

DECEMBER 25, 2022

**THE NATIVITY OF THE
LORD**



Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses are at 4:00pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses are at 8:15am and 11:00am

Monday, December 26

9:00AM No Intention Requested

Tuesday, December 27

9:00AM No Intention Requested

Wednesday, December 28

9:00AM No Mass or Communion Service

Thursday, December 29

9:00AM Deacon Richard Aglietti (L) –
MaryAngela Boyle

Friday, December 30-Feast of the Holy Family

9:00AM Joseph Osso – The Vertucci Family

****BIRTHDAY GREETINGS****

December 24

Joseph Catucci, Veronica Keene, Kenneth Lloyd,
Gillian Manfredo, Deirdre Robben, Lesley Rohan,
Natalie Serkowski-DeStrange, Donna Siegrist,
Nicholas Strutt

December 25

Linda DeMatteis, Gerald Miracle

December 26

Jeremiah Burger, Sandra Kelly, Matthew Osso, John
Zocchi

December 27

James Conklin, Greg Glazer, Melissa Hinsch, Eddy
Rodriguez, Deanna Rowland, Mary Ann Sambells,
Christine Sasser

December 28

Daniel Anduze, John Dorn, Michelle Haering, Cheryl
McKeever, Irving Nadel, Donald Pizzuto, Claire
Porcelli, Robert Powers, Mary Tyler

December 29

Ava Bernardina, Michael Smith

December 30

Robin Fitzgerald, Wayne Johnson, Andrew Pizzuto,
William Siegrist, Sera Smith, Jeanne Sullivan-Jones,
Gregory Tompkins

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION
WILL BE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND DEBT REDUCTION.**



Let us pray to the Prince of Peace for peace in our world

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER JAY ON CHRISTMAS: Past... Present... and Yet to come...

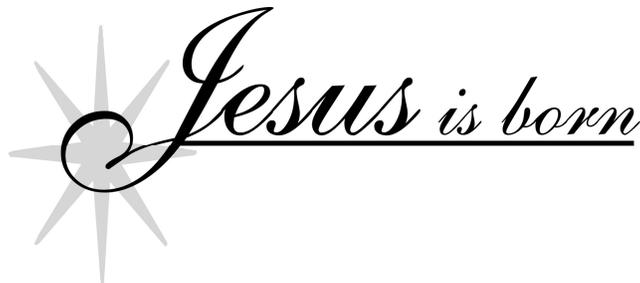
On this day, we celebrate the birth of Jesus once again. But what does this mean for you and me and for our world today? Many years ago, I heard someone say “*Christmas began in the mind of God, but it came to life when it put down roots in the hearts of his people*” Those words became what I believed about this day, what I tried to teach about this day and what I hoped that I could share with all the people that I would be called to serve as a priest in the years to come.

But I came to understand that this could not happen unless others would be able to see this in the words I spoke and the life I led. That made me realize that Christmas is not just a day...it has to become a way of life...for me and for you...if it is to truly take root in our world.

Over the years, I have hoped that I would be a worthy messenger to prepare the way of the Lord. I have not been perfect, but I always tried, if I failed, to start again like Jesus did the three times that he fell while carrying his cross. I pray that the “restarts” in my life may make up for the “falls” and that those will be the things that are remembered in the end.

My thought for you this day, my 50th Christmas as a priest, is to ask you to let the Lord and his message take root in your lives and not let it be crowded out by the messages that the world is trying to teach. If you fall, get up and start over...that lesson is sometimes the one that will touch the hearts of more people than the message of a life of someone who never fails. Always remember that the child Jesus is usually portrayed with his arms outstretched. I like to think that it is not a child saying “pick me up” but an infant Savior who, instead, is saying to all of us “let me...take *you* ... into my arms” every day.

Let us work together, starting today, to make this message the one that we preach to our world and let us do this, remembering what St. Francis of Assisi used to say: “*Preach always...and sometimes use words*”. May the Child, born this day in Bethlehem, bring light, peace and hope to our world in and through each one of us. Amen.



Dear Friend,

You know me, I like to spread good news. Well, today, I have exciting news to share with you. We have launched *The Good Newsroom*, a new digital newsroom where you can stay up to date on everything happening in the Church in New York.

The Catholic faithful have such a positive impact – the work we do for people, families, and generations of believers benefits our society and our communities in a variety of ways.

The Good Newsroom is a website where we will publish videos, articles, opinion pieces, and photos on a daily basis to tell the story of our faith, our actions, and our good deeds. I hope you will log on to see interviews with key church leaders, educators, and parishioners. You’ll learn fascinating new details about the important role we play in the lives of the diverse mosaic of Catholics who make up the Archdiocese of New York.

Please join me in staying connected with the Catholic community of New York at theGoodNewsroom.org.

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan