# **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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## **Pastoral Staff**

#### **Priests and Deacons**

Rev. Kenneth M. Zach - Pastor

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Rev. Jerry Cestare - Associate Pastor

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## **Parish Office Hours**



Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

## **Sacramental Life**

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday Sunday Sunday 5:00 PM 5:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 5 PM

#### **Holy Day Masses**

Evening before Holy Day 7:00 PM Holy Day 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 5:00 PM

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM Saturday Morning 9:00 AM

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Tuesday from 12Noon - 1:00pm

#### **Baptisms**

Baptisms are celebrated twice a month on Sundays at 2:00 PM by reservation only. Please contact the parish office at least 2 months prior to desired date to make arrangements for this sacrament.

#### **Marriages**

Please contact the parish office nine months to a year in advance of your wedding.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Anyone who is seriously ill, elderly, or facing an operation should be anointed with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Contact the parish office.

#### Communion for the Homebound

Anyone who cannot attend Mass due to illness or age may receive Communion at home. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

#### Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

# Interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Church. If you have never been baptized, confirmed, or received First Holy Communion, or if you are a member of another Christian Church and wish to become a member of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.

#### **Pray the Rosary**

Please join us in the Church Monday through Saturday @ 8:30am. We will pray the Rosary aloud asking for the intercession of the Blessed Mother for the health and safety of our families, our parish community, and for peace in our troubled world!

# **FATHER KEN'S CORNER**



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Parish of The Good Shepherd,

I bring to each and all of you, tidings of great joy! The Christmas Season, the Christmas celebration goes on! We're in the middle of the TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – twelve days of rejoicing on earth in the great loving gift of Jesus, the Son of God from Our Eternal Father in heaven. We exchange gifts and presents in imitation of the gift the entire world, the entire universe, has received in the Son of God coming to live among us; coming to teach us; coming to heal us, coming to forgive us; coming to comfort us; coming to give himself to us; coming to bestow on us the gift of salvation, eternal life. Check out and pray Psalm 118. Emmanuel, Our God is with us! How sad it is if we can't find reasons for rejoicing.

Yes, each of us have experienced the death of a loved one. Yes, each of us has experienced tragedy. Yes, each of us has experienced physical and mental pain. Yes, each of us knows the depths of frustration, disappointment, suffering. Yes, each of us has walked through the dark tunnel of life looking and searching for that light somewhere in the distance. The birth of Jesus Christ and the personal and public celebration of His birth is that wonderous light in the distance, at the end of the tunnel - that "light the darkness shall never overcome".

We do have reasons for rejoicing, even in the midst of life's difficulties and tragedies. At the birth of their child, that mom and dad may be in difficult straights, yet, this arrival of new life, this physical evidence of an act of love can bring a sense of joy and wonder that can overcome any other hardship. This is what both Mary and Joseph discovered in their lives. I'm sure that looking back on the experience, they both would have exclaimed that it was the challenges of getting to Bethlehem, of finding that rude stable which they faced together that gave them the strength to endure and perhaps even to smile in memory of all they experienced.

Our children and grandchildren find all sorts of reasons to be happy during this time — even if it is just because of days off from school. How many of us would be ecstatic if people celebrated OUR BIRTHDAY for a series of 12 days? Please consider the absolute wonder and awe of what we have been celebrating! Our God, creator and king of the universe, has CHOSEN to live among us as one of us so that we might choose to live forever with him! Our God chooses to do this not because we are so good and deserving (we are not), but despite our tendency to sin because we are so loved! That Love of God is beyond reason and yet, those are our reasons for rejoicing — our reasons to continue our celebration all the way to the feast of Epiphany — the arrival of the Magi.

My personal reasons for rejoicing are many. They include the beautiful response of this parish to the invitation to attend the Holy Hour of Adoration back on December 6th. Bishop Andrzej was impressive (and humorous) with his discourse of the grave importance of our understanding and love of the mystery of Our God's continued abiding love for us. I tell you that he was impressed by the large number of people who attended this Holy Hour. I can also tell you that we are arranging for him to return during the season of Lent – always closer on the calendar than we might think.

I thank those who came out for our first sing-along of Christmas music and I'm grateful that Jim Marino was able to lead us on the guitar. It was wonderful to see our families gather to sing and to think about the meaning of the words of these songs which are so uplifting. I'm also very thankful to Sr. Ellen and Linda Mongan and their assistants for arranging and directing the Christmas pageant which filled the church with excited children and parents. I find joy in our men who again assembled our almost life-sized creche in the atrium and the number of adults and teens who coordinated the outside lighting around the church. Special thanks go out to all those who worked so diligently to create such a beautiful Christmas celebration: Doreen Bacile with our environment committee, our garden club, our liturgical ministries and our music ministry. For some the Christmas celebration ends on December 26th; others wish that our celebrations could last the 40 days until the 2nd of February the Feast of Candlemas.

# **Offerings**

# Mass Intentions

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
5:00 pm
Sunday
7:00 am
December 30th
Yvonne Thompson
December 31st
Intentions of Good Shepherd
Clergy & Staff

8:30 am Paul & Jean Ehlinger 10:00am Mass Guild

12:00 pm Stephen Georgecink 5:00 pm For the People Monday January 1st

8:30 am Anthony Fronzoni III 10:00 am Mass Guild

12:00 pm Gerard J. Benedict

No 5:00 pm Mass

Tuesday
9:00 am

Wednesday

January 2nd
Thomas Curran
January 3rd

9:00 am Intentions of: Victoria McGinn

Thursday
9:00 am
Nicole DiPietro
Friday
9:00 am
Rose Tracey
Saturday
9:00 am
Donna Marie Ti

9:00 am Donna Marie Tizzano 5:00 pm Vinny Zaniewski Sunday January 7th

7:00 am Priests of Good Shepherd 8:30 am People of Good Shepherd

10:00 am Mass Guild

12:00 pm Gurino & Victoria Frustaci 5:00 pm Frank Acierno & Cindy Rawdin

## **Mass Guild Members**

## **December 31, 2023 at 10am**

#### In Memory of:

Michael Frustaci
Alexis Lamb
Marcelino Ilogon
Eufemia Ruedas
Leela Prasad
Elizabeth D. Adams
Alina Zawacka
Charlie McGrath

#### **Intentions of:**

James Dooley Jason Miller

## Gifts of Bread & Wine

## The Gifts of Bread & Wine



#### In Honor of:

Blessed 62nd Anniversary of: John & Carol Cahill

**Donated by:** 

John & Carol Cahill

# **Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle in the Church, is the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist.



## **In Loving Memory of:**

Mary Rieger & Fr. Tom Spadaro

**Donated by:** 

Loving Friends

## **Mass Guild Members**

# **January 1, 2024 at 10am**

### In Memory of:

Michael Frustaci Alexis Lamb Jaime Samia Jeff Killian Deacon Ed Tappin Anthony Mazurkiewicz

# God Speaks...

# Called to be Church

**Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith** 

Epiphany January 7, 2024 Matthew 2:1-12

"After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage"

Where in your own life's circumstance do you find Jesus present to you?

# OUR PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Welcoming All...Awakening Faith... Serving Others...

#### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the disciples of Jesus Christ who Worship at Good Shepherd, accept the privilege and responsibility of supporting one another in love and service, of giving witness to the Good News of salvation, thus enabling others to experience the loving presence of Our Risen Lord..

## **Important DRVC Information**

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc

# Good News!

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the *Magi* is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God. •

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# **Parish Events**

**Readings and Saints of the Week** 

Monday, 1/1 Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk

2:16-21 *Mary, Mother of God* **Tuesday, 1/2** 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28

St. Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen Wednesday, 1/3 1 Jn 2: 29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Thursday**, 1/4 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday, 1/5 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51

St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Saturday**, 1/6 1 Jn 5: 5-13 Mk 1:7-11 St. Andre Bessette

**Sunday, 1/7** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 The Epiphany of the Lord

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY DECEMBER 31st Sunday Mass Schedule**

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 12Noon

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** 

5:00 pm Mass (Vigil for Holy Day 1/1/24)

#### **MONDAY JANUARY 1st**

Mass Schedule

8:30am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon No 5:00 pm on January 1st

#### **TUESDAY** JANUARY 2nd

12:00 pm C/Adoration 6:00 pm C/Faith Formation

#### WEDNESDAY **JANUARY 3rd**

L/Faith Formation 4:30 pm C/Faith Formation 6:00 pm

#### **THURSDAY JANUARY 4th**

10:00 am L/Friendship Ministry 6:00 pm C/Junior Choir 7:00 pm C/ Choir

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#### **FRIDAY** JANUARY 5th

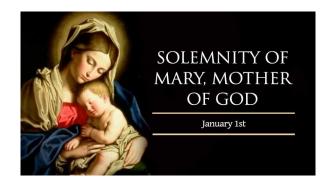
C/Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm

#### JANUARY 6th **SATURDAY**

9:30 am L/Faith Formation 10:00 am PL/Hockey 11:00 am C/ Convalidation C/Wedding 3:00 pm 4:00 pm C/Confessions

**SUNDAY JANUARY 7th** 2:00 pm

C/Decoration Removal



NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

Sunday, December 31st at 5:00pm

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Monday, January 1st

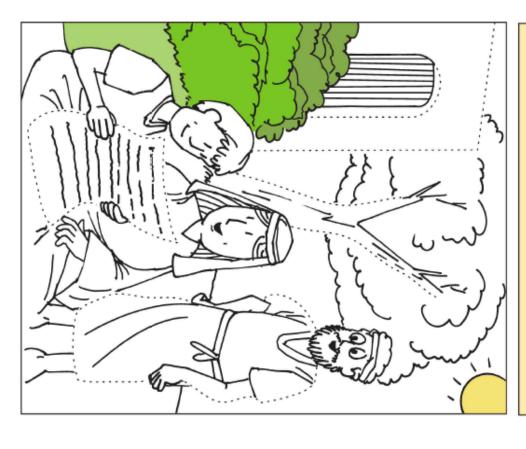
8:30am, 10:00am & 12Noon (No 5pm Mass)

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR **GENEROSITY IN PURCHASING GIFTS** FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SACHEM ADULT HOME. THE **RESPONSE WAS** OVERWHELMING. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THAN JOAN MUNRO FOR SETTING UP AND DECORATING THE TREE IN THE NARTHEX AND SORTING AND PACKING UP (ALONG WITH HER ELVES) ALL THE GIFTS THAT THE 38 RESIDENTS OF THE HOME WILL RECEIVE. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

# Children's Page

Jesus grew and became strong.

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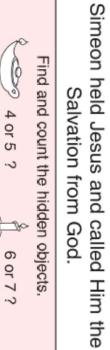


Ages 3+

The Jesus Presented in the Temple Help the family get to the temple. Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. Joseph and Mary took December 31, 2023 • Luke 2:22-40 188 888

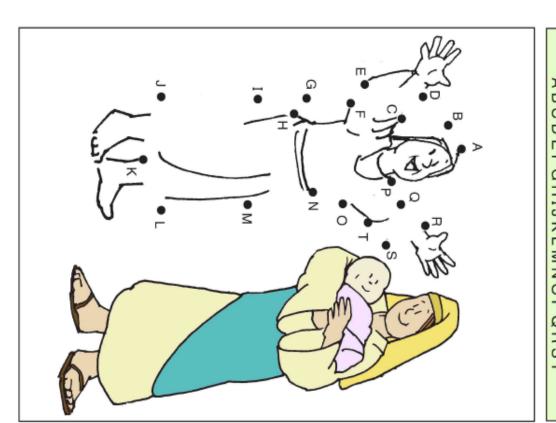
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# Children's Page





Connect the dots.
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Anna thanked God because of Jesus.



# **Knights of Columbus**

**Good Shepherd Council 8607** 

# Annual Clothing Drive



Sat, Jan 6th & Sun, Jan 7th Collections Before/After All Masses

Look For U-Haul Truck In Good Shepherd's Side Parking Lot

# What's In Your Closet?

Accepting Clothing/Shoes, Accessories & Household Items PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS.

