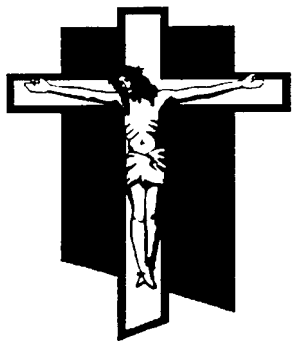


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St. Joseph

St. John Bosco

St. Helen  
(St. Mary—St. Joseph)

Notre Dame



## Christ the King Is Born!

He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race.

Jn 1:2-4

**LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP**

Dear Friends:

*The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.* These lyrics from the Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," capture well the paradox of our times. Technological advances in the fields of medicine and communication open up whole vistas of hope-filled possibilities. Yet, the fears about what tomorrow holds are real and unnerving. The economic distress that our families continue to endure, the unending violence suffered by the innocent, and the moral decline unraveling the very fabric of our families are sobering realities that make it difficult to be hopeful about what tomorrow may bring.

In the midst of our fragile human condition, the Word became flesh. God has sent His last Word, His most profound Word, His most beautiful Word into the world. And that Word means: I love you. God has come and illuminated the cruel night of our fears with the light of His undying love.

So, light the candles! They have more right to be here than darkness. Christ brought a Kingdom which is not of this world, yet a Kingdom which is capable of changing this world, for it has the power to change hearts, to enlighten minds and to strengthen wills. By taking on our flesh, with all its weaknesses, and transfiguring it by the power of His Spirit, Christian hope is not a mere pipe-dream, but a Promise enfleshed in the Child lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us, as the psalmist bids us, "sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth." (*Ps. 96:1*) It is the festival of God's infinite love and mercy, the festival of tomorrow's possibilities, the festival of our salvation.

May the Lord give you and your family the hope and joy which the shepherds experienced when the light of God's glory shone around them on that first Christmas night. And may you hear His gentle words echoing in your heart: "*Anyone who follows me, will never walk in darkness, but will always have the light of life.*" (*Jn. 8:12*) After all, "*In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*" (*Jn. 1:4-5*)

May the Christ Child come to you and your loved ones this Christmas with the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope, and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Your Brother In Christ,  
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported in part by parish contributions of 60% of the annual Christmas collection. Projections show that this level of support will leave the plan coming up short. Beginning this year, parishes across the diocese will be contributing 100% of their Christmas collection (first collection) for the support of the Retirement Plan. With Christmas falling on a Sunday this year, a second collection will be taken up for the support of the parish. There are currently 32 retired priests and 13 active priest age 70 and older who are anticipated to receive pension benefits totaling \$735,000 in 2011-2012. Your generous contribution not only supports them but also helps to provide for future needs. Say *thank you* to your parish priests through a generous contribution to the Christmas collection.

**FROM FR. JOE...**

*Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that we, who are gladdened by participation  
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,  
may through an honorable way of life  
become worthy of union with him.*

So we pray near the end of the "Mass during the Night" of Christmas in the words of the new Roman Missal. And ought we not strive to live so as to make these words true? May the great mystery of God's coming to dwell with us as man not only fill us with good cheer for a day or a season, but transform how we think and speak and act all throughout the year. God bless you and yours richly this Christmas and always!

**A Note of Thanks**

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many wonderful people who helped make the fundraiser for Notre Dame Parish (the December 10th "indoor garage sale") such a success. We all gave of our time, talent, and treasures. The total raised is \$726.80! It is our gift to the Baby Jesus. Happy Birthday, Jesus!

--Grace Rule, Theresa Allen, & Carolyn Lateoux

**PAGEANT OF THE KING**

If you enjoyed the children's Christmas pageant, then consider the Epiphany pageant. St John Bosco Church will be having a children's Epiphany pageant on January 7th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Epiphany Sunday. All children from all parishes are welcome to come and take part in this Christmas Season celebration. Practice for this pageant will be on Saturday, January 7th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Bosco Church. Mrs. Charlotte Broecker is in charge of organizing this pageant. If you have any questions, please feel free to call her at 483-1043.

