



Christmas 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of "Love" on our wreath. The candle recalls the love of Mary and Joseph for the Holy Child Jesus. In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the Angel announces to Joseph the coming of the Messiah. Joseph, the just man, will promise to guard and protect Mary and the Child Jesus as they are both entrusted to his care.

As the day of Christmas approaches, it is an old custom to place a candle in the window of our homes to light the way for Joseph and Mary on their journey to Bethlehem. By decree of Caesar Augustus, they are forced to leave Nazareth and journey to Bethlehem, the City of David, to take part in the

census ordered by the Emperor. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet, Micah: "Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

May the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph find a place of honor in your homes and in your hearts this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Pax Christi,
Father Thomas



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 20 December

4:00 p.m.

Michael and Mary Caterina r/o The D'Amico and Caterina Families

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, 21 December

8:00 a.m.

Mary C. Young r/o The Bastkowski Family
and
Sandy Coger r/o The Frank Family

10:00 a.m.

James M. Cavanaugh r/o The Cavanaugh Family

12 noon

Theresa Reimer r/o Margaret Agosta

MONDAY, 22 December

8:30 a.m.

Jerome Koehler r/o Priscella Koehler

TUESDAY, 23 December

8:30 a.m.

Sharon Van Ness and John O'Brien r/o Priscella Koehler

WEDNESDAY, 24 December

4:00 p.m.

Anthony and Dora Angelini r/o The Kristensen Family

6:00 p.m.

Joan Kenny r/o Deacon Jack and Judy Kenny

12 Midnight

Carol and Bill Maher r/o The Family

The Nativity of the Lord

THURSDAY, 25 December

8:00 a.m.

Thomas Kwietniak r/o Diane Shea

10:00 a.m.

Pedro and Rafaela Towns r/o Jackie and Jennifer

12 noon

The McCue and Yannaco Families r/o The Yannaco Family

FRIDAY, 26 December

8:30 a.m.

The Living and Deceased Deacons of St. Bartholomew Parish
and

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish r/o Fr Thomas Walsh

SATURDAY, 27 December

4:00 p.m.

Jose Domingo, Jr. r/o The Domingo and Villajoquin Families

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SUNDAY, 28 December

8:00 a.m.

Mary Murtha r/o The Larezzo Family
and
Juan Martinez r/o Anderson Martinez

10:00 a.m.

Kathleen, John & Hope Whipkey r/o Patty & Sherman Whipkey

12 noon

Elizabeth and Joseph Boyle r/o The Family

Vocations Corner

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:23)

During this fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember that God is truly with us. Mary and Joseph trusted this promise even when God's plan was unexpected, showing us that answering His call often takes faith more than understanding.

As Christmas approaches consider how your family can grow in trust: through prayer together, small acts of generosity, or simply making space for quiet moments with the Lord. And as a parish family, how can we walk with those who are discerning their vocations? Whether someone is listening for a call to priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, or another path of service, our encouragement can be a powerful sign that God is indeed with them.

Pray that all who are discerning their path may be strengthened by the promise of Emmanuel — God with us — especially those called to priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony.

Christmas Mass Schedules

December 24

4 PM, 6 PM, 12 Midnight
(11:15 PM Lessons and Carols)

December 25

8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

The Collection for December 7 = \$21,921

The Collection for December 14 will be reported in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

CALLING ALL ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS!

Join us for the Christmas Reenactment @ the Children's Mass on 12/24 @ 4:00.

All parts are non-speaking and first come first serve.

Participants need to be in 1st-6th grade, and must attend the only rehearsal

Tuesday 12/23 @ 5:00. (1 hour maximum)

Older students who are interested, can sign up as assistants.

To sign up, please email Mariana Helmold @ Marianahelmold@aol.com.

You will receive confirmation of your email within 48 hours.

If you're interested, do not hesitate, as costumes/parts are limited.

Looking forward to a most meaningful year!



Thank you from St. Vincent De Paul

The St. Vincent De Paul Society would like to thank our wonderful parishioners for the amazing response we received during our Thanksgiving Turkey collection. Your donations this year allowed us to provide turkeys, turkey breasts or hams plus food store gift cards to all of our current client families, as well as providing 20 additional turkeys to needy families being served by the SVdP conference of the Holy Family parish in New Brunswick and another 15 to Catholic Charities clients in New Brunswick! Thank you also to those who provided food gift cards and monetary donations. We are so blessed to have such generous parishioners, who graciously support our ministry to the poor. You have truly made a difference in bringing holiday blessings to their homes. We continue to thank God that, even in these tough economic times, our parishioners demonstrate unwavering love and caring toward our neighbors in need. Thank you and we hope you all had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving celebration.

Please note that if you or anyone you know in our local communities needs our assistance, please ask them to call our confidential Hotline (732-597-1507) so we can try to help. Also, if anyone is interested in participating in or learning more about our ministry, please email Kim at pres@ebsvdp.org.

Thank You From The Columbiettes

Thank you to all the parishioners who packed Operation Christmas Child boxes this year. With your help, we turned in amazing 159 shoeboxes that are now on their journey to children around the world. Please know that you are making a real difference in the lives of children. These shoeboxes carry joy, hope, excitement and are a special reminder that someone out there cares. The Columbiettes are so honored and grateful to be part of this mission with you. May God bless you. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!



50th Annual East Brunswick Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held at St. Bartholomew Church on Tuesday, November 25



**THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM AT SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH**

<i>Benjamin Jackson Katz</i>	<i>Eliana Antoinette Colella</i>
<i>Gabriella Anne Kipp</i>	<i>Lucia Chan Laskey</i>
<i>Morgan Ann Gallo</i>	<i>Dalton Xavier Defilippis</i>
<i>Emerson Rose Prezioso</i>	<i>Fallon Lucille Blake</i>
<i>Hudson Dominic Sommers</i>	<i>Charli Rae Catananzi</i>
<i>Vivian Rose Wospil</i>	<i>Hailey Rose Kenney</i>
<i>Joseph Salvatore Aguiar</i>	<i>Noah James Juanengo</i>
<i>Jaeden Anthony Jobes</i>	<i>Olivia London Jobes</i>
<i>Daniela Noelle French</i>	<i>Emily Grace Garcia</i>
<i>Antonino Carmine Trapasso</i>	<i>Jeralyn Filoteo Nazareno</i>
<i>Lucas Marcelo Mlynaryk</i>	<i>Nicholas Mlynaryk</i>



Friday, December 5

Jim Ryan, Deputy Chief of the South Brunswick Police, was our guest speaker this past Friday evening.

He spoke about how his real life experiences impacted his faith journey through life. His presentation was a beautiful way to begin our way through Advent.

Thank you to all who attended.



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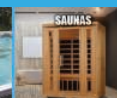
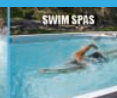


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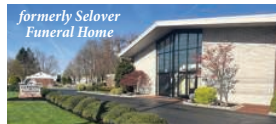


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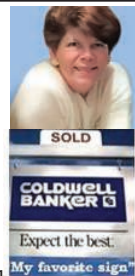
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