



The

Lampighter

Advent, 2010

Heart of Jesus PNCC

Bayonne, NJ

I Believe...

*That just because two people argue,
It doesn't mean they don't love each other.*

*And just because they don't argue,
It doesn't mean they do love each other.*

I Believe....

*That no matter how good a friend is,
they're going to hurt you every once in a while
and you must forgive them for that.*

I Believe...

*That true friendship continues to grow,
even over the longest distance.
Same goes for true love.*

I Believe...

*That you should always leave loved ones with
Loving words. It may be the last time you see them.*

I Believe....

*That you can keep going long after you think you
can't.*

I Believe...

*That either you control your attitude or it controls
you.*

I Believe...

*That heroes are the people who do what has to be done
when it needs
to be done, regardless of the consequences.*

I Believe....

That money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I Believe...

*That sometimes when I'm angry
I have the right to be angry,
But that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.*

I Believe....

*That maturity has more to do with
what types of experiences you've had
And what you've learned from them
and less to do with how many
birthdays you've celebrated.*

I Believe....

*That our background and circumstances
may have influenced who we are,
But, we are responsible for who we become.*

I Believe...

*That even when you think you have no more to give,
When a friend cries out to you -
you will find the strength to help.*

*The happiest of people don't necessarily
have the best of everything;
They just make the most of everything they have.*

Thanksgiving Day

November 25th

A happy and blessed time to all on our national holiday of gratitude to God for his gracious love.

A blessing before the Thanksgiving meal:

Lord, thank you for life:
 we live as your Church,
 In faith and hope.

Lord, thank you for love:
 we love in our families,
 in work and in play.

Lord, thank you for prayer:
 we pray in our joy
 and our sorrow,
 in laughter and silence.

Lord, thank you for this world:
 we delight in rainbows
 and skyscrapers,
 sand dune and icicles,
 friendship and music.

Lord, thank you as we ask you
 to bless the food we're about to enjoy
 for which we are also very grateful.

In your Name we pray. Amen!

Advent 1

Sunday, November 28

.....what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? -Psalm 8:4

9:30 AM Holy Mass

Advent 2

Sunday, December 5

The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. - Psalm 19:1

9:30 AM Holy Mass with intention for Edward Grodkiewicz
 offered by Thomas Grodkiewicz

Advent 3**Sunday, December 12**

God said to Abraham, "I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven." – Genesis 22:17

9:30 AM Holy Mass
11:00 AM Parish Committee monthly meeting

Advent 4**Sunday, December 19**

.....in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. – John 1:5

9:30 AM Holy Mass with intention for Helen Bielinski offered
by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Magda

CHRISTMAS EVE**Friday, December 24**

9:45 PM Carol Sing before Mass
10:00 PM **Holy Mass of the Shepherds - Pasterka**

CHRISTMAS DAY**Saturday, December 25**

10:00 AM Holy Mass of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour

Sunday, December 26

9:30 AM Holy Mass with intention for Edward Gnás offered by
Sophie Gnás

Our Parish Advent Tree

Our Advent tree is set in the narthex from today to help us prepare for the season of sharing and giving. Through the Advent Tree, each of us will have the opportunity to share with others in our community who have basic needs to address.

Each ornament on the Tree lists a separate need. As Advent unfolds, we'll remove one or a few ornaments which will be our reminder to go out to fill

the need written on it / them. Then we'll bring back those items to church for collection in the gold box in front of the Advent Wreath in church and distribution in the week of Christmas.

The focus of our efforts is the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation which distributes needed items to the people they serve in Bayonne.

Please bring your items to the gold box by and even on Sunday, December 20th.

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers – Coming Soon

Christmas Wafers for this year will be included within the Christmas Lamplighter coming to you in the next few weeks. In it you'll find an envelope marked with the words "for Oplatki". Any donation parishioners and friends would care to make to the parish for the Oplatki - Christmas wafers - would be appreciated.