**MASS INTENTIONS****This Weekend – Nativity of the Lord****Saturday, Dec 24 (Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25)**

4:00pm - St. Joseph's with Pageant  
 4:00pm - Notre Dame  
 7:00pm - St. Helen's  
 10:00pm - Notre Dame

**Sunday, Dec 25 (Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18)**

9:15am - St. Joseph's  
 10:30am - St. John Bosco

**Weekday Masses****Monday, Dec 26 (Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22)**

12:05pm (ND) Ann Sova by Bev &amp; Dick Sprague

**Tuesday, Dec 27 (1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8)**

6:45am (SJ) Deceased & Living Members of the Stark  
 Family by Ginette Stark

**Wednesday, Dec 28 (1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18)**

12:05pm (ND) Bernard V. Murphy by Agnes Murphy  
 & Family

**Thursday, Dec 29 (1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35)**

6:45am (SJ) Frank Purdy by Wife, Anne &amp; Children

**Friday, Dec 30 (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3)**

12:05pm (ND) Eileen Wells by Edinger Family

**Next Weekend – Nativity of the Lord****Saturday, Dec 31 (1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18)**

4:00pm (SJ) Howard Gokey (5th Ann) by Children

**Sunday, Jan 1 (Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21)**

7:45am (ND) Theresa Tavernier by James &amp; Colleen Coulthart

8:30am (SH) Dean Livernois by Sharon Boyer

9:15am (SJ) Richard Nason, Sr. by John &amp; Darlene Nason

10:30am (SJB) For The People of MCP

11:00am (ND) Tom Casey by Wife &amp; Family

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Thank you to the parishioners who donated money toward the purchase of flowers for deceased loved ones. The lists of names are posted near the church entrances. Your contributions helped make our churches even more beautiful for the holidays!

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL****FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM**

Are you 60 years of age or older? Do you like working with children? If you answered **YES** to these questions, the Foster Grandparent Program may be for you! The main goal of this program is to enable persons aged 60 and over to remain physically and mentally active and to enhance their self-esteem through continued participation in needed community service. Foster Grandparents already provide support to places such as Holy Family School.

**The program offers:**

- A small stipend
- Payment sick, vacation, and personal time
- Community involvement
- Senior/Child relationship
- Insurance to, from and during work hours
- May work a minimum of 15 hours to a maximum of 40 hours a week.

**For more information call Vivian or Melissa  
 at (518) 359-7688  
 or Mrs. Wiseman at (518)483-4443  
 or e-mail [fgp@northnet.org](mailto:fgp@northnet.org)**

Check the News and Events Calendar on our website at [malonehollyfamily.org](http://malonehollyfamily.org) for events already scheduled for the 2011-12 School year. For more information contact the school at 483-4443, e-mail us at [hfsp@twcny.rr.com](mailto:hfsp@twcny.rr.com).

**Holy Family Year-Round BINGO!**

There will be no Bingo held on Saturday, December 31st.  
 It will resume on Saturday, January 7, 2012

**Is God Calling YOU?**

"The Word became flesh and lived among us." Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, call Fr. Joe or Fr. Byran Stitt at 483-1300 or 483-4074, or visit the Vocation website at

**DIOCESAN EVENTS****Catholic Boy & Girl Scouts**

Have you yet begun working on your Religious Emblem this year? There are emblems to earn for all scouts age 6 to 18. For more info go to [www.dioogdensburg.org/scouting](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/scouting) and click on "Emblems and Medals."

**SOCIETIES & PARISHES' EVENTS**

**Bingo - Knights of Columbus**

Every Tuesday, early bird starts at 7:15pm. Elm Street.

**MCP FUNDRAISERS**

**Bingo - St. John Bosco**

Join us for Bingo at St. John Bosco every Thursday. It starts at 7:15pm. Bring a friend or two! Workers for December 29th: Bingo - Team 1; Bell Jar - Ruth.

