



12/27	9:00 am	Rudy Napaletano (Jo-Ann & Tony DiPanni)
	4:30 pm	Alfred Canevari (Wife, Nilda)
12/28	8:00 am	Joseph Sulla, Jr. (Wife, Sue Sulla)
	9:15 am	Giuseppi Giglio (Wife & family)
	11:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza & Louie Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	6:00 pm	Lynda Geremia (Santorella family)
12/29	9:00 am	Rudy Napaletano (Jo-Ann & Tony DiPanni)
12/30	9:00 am	Pat Bassett (Liquori family)
12/31	9:00 am	Grossarth & Maxwell families (A.T. Roman)
VIGIL	5:00pm	Robert Pelletier (Wife, Mary)

MOTHER OF GOD

01/01	9:00 am	For the parish
	11:00am	Deceased mothers & fathers
01/02	9:00 am	Jack Clancy (Blair family)
01/03	9:00 am	For the parish
	4:00 pm	Nina Gambino (Sister, Marianne)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

01/04	8:00 am	Doris Boczer (Marlene & Vincent DePanfilis)
	9:15 am	Maria Rodriguez (Carmen Lopez)
	11:00 am	Anne D. Moran (Gerry & Joyce Moran)
	6:00 pm	Tom Groener (Phil & Pat Florio)
01/05	9:00am	Loyola Palinkos (Ann Regan)
01/06	9:00am	Barbara Blanchfield
01/07	9:00am	Doreen Francoeur (The family)
01/08	9:00am	Clorinda Florio (the family)
01/09	9:00am	Grossarth & Maxwell families (A.T. Roman)
01/10	9:00am	Leonard J. Benigno (Emily & Gary Rogalski)
	4:00pm	Robert J. Bonenfant, Jr. (Emma Bestercy)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

01/11	8:00am	Anne Masucci (Rosemarie Lepore)
	9:15am	Cecelia Giaimo (M/M Gene Gaudio)
	11:00am	Alfred F. Celentano (Gerry & Joyce Moran)
	6:00pm	Geovani Solis Andrea & Joe Lick)

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

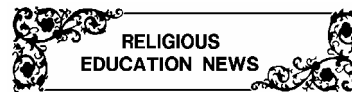
The flowers for January 4 are in memory of Anne D. Moran, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Moran. The flowers for January 11 are in memory of Alfred F. Celentano, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Moran.

If you would like to memorialize a family member or friend, in a special way, flowers for our altar are always a lovely gesture. The donation is \$50. Your intention will be announced in our bulletin the week prior to the date you choose, and also on the specific date. Call the parish office at 847-5349 to schedule.

**DECEMBER OFFERTORY SUMMARY**

December 7th offertory	\$ 8,590.
December 14th offertory	6,625.
Faith Direct offertory	11,586.
Total December offertory to date	31,368.
December offertory budget	40,000.

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish.

**REACH - DECEMBER 28TH AND JANUARY 4TH**
REACH is on break until the New Year!

Classes will resume on January 11th for **grades K-6**
Grades 7&8 WILL NOT meet on January 11th. Be on the lookout for the 2009 calendar for 7&8 grades.

If you have any changes to your contact information...email, phone number, address, and please let us know so we can properly notify you.

REACH SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION

In the event of snow, St. Jerome REACH and TOTAL cancellation information will be posted on the following TV and Radio stations.

WFSB (CBS) Channel 3

NBC 30 (Channel 6)

ABC (Channel 8)

Cablevision Channel 12

1400 WSTC (AM)

1350 WNLK (AM)

95.5 THE FOX (FM)

96.7 THE COAST (FM)

Many blessings this Christmas Season!



TOTAL:

We are wishing everyone a happy, safe and peaceful New Year. As we begin a new year many things will be taking place. Our Emmaus Weekend will be held on January 9, 10, and 11. If you would still like to come, please let me know as soon as possible.

A parent and candidate meeting will be held for our Confirmation candidates who will be making Confirmation in the fall of 2009, sometime in January. At this time, the candidates will be selecting a night for their small group Confirmation classes.

We will also be making decisions concerning "The 14 Steps." The New Year will be off in full swing.

If anyone has questions, I can be reached at 847-0501 or emailed at patolson3321@aol.com.

FONDUE NIGHT

College students, college graduates and young adults. You're invited to **Fondue Night** in the Kevin Edit Youth Room, hosted by Tom Wagner and Beth Olson, Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:30PM. Come with a friend: Come to reconnect with old friends or come to meet new friends!

FROM AN ADDRESS BY POPE PAUL VI

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

First, we learn from the silence of Nazareth. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplifying its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings; in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children-and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value-demanding yet redeeming-and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well being.

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2008

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29---3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12