forbidden to practice their faith. The song is an expression of faith designed to teach their children without their being arrested by the government. Each verse contains a symbol of a gift given by Christ, "my true love", and reminds us that Christ gave gifts to mankind (Ephesians 4:8). There are 12 gifts since 12 represents God's people (12 tribes of Israel, 12 Apostles of the Church). Various gifts can be assigned to the 12 symbols, and the list is repeated in each verse because while God is always giving us new gifts, he also continually renews every gift he has given us.

The Partridge was a symbol of Jesus because it will pretend to be injured, offering itself to the predator to save its defenseless young. The Pear Tree represents the tree of life which was lost by the sin of Adam but is now ours through the self-sacrificing love of Christ. Two Turtle Doves are the Old and New Testaments inspired by the Holy Spirit and a reminder that Mary and Joseph kept God's law by offering two doves in the Temple. The Three French Hens are the three great virtues of Faith, Hope and Love (1Cor. 13:13), and the Four Calling Birds symbolize the four major prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel) and the authors of the Gospels who proclaim the coming of Christ and his saving work.

The Five Golden Rings represent the five precious wounds of Jesus crucifixion. The ring is a sign of eternity that Christ has opened to us. Five also symbolizes the first five books of the Bible which are also known as the Law or Torah, and the five sacraments which every Christian should receive (baptism, penance, Eucharist, confirmation, anointing of the sick). Six Geese a-Laying are the six days of creation, its fall and rebirth. Eggs symbolize new life or rebirth (Easter). Swans represented nobility and the Seven Swans a-Swimming are the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Is. 11:1-3) which mark us as Christians and are expressed in the seven Corporal works of mercy and the seven Spiritual works of mercy. The eight Beatitudes are seen in the Eight Maids a-Milking who are lowly and humble servants who supply milk (1Peter 2:2) for others and themselves.

The Nine Ladies Dancing are the nine ranks of angel choirs who rejoice in God's presence and watch over us. Ten Lords a-Leaping are the Ten Commandments. The Eleven Pipers Piping are the eleven surviving Apostles who proclaimed the Good News of Jesus resurrection. Finally, the Twelve Drummers Drumming are the people of God, the 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament, the 12 points of the Apostle's Creed, and the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

Cherish and nurture the gifts that are offered to you by a child who is Son of God and Son of Mary, born in a manger, heralded by angels, adored by shepherds, and worshiped by magi. May the truth of Faith sustain us in Hope and keep the flame of godly Love burning in our hearts and homes, that we may know His Joy and Peace now and for eternity. God bless you each and every one!

+ In His Peace +
Fr. Bob



Scripture Verse for the Week:

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

Readings for the week of December 23, 2018:

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]
/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]
/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

O COME
all ye faithful



The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 24th thru Wednesday, December 26th

Christmas Blessings



To Joanne Meyers and all who helped decorate the Church and donated for the flowers. The beauty you created gives glory to God and joy to all who see it.



Christmas Wafer: -- Oplatki is available in the church vestibule. In early centuries of church life, the custom of sharing non-liturgical wafers was begun in Europe. When the oplatki is shared so are messages of love, good health and happiness. A donation of \$1.00 per packet is requested.



Our Faith Formation program is participating in the Acme Community Cash Back Program this year. Please help by saving your Acme cash register receipts **through December 29th**. Look for the red box located in the main vestibule this year. We are grateful for your participation.



Please Remember

- Rosella Macko
- Peter Ligas
- Irene Seigfried

May they enjoy Eternal Peace and may their families be comforted by the Prince of Peace.

Target Donations for BACM:

DECEMBER SPAGHETTI SAUCE



Thank you for your generosity.

Homebound Parishioners

Over these winter months if any parishioners find they are unable to come to Church on a regular basis because of the weather or illness, please let the rectory know. Our Sunday Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound would be happy to bring them Holy Communion after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday morning. Please call 330-825-9543.



Christmas Flower Donations



Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Flowers this year. An insert in the bulletin this week has a listing of all those generous parishioners who donated. This listing is printed on both sides of the inserts.



To Prince Of Peace Church

If you would like to register at Prince of Peace or have any questions, please call the church office at 330-825-9543 or visit our website: www.princeofpeaceparish.org

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22nd

3:00 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:00 pm Paul Mong Sr. & Viola
Int. of Anne Ozmore

Sunday, December 23rd (4th Sunday of Advent)

8:00 am For the People of Prince of Peace Parish

10:30 am Marvin Beal
Int. of Kathy Tomer & Family

Monday, December 24th

No Morning Mass

4:00 pm

6:00 pm William & Rose Diamond
Int. of The Somodi Family

10:00 pm Ladonna Tilley
Int. of Family

Tuesday, December 25th (Fr. Steinkerchner)

9:00 am Louis Sukie
Int. of The Wigh Family

Wednesday, December 26th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, December 27th

7:30 am Reese Family
Int. of Richard & Charmaine Reese

Friday, December 28th

7:30 am Wisniewski Family
Int. of Rihard & Charmaine Reese

Saturday, December 29th

3:00 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

10:00 am Tony Trenta
Int. of Family

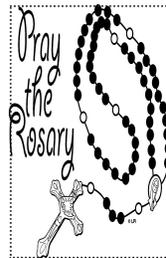
4:00 pm Helen Gonsiewski
Int. of Jerry & Tammy Gonsiewski

Sunday, December 30th

8:00 am Marion O'Breza
Int. of Marianne Maser & Family

10:30 am For the People of Prince of Peace Parish

Advent 
Merry Christmas 



Rosary Group

Here at Prince of Peace we do have a Rosary Group and all are invited to come pray the rosary. We meet in the Church every Friday at 3PM. We recite the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the chaplet of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer Shawl

If you need a prayer shawl please contact Francene Conrad at 330-825-8631.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, January 22nd at 1:00pm in the school.



