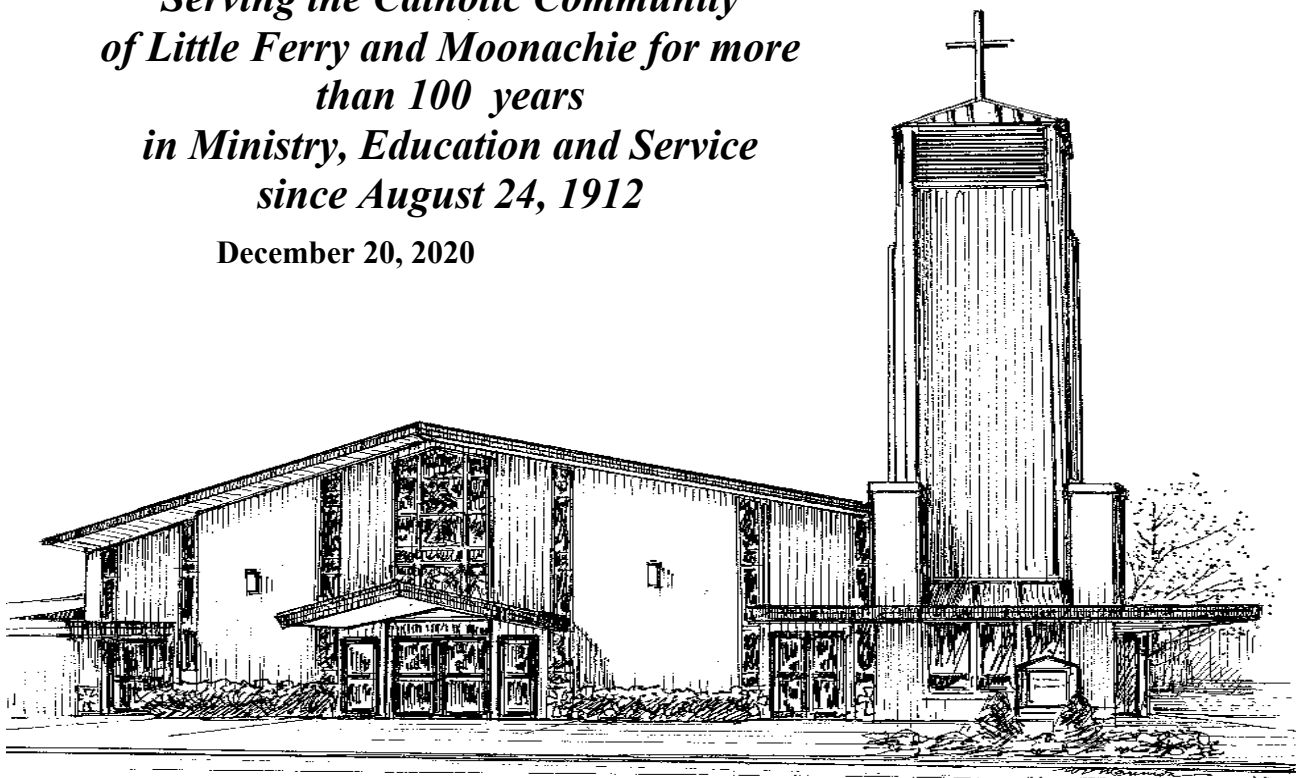


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MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
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The Holy Eucharist for this Week

SATURDAY, December 19

**5:30 PM Anna Hightower &
Joseph Nalewaicki**

SUNDAY, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM Antonio Santacroce
10:00 AM Elizabeth & Daniel Weir
Theresa & Thomas Leonardi
12:00 PM Sergio Passaro**

MONDAY, December 21

12:05 PM Martino Hroncich

TUESDAY, December 22

12:05 PM Otto & Josephine Baumeister

WEDNESDAY, December 23

12:05 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

THURSDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve

**5:30 PM & 12 AM Midnight Vigil Mass
People of Our Parish Family**

FRIDAY, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day

**10:00 AM 12:00 PM
People of Our Parish Family**

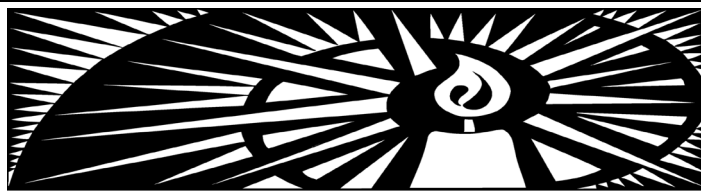
SATURDAY, December 26

5:30 PM Edward Cullen

SUNDAY, December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**8:00 AM Suzanne De Palma
10:00 AM Luciano Lo Sardo
12:00 PM Francis, Williams, Moylan &
Herlihy Families**