Your donations matter... We are working with Savers, and receive a small monetary donation based upon total weight of the items collected. These funds allow us to to continue our charitable works. Additionally, your donations are used by Savers to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island. And thank you to U-Haul of Holbrook for the generous truck rental donation.

Any questions, call the Grand Knight @ 631-471-1996





# Pope Francis asks: "Are we guardians of all that has been given to us?"

"To be attentive to the Lord, not to fall asleep – we need to be alert. At the end of our life, he will call us to account for the goods he has entrusted to us. Therefore, being vigilant also means being *responsible*, that is, safeguarding and administering those goods faithfully.

We have received so much: life, faith, family, relationships, work, but also the places where we live, our city, creation. We have received so many things. Let us try to ask ourselves; Do we take care of this inheritance the Lord has left us? Do we safeguard its beauty or do we use things only for ourselves and for our immediate convenience? We have to think a little about this: are we guardians of all that has been given to us?"

# This Christmas season: How are we taking care of this inheritance the Lord has left us?

If you would like to share your personal response with the parish in a future bulletin, please fill out the section below and drop it in the box in front of the main office. All submissions will remain anonymous. You can also email goodshepherdstaf@aol.com with your response.

# **Parish Social Ministry**

Our office is reaching out to you or anyone you know in our area that is in need of assistance for food, temporary financial help, counseling, advice or referrals or is sick, home bound, lonely and hurting. If in need of our services, please call our office at 585-4544. All information taken is treated privately and confidentially except where disclosure is made at your request or with your permission.

## **Food Pantry**

Please call 585-4544 and leave a message if you need assistance.

## **Senior Group**

If you are 55 years of age, or older, come join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9am mass in Fellowship Hall. We are men and women who help support each other and the parish through many social activities.

## **Friendship Ministry**

Friendship Ministry is a group that meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until Noon in Fellowship Hall. If crocheting or knitting is not your thing, just come and socialize with us; we would love to have the chance to meet you.

## The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang

The **Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang** whose mission is to serve those in need and provide an opportunity for others to serve would like to thank the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council #8607 for their very generous donation and support.

At our last meeting, with the help of our volunteers, we were able to make 610 sandwiches and 100 wash-up kits. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday**, **January 13**<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.

In addition to your time, we need individually wrapped hard candy (no chocolate please) and sample size soap and shampoo for our washup kits.

These items can be dropped off in the library of the church; please label them- "For PB&J Gang." **DO NOT drop off bread.** 

When you come to volunteer, if you are able to, please bring any of the above mentioned items and/or 1 loaf of white or whole wheat bread. If needed, 1 hour of community service will be given to those who attend.

Our sandwiches and wash-up kits are delivered to Lighthouse Mission located at 1543 Montauk Hwy, Bellport, NY 11713.



With the number of COVID and FLU cases rising across Long Island, we ask parishioners who are not feeling well or have tested positive for COVID or FLU to please stay home until they are no longer ill. Please follow past protocols regarding masks. Daily Mass is live-streamed at 9am on weekdays and at 10am on Sunday mornings.

# **Brick Program**

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The Church of the Good Shepherd has a beautiful way to commemorate a loved one, a special event, or share a special message.  For a donation of \$100 a commemorative 4" x 8" brick will be custom engraved and placed at the base of one of the Stations of the Cross.  To order your brick fill out the order form and submit to Parish Office.  Make checks payable to the Church of the Good Shepherd							
Name:							
Address:							
Phone: email:							
Signature: Optional Artwork selection							
Brick 4" x 8" Inscription 1-3 lines 18-20 letters/spaces per line							
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# We Pray...Celebrate...Remember...

