

Joy To The World!



*"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." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*
Luke 2: 10-14

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
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Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM
Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass/Chapel Confessional
Saturdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1:15 PM Sundays by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Application for marriage by registered parishioners should be made at the parish office a year in advance of the desired wedding date.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9;
Col 3:12-21 or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Pray for the Dead

Edmund Flood

Please Pray For...

Members of our Armed Services: CWO2 Adrian Stanko US Army, Maj. Stefan Stanko USMC, Specialist Dominic Giampietro, USA, Corpsman John Siedler, IV, USN, Cpt. Thomas Comer, USA, Lt. Col. Katherine Comer Irish, AF, SSGT Andrew Ludwig, LT Mike Martinson, USN, Major Jeff Bogle, USMC, USN Cmdr. Timothy Knapp, RCT James Joseph Curley, USM 2nd Lt. Michael Jones, Corpsman Tony Ferrara, EMT USN

Our loved ones: Gen McNiff, Barbara Nault, Marie Barrato, Richie de Poortere, Jr., Mike Kelker, Katie King, Faith Beaudry, Max Liroff, Joel Rivera, Joseph Waitkus, Marlene Cababe, Laura Herr, Lynn Frazier, Heather Carlin, Chris Robinson and family, Paul and Susan Galvin, Maria Ferrara, Cathleen Rahlps, Courtney Tisdale, Rosa Perrella, Annette and Anthony Ferrara, Eileen Freda, Vera LiPuma, Mario Decristan, and Dr. John Valeri

Mothers of: Mike Moshier, CJ Floegel, Joseph Franceus

Fathers of: Joseph Franceus and CJ Floegel

Sisters of: Maria Aznar, Mary Ellen Peters, Jo Daly, Lisa Pensevene, and Judy Spero

March for Life 2018--Washington DC

Come and join fellow St. James parishioners on Friday, January 19, 2018 for an unforgettable day of hope and love! JOIN US AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRO-LIFE EVENT. We leave St. James parking lot at 6:30 AM and return approximately 8:30 PM. The bus has been paid for by the Knights of Columbus and two other generous parishioners. Get Involved...To sign up and get more details contact Paul at 908-917-2227 or paulncarola@yahoo.com.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." Mother Teresa

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 24 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30am The People of the Parish
9:00am Mary McArtney
requested by: Mary and Arleen
10:30am Sherry Bock Flanagan
requested by: The Hober family
12:00Noon Sam Singer
requested by: The Regan Family
4:00pm Church Noel Siegert
requested by: The Siegert Family
4:00pm Chapel The Gronske & O'Donnell Family
requested by: The Gronske Family
6:00pm Stanley and Alice Myslinski
requested by: The Heimers Family
9:00pm The People of the Parish
12:00Midnight Deceased Members of the Jean Louis Terry Family
requested by: Marthe Terry

MONDAY, December 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*

9:00am Brian Jarosz
requested by: The Jarosz Family
10:30am Augustine Laferrera
requested by: The Laferrera Family
12:00Noon The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, December 26 *St. Stephen*

NO 7:00am
8:00am Herman Hugo
requested by: The Gunning Family

WEDNESDAY, December 27 *St. John*

7:00am Mary McArtney
requested by: Terry Anderson
8:00am Mary Ann Burdi
requested by: The Giordano Family

THURSDAY, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

7:00am Caroline Manderino
requested by: Nick and Jean Moretti
8:00am Deceased Members of the Espasa Family
requested by: The Giordano Family

FRIDAY, December 29

7:00am Mamerto Rejano
requested by: Maria Rejano
8:00am Mary Kapp
requested by: The Kendall Family

SATURDAY, December 30

8:00am Sam Singer
requested by: Deacon Luke and Maureen Hally
5:30pm The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 31 *The Holy Family*

7:30am Rose Briamonte
requested by: Alice Orlando
9:00am Cathy Ryan
requested by: Rose Rokosz
10:30am D'Amato & Cucchia Families
requested by: The D'Amato Family
12:00Noon Rose Buchanon
requested by: The Maffey Family
5:30pm Robert J. Lesak
requested by: The Cherney Family



Christmas Flower Offerings

Many thanks to all those in the parish who contributed to our special collection for Christmas Flowers.

We remember your loved ones in our prayers.