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CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

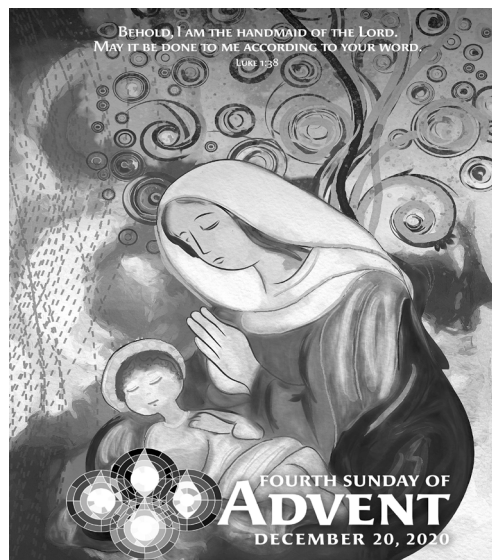
**Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling
the fire of hospitality in the hall, the
genial fire of charity in the heart.
—Washington Irving**

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

**A good conscience is a continual
Christmas.
—Benjamin Franklin**

NOT TOO MUCH

**If you have too much to do, with God's
help you will find time to do it all.
—St. Peter Canisius**





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THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God (Romans 16:26).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the
Lord

(Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through
Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans
16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word
(Luke 1:26-38).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Winter begins

Wednesday: St. John of Kanty

Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas

Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

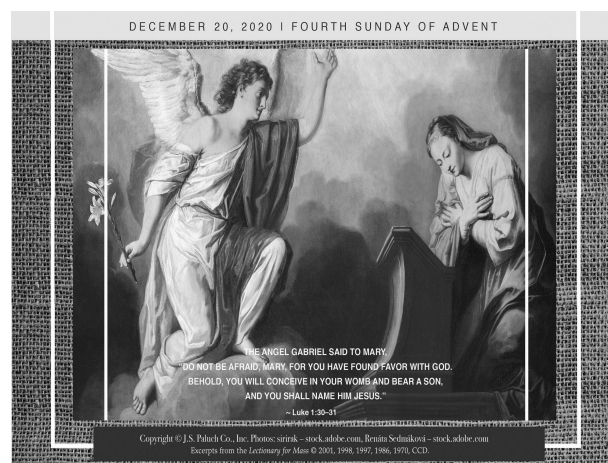
Saturday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.





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**We lift up to the Lord
in our prayers and
good works for: the
sick, frail and the
homebound.**

Shirley Pizza	John McConnell
Catherine Mary Moncello	Baby AmaJordan
Camilla Leventhal	Julian Morgan
Nicole Grano	Michel Porta
Johanna Hanush	Giovanna Careri
Lena Vitale.	Grace Ehler
John Thomas Lazur Dersch	Julio Sanchez
Robert Zienkiewicz	Arline Hrbek
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CHRISTMAS

*A young mother, her eyes shining with
fatigue, who is arranging her hair;
a father who finds himself alone
with his pretty wife and baby,
straightening the stable to make himself
useful in some way; shepherds who bring
cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk;
sheep who look at their shepherds while
bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his
manger changed into a cradle;
an adorable swaddled baby whom one
calls Savior, Christ and Lord:
This is the manifestation of the goodness
and the tenderness of God. This is the
most fantastic birth in the history of
humanity, the one which changed the face
of the world! This is how far God humbled
and compromised himself with us!
This is Emmanuel!
—From God's Word Is Our Joy*



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We are in need of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers.

Readers are needed at 5:30, 8:00 and 12:00
Extraordinary Ministers are needed at 5:30 and 12:00

Altar Servers are needed at 5:30, 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00

If you are interested, please call or text Sophie at 201-723-2091



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Saint Margaret of Cortona Christmas 2020 Schedule

Christmas Masses December 24-25

**Thursday, Christmas Eve:
5:30 PM and 12:00 Midnight**

**Friday, Christmas Day:
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God (New Year's Day)

January 1, 2021

**Thursday, December 31,
New Year's Eve: 5:30 PM
Friday, New Year's Day
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

Epiphany, Sunday, January 3

**Saturday, January 2: 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 3
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Monday, December 21
at 4:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, December 22
4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 23
2:00 - 4:00 pm**

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