Silent Night, Holy Night…

Dear friends: As you may recall, the beloved Christmas Carol Silent Night was hastily composed by organist Franz Gruber on Christmas Eve 1818, to be sung accompanied by guitar because the organ at St. Nicholas Church, Oberndorf, Austria, had broken. This evening we find ourselves in a similar situation; this week our organ – though just a few years old – has failed, leaving inadequate time for a repair by Christmas. (A first effort is scheduled for this Tuesday.)

Fortunately, the MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) files of all our organ music can be used to reproduce our accompaniments over the choir loft audio system – though these will emulate a piano sound – so our singing will not go unsupported.

We hope these temporary circumstances will not too readily dampen our Christmas spirit, enabling us instead to hearken back to the simplicity of Oberndorf in 1818, and moreover to the first Christmas. As he first came to the world in the humblest of circumstances, may we welcome our Lord in this humble Mass, even as we look forward to raising our voices in thunderous praise upon the repair of our organ.

-Paul Campbell, Music Director

The Christmas flowers and greens are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of:

Joseph S. & Helen A. Bartnicki † Bergman family † Damian Alfonso Bergman † Eric L. Bergman, Sr.
Gene DeLucy, Sr. † DeMartino family † Clair Fanning † Haldeman family † Charlotte Harris
Robert George Harris † Maryclare Jordan † Jeannette V. Matatics † Stephen J. Matatics
Bishop Robert Morlino † James Reese, Jr. † Schofield family † John J. Sklanzacek

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Blessings received † Donald J. Trump † Many prayers answered

Quiet, Please, After Christmas Eve Mass

In respect for those who would like to remain for prayer after this Mass, please take your conversations and Christmas revelry to the Parish Hall, where milk and cookies will be served! Quiet family photographs by the creche are permitted.

No 11 a.m. Masses Until January 9

With Maria Kaupas Academy now on Christmas break, 11 a.m. Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays will not be on the weekly schedule until classes resume on Monday, Jan. 9.

Christmas Appeal

The annual Christmas Appeal mailing has been sent to regularly contributing households by U.S. Mail. Please prayerfully consider a generous Christmas gift to the Parish and/or Academy, whereby we may pay our unpaid bills (especially to our Ordinariate chancery), continue to offer an affordable classical Catholic education, and finish the year in the black. All gifts received prior to January 1 will be tax-deductible for 2022. Thank you!
Mary, Mother of God Masses
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is celebrated on January 1, falling this year next Sunday. In anticipation of the Parish New Years Eve party that follows, our 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass will be sung this year. Sunday’s Masses at 10 a.m. (Solemn) and 7 p.m. (Sung) will follow the established pattern.

Parish New Years Eve Party
Following Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 31), members and friends desiring a family-friendly New Years Eve gathering are welcome to the Parish Hall for potluck supper, fellowship, games, and a movie on the big screen. Participants are welcome to stay up for the midnight New Year celebration, though of course there is no obligation to do so. Please join us!

2023 Parish Calendars
2023 Parish Calendars (featuring our contact information, weekly schedule, and liturgical year) are now available on the back table for $5 apiece. Payment may be inserted in the secure cash box at that location.

Carolining Next Sunday, Jan. 1, 1:00 p.m.
Each year the Parish (and not just the choir!) undertakes the corporal work of mercy of visiting the sick by singing Christmas Carols at Serenity Care (formerly Scranton Manor) on the Sunday after Christmas. Though New Years Day is an unusual occasion for caroling, this year’s calendar leaves us little choice… so despite the holiday, please join us after Mass next Sunday for caroling at 1:00 p.m.!

Second Sunday Potluck “Bumped” to Jan. 15
Due to Lessons & Carols and the Three Kings Supper falling on January 8, our usual Second Sunday potluck lunch will be delayed next month until January 15. Responding to multiple requests, Paul Campbell will reprise the presentation he gave at the Academy’s recent Advent retreat. Therefore, retaining the successful pattern of our Advent potlucks, please bring a no-cook item so the presentation can get underway expeditiously.

Lessons & Carols January 8
Each year the Parish Choir offers the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on the afternoon or Epiphany Sunday, falling this year on January 8 at 4 p.m. Our annual Three Kings Supper will follow (see below), providing an ideal opportunity to invite non-Catholic friends to a beautiful non-Eucharistic service presenting the Gospel story, followed by warm parish fellowship.

Three Kings Supper January 8
The Parish’s annual Three Kings Celebration Supper will be held on Sunday evening, January 8 at 5:30 p.m., immediately following the Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. A potluck affair, please bring a main dish, side dish, or salad; drinks and dessert will be provided. Please plan to join us!

Daily Office Books Reprinted
The Ordinariate Chancery is pleased to announce that they can begin taking orders for the most recent printing of Divine Worship: The Daily Office. The price per book is currently $45 plus the appropriate shipping and handling. If you would like to place an order, please find the order form at ordinariate.net > Resources > Daily Office Orders.