Offered by:

Mr. Benaldo Abbate
 Ms. Monica Aerstin
 Mr. and Mrs. John Aiello
 Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Albanese
 Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Alfano
 Mrs. Dorothy Allers
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Amalfitano
 Ms. Marianne Andreach
 Ms. Marie Angowski
 Mr. and Mrs. William Aquilio
 Mrs. Maria Aznar
 Erika Ballo & Peter Kiss
 Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Banegas
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barry
 Mrs. Karen Bayeux
 Mr. and Mrs. George Bedrosian
 Mr. and Mrs. John Belardo
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bianchi
 Mrs. Josephine Biase
 Mrs. Regina Blejwas
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bonar
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bordiuk
 Mr. and Mrs. David Boulter
 Mr. and Mrs. William Boyle
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyle
 Mrs. Ellen Brady
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brinkworth
 Mrs. Linda Brough
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browne
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bruzzichesi
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Buccolo

Mr. and Mrs. David Buchanan
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Buckley
 Mrs. Barbara Burger
 Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Caffrey
 Mr. and Mrs. Romel Canete
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cantelmo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cantono
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cappucci
 Mrs. Kimberlee Caputo
 Mrs. Sandra Carbone
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carlucci
 Karen Champigny
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cherney
 Mr. and Mrs. James Chimenti

Mr. and Mrs. C. Christoforou
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cianci
 Mr. Daniel Clarkin
 Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Clerici
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Closkey
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cocuzza

In Memory of:

Emily Abbate
 Ken & Louise Aerstin
 Aiello & Belleza families
 Henry Brumleve
 deceased family members
 The Keith & Allers Families
 deceased family members
 Betty Andreach
 Cathy and Gregory Ryan
 Philip Sidoti, RoseMarie Aquilio
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Arturo H. Banegas
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Blejwas
 Ramona Figueria
 Maureen Bordiuk
 Louise Palladini
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Brady & Shanley Family
 deceased family members
 Gary Brough
 deceased family members
 Vivat Jesus!
 John LaPira & deceased
 family members
 deceased family members
 Buckley & Sullivan Families
 George Burger
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Nardone, Salmeri, Cantelmo
 & Abbondanzo Families
 deceased family members
 Louis Cappucci
 deceased family members
 The Carbone Family
 deceased family members
 Gerald & Eleanore Champigny
 deceased family members
 Angelo Scaturro and
 Catherine Chimenti
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Closkey & Flanagan Families
 deceased family members

Offered by:

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Cocuzza
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Colonna
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conkling
 Mr. and Mrs. Terence Conley
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Connor
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Convery
 Mr. and Mrs. James Corbet
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coughlin
 Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Corando
 Mr. and Mrs. David Corrado
 Mr. Bernard Corrigan
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coughlin
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Crapanzano

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crapser
 Mr. and Mrs. David Cudia
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dalton
 Mr. Paul Daly
 Mrs. Peter Daly
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Darche
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Dashefsky
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Davidson
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davies

Ms. Anita Dawson
 Mr. and Mrs. Mario Decristan
 Mr. and Mrs. David Delaplain
 Mr. and Mrs. Michele Delonardis
 Mrs. Debra DePaolis
 Mr. and Mrs. Nick DeStefano

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DiCesare
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles DiDomenico
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael DiDonato
 Mr. and Mrs. Arnel DiMaculangan
 Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Dimakos
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dobbie
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donovan
 Geraldine Doody

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dougherty
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Doyen
 Virginia Fahrman
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Falato

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fallon
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Falzon
 Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farmer
 Mr. John Farrar
 Mr. John Fennimore
 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ferzan
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fitzgerald
 Jo-Anne Fleming
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Formanes
 Mrs. Carmen Fortenbacher
 Ms. Courtney Foster
 Joseph and Lucy Franceus

Mrs. Betty Frino
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fuchs
 Mr. and Mrs. James Furst
 Gloria Gajewski
 Mr. Robert Gale

In Memory of:

Cocuzza & Tortorello family
 deceased family members
 Linda Moore, Allen Conkling
 Florence Molfetto
 deceased family members
 Gary R. Brough
 Pam Kane
 Coughlin & Boyle Families
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Patrick and Mary Corrigan
 Coughlin and Boyle Families
 Maria and Mario Pypno
 & Dorah Crapanzano
 Crapser & Fiacco Families
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Peter Daly
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Al and Eleanor Ferraro
 Marie & Jim Davies, James
 L. Frame, James Frame Jr.
 deceased family members
 Napoli & Decristan Families
 Delaplain & VanOrman families
 DeLeonardis & Sciortino Families
 Kyra O'Dwyer
 Prospero & Grace Revelli
 and LuAnn Revelli
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Pete & Rosario Celebrado
 Angie & Chris Dimakos
 deceased family members
 Lucy & Salvatore Craco
 Irene and Joseph Doody
 Dennis Davis
 deceased family members
 Doyen & Tinari Families
 deceased family members
 Doris & Rocco Caruso,
 Amy Falato
 John, Steven & Irene Curran
 Kathy Covais
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 deceased family & friends
 deceased family members
 deceased family members
 Donald A. Foster
 Michael Perrella, Angelo
 Perrella, and Janet Franceus
 Ernest Frino
 deceased family members
 Furst & Gillespie Families
 deceased family members
 Mary C. Gale