The offering envelope can be placed in the offering plate anytime during the liturgies of Christmastide or mailed directly to rectory.

Lamplighter Christmas Greetings

Please begin submitting your holiday greetings to parishioners and readers of our Lamplighter. As before, the page size per greeting is quarter-page - \$5, half-page - \$10, and full page - \$20.

As before, you can submit a greeting text and illustration if you like.

Please notify the rectory by **DECEMBER 15th** of the size of the greeting and any message you may want included for it. Only the notification needs to be done by the 15th. Your greeting offering can be made anytime after that.

Christmas Floral Memorials

Poinsettias can be donated for this Christmas season as memorial offerings. Please contact any Parish Committee member with your memorial floral designation; or contact the rectory by mail, phone (201.858.4320) or e-mail (schneebe@aol.com); or leave your memorial designation request in the

offering plate.

Two large arrangements for the high altar are \$70 each.
The poinsettias are \$20 per pot.

Please arrange for your memorial floral offerings by **DECEMBER 15th** for inclusion in the memorial list in the Christmas Lamplighter. Only the notification needs to be done by the 15th. The offering for the poinsettias can be made anytime thereafter.

Parish Dues

It would definitely be very helpful if all our parishioners would submit their parish dues for 2010 by mid-December. By bringing the dues up to date by Christmas Eve, our financial staff can more easily complete its work for the year's end.

Celebrating the First Liturgical Season of the Church Calendar:

Observing and Celebrating the Season of Advent

Special Advent Devotional Resources are available for you within this Lamplighter and include some of the following:

for Adults and Young People

Advent: Hearts and Voices
Father Patrick Hannon, C.S.C.

Advent is a time when we can almost feel the breath of God blowing on the fading embers of our hearts. Father Patrick Hannon's Advent reflections speak of this truth. We need not be afraid of the dark. We enter into these days of Advent with hope and anticipation, eager to see God in the dark, so that when the dawn comes, we welcome it with joy and thanksgiving. In celebrating the birth of Christ, we are celebrating the gift of hope, a gift that gives us courage to face the deepest darkness.

for Older Children

It's About Time

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son." The children know something about the fullness of time. With this timely and fun devotional booklet, they'll happily spend time each day reflecting on God's eternal blessings. Suggestions for journaling are included.

for Young Children

Gifts of Love

This is a season of gifts--giving them and getting them. This is a good time to count up the many gifts our loving God gives us. This sticker activity booklet will help children do just that. Each day in December features a Scripture passage, devotion, prayer and a sticker to add to the special centerpiece. When Christmas comes, children will be ready to praise God for his greatest gift of love--his Son, Jesus.

Happy Birthday, Jesus – All Over the World

With these daily Advent devotions children will celebrate Jesus' birthday with children all over the world. They will find that each country has its own special traditions and customs, and they will meet new friends and learn to say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Birthday, Jesus" in their languages. Each devotion ends with prayers that people all over the world will know the joy of Jesus.

Dear Parents:

You yourselves are the greatest pre-Christmas resource for your children. Encourage them in their scripture readings and worship attendance through your own example of participation in all that's suggested and provided for in this mailing. Read with them their devotional booklets and share time for prayer together in this Holy Season so that these activities themselves become good and ongoing spiritual habits through this Season of Advent to Christmastide and on through the entire Church Seasonal Cycle.

Sincere thanks to.....

.....*Florence Vila* for her assistance in meeting various vendors at the church and guiding them to the areas where they can accomplish their work.

.....*Tom Grodkiewicz and Mary Elliott* for creating and donating the beautiful ornaments on our Advent Tree this year. When you take them home to remind you which gifts to provide for, you can place hang these special Christmas tree ornaments on a few boughs to remind you of your Advent giving for a worthy cause.

Great Idea! Remember our wounded and ailing soldiers

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we join together in this special effort, just think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include this added address:

**A Recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001**

A little note inside expressing your gratitude for his / her service and wishes for recovery and improved health will be a nice touch as well.