**Starts at 7:15pm**  
**Early Bird - Progressive Bingo**  
**Pull Tabs & Concession**  
**\$1420 given away**

**GIVING TREE THANKS**

**Heartfelt thanks** to all who took a tag and returned a gift. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by residents of Valehaven and the Alice Hyde and Franklin County Nursing Homes (*Notre Dame tree*); our homebound parishioners (*St. John Bosco tree*); local children (*St. Joseph's tree*); and patrons of Catholic Charities' food pantry (*St. Helen's tree*). Your kindness reflects the true spirit of Christmas and is a beautiful witness to your faith. **Thank you one and all!**

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

Respected educator Dr. William Guiffre (a friend of Fr Joe) is spending his retirement writing children's books--including a few delightful Christmas stories. Dr. Guiffre has very generously offered to donate to us 35% of sales made on his website to those who say they're from the Malone Catholic Parishes. His books are available at [www.betterbooksforchildren.com](http://www.betterbooksforchildren.com), and they make great gifts! Just be sure to let him know you're from MCP when placing your order.

**2011 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL**  
**—Our Family, Our Faith—**

	Goal	Raised so far	Gifts
<b>Notre Dame</b>	\$22,452.25	<b>\$17,963.60</b> (80%)	175
<b>St. Helen's</b>	\$5,700.00	<b>\$4,804.00</b> (84%)	33
<b>St. John Bosco</b>	\$3,473.23	<b>\$3,015.00</b> (87%)	29
<b>St. Joseph's</b>	\$13,826.55	<b>\$11,201.00</b> (81%)	111

**GOSPEL CLIP**

Nativity of the Lord

"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord." This is our response to the psalm today. At first some sticklers for English grammar might take exception to the present tense in the sentence. After all, wasn't Jesus born more than two thousand years ago? Yes, that's true. In Bethlehem in Judah in a stable a child was born. He was heralded by angels and honored by shepherds. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, hardly an auspicious beginning for the King of all the world.

But Christmas is much more than remembering the birth of a child two millennia ago. That is because his birth has real effects for each of us today! The birth of Christ affects our lives. That is why we proclaim, "Today is born our Savior."

Think about it. In the run up to Christmas many of us opened our hearts and our wallets to those in need. Why did we do that? We did it because we believe what Jesus taught us: to love our neighbor as ourselves. In doing so, Christ is born in our hearts.

Many of us sent greeting cards with good wishes to others. Why did we do that? Because we believe what Jesus taught us: to announce the good news to others. In doing so, Christ is born in our hearts.

We come to worship on Christmas day just as we do on any Sunday. Why do we do that? Because we believe what Jesus taught us: to love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul. In doing so, Christ is born in us.

When Christ is born in us, he is born again in the world. As men and women baptized in his name, we carry him in our hearts to others: to those who walk in darkness, to those who are burdened, to those who feel forsaken. Today is born our Savior!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2011**

If you would like a record of your contributions for 2011 for St. John Bosco, St. Helen (SM/SJOH), St. Joseph and Notre Dame for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket. We will mail them to you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVERS SCHEDULE**

**Next Weekend December 31/January 1**

**St. Joseph**

**4:00pm**

Lector: W. Cappiello  
 EM: T. Kelley, R. Demarse, MK Tulloch, J. Sprague  
 Altar Servers: D. Sprague, M. Robert, A. Poupore

**9:15am**

Lector: D. Hanus  
 EM.: A. & J. LeRoy, K. Golden, P. Koehler, J. Hanna  
 Altar Servers: D. & J. Murtagh, N. Gokey

**Notre Dame**

**7:45am**

Lector: N. Haas, Sr.  
 EM.: T. Lake, Langdon, Learned, Main, G. Seymour  
 Altar Servers: R. Haas, B. Rivers

**11:00am**

Lector: Hanna  
 EM: S. Traynor, Tvrdik, Wiseman, Bannon, J. Bashaw  
 Altar Servers: Merrick, J. Nichols, Robinson  
 Hospital: Marceau

**St. John Bosco**

**10:30am**

Lector: J. Dufort  
 EM: V. Williams, A. McKee  
 Altar Server: Jacob & Jordan Broeker

**St. Helen**

**8:30am**

Lector: S. Perkins  
 EM: B. & B. Charland  
 Altar Server: C. Bentley

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

	<b>12/18/11</b>	12/19/10	12/20/09
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>\$5897.61</b>	\$6743.10	\$6730.47
<b>St. Helen's</b>	<b>\$943.25</b>	\$1093.00	\$1081.00
<b>St. John Bosco</b>	<b>\$908.00</b>	\$1197.28	\$1105.75
<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>\$3792.04</b>	\$4284.65	\$4302.52

*Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-7*