Offered by:	In Memory of:	Offered by:	In Memory of:
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Galgano	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. John Kruger	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gallo	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Wladyslaw Kulak	Kulak & Jakubowski Family
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gavagan	deceased family members	Mrs. Mary Jane Kvederas	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Giacobbe	William /Barbara Giacobbe,	Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Landadio	deceased family members
	John Memminger	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lang	their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilosa	deceased family members	Ms. Patricia Ledwith	deceased family members
Ms. Elaine Goetz	Timothy Fitzgerald and	Mrs. Violeta Lee	deceased family members
	Donald Hammerle	Mr. and Mrs. Victor Len	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Graham	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lobo	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gray	deceased family members	Mrs. Dulce Lopez	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greco	deceased family members	Mrs. Donald Lorenz	Marshall & Lorenz Families
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grohala	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lozowski	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Guerin	Guerin & Padron Families	Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Lynch	deceased family members
	Thomn Chu & Fred Herr	Mr. and Mrs. John Maddox	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gullo	Petosa & Gullo Families	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maffey	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Terence Gunning	Harold & Marion Gunning	Mr. and Mrs. M. Manfredonia	Curran, Mendler, Deeney and Manfredonia Families
	Frank Iris		deceased family members
Deacon and Mrs. Luke Hally	Hally and Dolan Families	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mares	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hammer	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Glen Marzoli	deceased family members
Mrs. Lynda Haran	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Noel Marzulli	Martino, Sagarese & Marzulli Families
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haszto	Antczak, Batch, Haszto, and Mortimer Families		deceased family members
	Mr/Mrs Stanley Myslinski	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mattiola	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heimers	Mr/Mrs. Edward Heimers	Mr. and Mrs. Louis Matty	deceased family members
	Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Heinold	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maurice	deceased family members
Karen Heinold	Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Heinold	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Maxwell	Dale and Joan Maxwell
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Heinold	deceased family members		Casey and Joe Ziolkowski
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Henderson	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Mayer	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. John Henry	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mazzio	Louise Ness, Cerelia Camerena
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hess	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Jack McArtney	deceased family members
Mrs. Muriel Hickson	Lisa Marie Hickson	Mrs. Patricia McCarthy	deceased family members
	LeRoy Lusardi	Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClain	Kucinski, Orosz, McClain and Barker Families
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hilbert	deceased family members		Tom and Kathy McCrone
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hilferty	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrone	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. David Hill	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. M. McDonnell	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hober	Hober and Ruiz Families	Mr. and Mrs. W. McDermott	Cunney & McDermott Families
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoffman	deceased family members	Myra McGinley	The McGinley Family
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hogan	Raymond & Kathleen Congdon	Mr. and Mrs. David McGuire	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Holmes	Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Angowski	Mr. and Mrs. Colin McKiernan	Patricia/ Bernard McKiernan
Mrs. Alberta Hornyak	HollyAnn & Stephen Hornyak		Genevieve/ Joseph Emanuele
Mr. and Mrs. Blair Hunter	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. J. McLaughlin	deceased family members
Jane Husk	Virginia & Arthur Husk	Mr. and Mrs. Richard McMahan	deceased family members
Mrs. George Iannacone	George W. Iannacone	Mr. and Mrs. C. McManemin	McManemin, Welsh and Doris Families
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarosz	Brian C. Jarosz		deceased family members
Nancy Jayne	deceased family members	Ms. Mary Jane McNally	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Jennings	Phillip P. George, and Edward Jennings	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mehmel	deceased family members
	Mary Pat Regan Paris	Mr. and Mrs. T. Meisenbacher	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnson	Maurice & Dorothy Juillet	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mele	Albert and Gertrude Mele
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Juillet	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. R. Mendiola	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Gener Kabamalan	Ellen Kahm	Mr. and Mrs. John Merritt	Karen Richard & Fred Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Kahm	Vincent A. Mazzei	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merten	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kaiser	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. John Milano	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kapp	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. John Milito	Suiter & Milito Families
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Keller	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Roman Milowski	Maria Golonka
Ms. Carleen Kelly	deceased family members	Mrs. Jane Mitchell	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall	Kendall & Butler Families	Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mooney	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy	deceased family members	Margaret Mooney	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy	Kennedy/McLaughlin families	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morano	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Killeen	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moretti	deceased Moretti family members
Mr. and Mrs. John Kissane	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morra	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Klacik	Raymond Klacik, Sr.	Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Morra	Stores and Morra Families
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Knapp	Barbara Schmidt	Mrs. Anna Morris	David J. Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Knapp	Charles T. Hennigan	Mr. and Mrs. Steven Morrissey	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ko	John & Phyllis Venofro	Mr. and Mrs. William Mowen	Ines & Jose Gomez, William Mowen, Sr.
	Edward Koh		deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. George Kohl	Kohl & Sobocinski families	Mrs. Audrey Muenzen	deceased family members
Christine Kollar	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulcahy	McGrath & Mulcahy families
Mr. Janusz Kornicki	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mulvihill	Adrian & Joan Winkelhoff
Mr. and Mrs. W. Kosakowski	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy	deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Rod Koza	Koza and Morrison Families	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murphy	Robert and Joyce Scanlon
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Krevis	deceased family members	Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nafie	Barnett and Nafie Families