# **Pray for the Sick**

Baby Madison Schreiber
Anthony
Janine
Sybil
Kathy Alegre & Family
Amanda Algiere
Arturo Baudista
Caroline & Dan Berkitt
Joseph Benevento
"BEVERLY" Scott's mom.
Alicia Calderon
Dorothy Clifford
Laurie Cohen
Javier Dahl
Debra Devine
Dolores
Barbara Esposito
Richard Feramisco
John Fitzgerald
Kathy Stephens-Fusaro
Joy G
Dorothy Grosso
Geraldine Halderman
Susan Hellstrom
Anita Heuskin
Bob Hustick
Angela Jacobs
Wayne & Nancy Johnson
Mark Kutch
Dámaso Larrondo
Christopher Leahy
Michael Loscalzo

Joe Mallon
Joseph Mandaro
Bill Mangan
Herman Mantos
Diane Massaro
Nicholas Maucelli
Daniel & Paula McGlynn
Thomas Mistretta, Jr.
James Myer
Don Neri
Mary Ann Nicholas
Rocco Porrino
Bill & Mary Rabon
Lorraine Rajkowski
Francine Richetti
Eva Roque
Susan Rothaug
Mary Rosa
Rossie
Sue Rossie
Patrick Ripp
Patrick S.
Madison Schreiber
Amanda Scholl
Marilyn Sint
Sal Spezio
Heather Spiegeliere
Phyllis Tagg
Lee Tanzillo
Laurie Tiller
Michael Tiller
Emely Uckert
Kayleigh Vogel
Keith Walsh
Samantha Wixom

Please call the Main Office at 631-588-7689 if you would like to place a loved one on our sick list.

Names will be placed on the sick list for a period of 3 months. Once removed from the sick list, their names are placed in our Prayer Book and they will continue to be prayed for.

# **Pray for Our Military**

Sgt Christopher DiSanto USAF
Pvt. Dylan Gianlanella, US Army
Major Thomas J. Burke, USMC
Capt Christine M. Cahill, US Army
MI, Mark Novellano, US Navy
Daniel Schroeder, US Army
Michael Bizzoco, US Marines
James O'Brien, USAF
Billy O'Brien, US Navy
Michael F. Bizzoco, US Navy
Frederick W. Luebke, US Navy
Sgt. Rory Allen, US Army
Capt Brian Kevin Walsh, US Army
Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Cara - Army
Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Cara - Army
Vist Officer David Eckert, USCG
Samaniha M DiBenedetto-Army
USAF Airmen 1st Class-Sean Mullins
James A Lee, Gunney Sgnt, USMC,
USS America
SSG Jeffrey Nilssen, US Army
HM1 Matthew Belmonte, US Navy
Carson Nagle - USAF
Samuel Matuszewski, US Coast Guard
Lisette Granada Marines (GSYG)
Brent Mazurkiewicz, USAF
Brian Hunter Army (GSYG)
SN Ronald Martiny
Matthew Judson Pace, USMC

PFC Thomas Hirschev, USMC

Vincent Dalessandro,E-3, US Navy A1C, Colleen M. Sweeney, USAF William F. Sweeney III, US Navy Vanessa JiJon Pvt. Kevin Arpino, US Army (GSYG) Pvt. Andrew Wright, Army (GSYG) Pvt. Andrew Wright, Army (GSYG) Major Patrick Murphy, Army Pvt. Kevin Long Capt. Brian Gallagher, US Army Rocco Yannucci, USAF Gavin Alexander Samuelsen, USAF Sergeant Glenn Richards Capt. Christopher Hackett, US Army Thomas B. Cetin, US Navy Specialist Michael F. Gallina Tommy Killian, USAF Christen Wolffer, US Navy (GSYG) Austin DeRosa, 2nd LTD Army Ronald Marginy, US Navy, Seaman Eric Schreck, US Coast Guard Brian Acerno, USN Navy



## We Welcome

We welcome to our faith community those Children to be Baptized... December 2023

Jake Robert Long Amaya Lynn Marshall Samuel Joseph McDermott Avery Joleen Jewell Maris Rose Raimo Brooke Elise Appel Joanna Louise D'Onofrio

## We Celebrate

We ask the family of Good Shepherd to pray for the following couple who will receive the Sacrament of Marriage in November & December 2023

Nicholas Rakiec & Kelly Carey
Adam Ciabattari & Celeste DeRosa
Richard Kohler & Denise Lombardi
George Greve & Deirdre Maynard
Nicholas Alfino & Annemarie Staluppi
Daniel Perkins & Ann Benoit
Joseph Kara & Alexandra Bergen

## We Remember

May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.

May their souls rest in peace.

Madeline V. O'Connors



# Pictures of Parish Events In color—Inside back cover (separate file)