Sunday, January 13th after 10:30 Mass New Year, New Me! In the gym.

Sunday, January 27th after 10:30 Mass Volunteer event TBD...more details to come.

**If you are not in our Remind group, text poppyouthg To 81010 to stay updated with the latest POPYG news! Please email Kellie with your name and phone number at kmgeorge630@gmail.com. Or call me at 330-445-0682

St. Augustine Church will be hosting a FREE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER from 1:00-3:00pm in the school gym. Anyone in need of food or fellowship is invited to attend.

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

The Knights of Columbus are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5.00 after all Masses in December.



12/16/18

Regular & Misc. Collection.....	\$	6,229.00
Energy & Maintenance.....	\$	646.00
SVDP.....	\$	470.00
Major Facility Repairs.....	\$	260.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$	205.00
On Line Giving.....	\$	1,704.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$	245.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



FROM THE PASTOR BEQUESTS

Each year we are blessed by parishioners who have remembered the parish in their will. These gifts strengthen the parish so we can better serve people's needs.

Last year's changes in the tax law kept in place several popular and attractive charitable gifting options. Gifting appreciated stock (held more than 1 year) to our parish may allow you to deduct the stock's full value and bypass capital gains tax. Also, if you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year with a gift made directly from your IRA to our parish.

Talk to your advisor and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

+Peace; Fr. Bob



December

Online Parish Directory

Any parishioner who would like to use the picture from our last directory, please contact the church office at 330-825-9543 with your request.

If you would like to upload your own picture to be included in the directory, send your request to poponlinedirectory@gmail.com.

Ministry Message

Ministry Help Needed

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers; Servers and Greeters for Masses. If you are interested in serving at the Altar of the Lord, please contact Fr. Bob or at the rectory, 330-825-9543 email him at: frbobjackson@neo.r.com.

Hospitals

If any parishioner is admitted to the hospital, please have a family member contact the parish office at 330-825-9543 with the details as soon as possible. Father Jackson makes regular visits to area hospitals and wants to make sure he doesn't miss anyone. He will also have their names put on our parish prayer line.



2019 Mass Intentions

The 2019 Mass Intention Book is open.

It is substantially the same as last year, **three intentions** per parish family.

With "1" Weekend Mass (Sat. or Sun.) and 2 Week-Day Masses.

So everyone has an opportunity to schedule important dates for their loved ones, after January 1st we'll honor weekends that are still available.

Contact Jenny Roth at the rectory, 330-825-9543 or email her at: ppeacechurch@neo.r.com.

It is common for a family to receive many Mass Cards after a funeral but Prince of Peace will only be able to retain ten intentions at the Parish. Families can distribute Mass Intentions to other parishes or Prince of Peace can distribute them to missionary priests via the Diocesan Propagation of the Faith.



Thanks for Sharing And Caring....

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) was able to help 14 families in the Barberton/Norton area this month, thanks to the generosity of POP parishioners!

We were also able to help 26 people feel pampered and remembered at our Holiday Hairstyling Even which was held in our Church Hall. We recognized many of the faces and names from past home visits, and met some new ones who came in response to select invitations given out by Common Threads.

The haircuts and styling provided by the Best Cuts Stylists, were awesome, and the faces, smiles and hugs of the clients heartwarming. There were some real transformations-and we all enjoyed witnessing the clients' reactions to their new look. All those helping with the event felt that it was a real success, and clients received not just a haircut, a gift bag and a hot meal, but they made our renewed connections with people in the community who care. One past SVdP client summed it up well when she said: "I am leaving not just with a new haircut, but with a new attitude."

Thanks to all of our parishioners for your continued prayers, donations and service to the poor of our community. Come join us at our next SVdP meeting, Thursday, January 10th at 7PM in the All Saints Room in the parish hall.



Christmas in Heaven



I see the countless Christmas Trees, around the world below with tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away your tears, for I am sharing Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas song's, that people hold so dear, but the sound of music can't compare, with the Christmas choir here. I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, it's far beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain within your heart but I am not far away. We really aren't apart. So be happy for me, loved ones. You know I hold you dear, and be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above. I send you each a memory, of my undying love. After all 'LOVE' is the gift, more precious than pure gold. It was always most important, in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as the father said to do, for I can't count the blessings, or the love He has for you. So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away those tears, for I am sharing Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.



Family Perspective December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus was born into a family. Because of his birth, not only was the world changed—the role of family life was also profoundly changed. Every family is called to recognize, value, and nurture the presence of God in their midst.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. Today we bless the fourth and last candle on our wreath. Let us ask God to bless our family on this final Sunday in Advent:

God of surprises,
today we hear about the surprise that Mary experienced.
She is pregnant with your Son!

Help our family to be obedient to your surprises,
however they may spring up in our lives.
All of your gifts work for the benefit of your people.

When we light this final candle on our wreath,
let us bring your surprise gift of love
to our neighbors and friends.

We ask this through Christ,
who is the ultimate surprise gift to the world.
Amen.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Each brick can contain 3 lines with 14 letters and or spaces per line. One of the lines may be used for a symbol such as a Cross. The cost per brick is \$45.

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name(s) to Appear _____

On Brick: _____
(Please Print) _____

*Any questions, please call the Rectory: 330-825-9543



Mass Times While Traveling?

When you and your family travel across the United States and Canada, do you ever wonder where the nearest Catholic Church is and what their Mass times are? Did you know there is a website www.masstimes.org that contains all the information you would need. This site provides location, Mass times, website, etc. and all you have to do is put in the zip code or name of the city. If you forget the address of this website, you can always go to our parish website at: www.princeofpeaceparish.org and look under "Mass Times" to find the link there.