JOY TO THE WORLD. THE LORD HAS COME.

Dear Friends,

The purposes of the Incarnation (GOD BECOMING MAN) are thus:

To do the Father's will (John 6:38), to bear witness to the truth (John 18:37), to bring light to the darkness (John 12:46), to bring true judgment (John 9:39), to bring abundant life (John 10:10).

The baby Jesus came into the world for each one of us, so that we might be saved. It is He who leads us to the Light. The birth of Jesus is a reminder that God has not abandoned us. It is a reminder of how much He loves us. God the Father reaches down to earth so we in turn may reach up to Him with praise and glory in thanksgiving for our salvation.

On this day, we come to Holy Mass even if we really do not have that kind of time to spare, because we know, deep down inside, that this story means something very special. Christmas is not really Christmas until we come together as a family of faith and tell the story here, together. "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." Luke 2:11

So why did God become man as an infant in Bethlehem? To bring JOY TO THE WORLD. I hope that you are all enjoying this very special day that commemorates the birth of Our Infant Messiah, Jesus. For this is the time to celebrate with great joy.

Our prayer for you this day is that you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed, happy, healthy and holy New Year.

Merry Christmas,

Msgr. Cronin and Fr. Krystian

"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 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." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:10-14.

Parish Support: December 17, 2017

	2016	2017
Weekly	\$34,103.00	\$34,729.70

Save the Date

Lenten Morning of Recollection for Women

Saturday, March 10, 2018—8:00 am-12:00 pm

To register contact Christine Roberts cdroberts65@verizon.com or Barbara Maddox bhmaddox@aol.com

Good News from St. James School



December 24, 2017

The St. James School children had their annual Christmas Pageant for the first time in church this year to the delight of many families. The children sang Advent Hymns and traditional Christmas Carols, culminating in the portrayal of the Christmas Scene complete with Shepherds, Magi, Angels and Animals. We were thrilled to even have an "live" baby Jesus who was one month old, Antonino Milelli. Our students did a beautiful job and we thank Mrs. Sue Florendo and Ms. Joyce Russell for their expertise in directing our students in this performance of "An Advent Christmas."

All of us at St. James School wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Healthy New Year of 2018!

Sr. Joann Marie Aumand, SCC
Director of St. James School

Mark your Calendars for 2018!!

Open Houses at St. James School are:
January 28 (10 AM- 1PM)
January 30 (9 AM-11:00AM)

**St. James Men of Charity
10th Annual**

Chili & Chowder Cook-off for Charity

Saturday January 27, 2018

6:30PM in the Chapel Auditorium

The proceeds of the event will benefit local acts of kindness and service performed by the Men of Charity. There will be homemade chilies and chowders made by individuals and local professionals. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be offered. A Tricky Tray basket raffle is planned. Tickets are only \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. Don't miss out on this enjoyable night. For tickets, contact Paul Mattiola (908) 419-0850. For chef participation contact, Richard Vieser: (908) 630-0959.

**EnJOY this gift...
and read how Christ's coming
changed everything
and still matters today.**

Let Christmas come alive this year!

Please pick up a copy of this joy-filled book when you attend Mass on Christmas Eve/Day. We hope that you will read it and share it with family and friends. Small book discussion groups will be offered in January and February.

