



CHRISTMAS 2018

Tuesday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord *Christmas Day*

8:30 **BW** Purgatorial Society

10:30 **BW** Michael Ryan from The Sheil Family—Carol and Bob

12:00 **BW** Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

From the Pastor's Desk

Mary gave birth to her first-born son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.
Luke 2:7

Reflection. The One Who is seated on the throne of heaven is laid in a stable.

A God Who is beyond access is touched by the hands of human beings!

St. John Chrysostom

Prayer. Heavenly Father, let me welcome Your Son as my Redeemer now. Then help me to go to meet Him with confidence when He comes to be my Judge at the end of my earthly life.

TRIP TO FRANCE 2019

Join Fr. Barry on a trip to Paris and Lyon and points in between October 15-25. See Versailles, the shrine of St. Vincent DePaul, spend time at the Military Cemetery, at Omaha Beach in Normandy and other sights in Paris. For a brochure call 513-871-1162

2019

This Lent we will again have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10 mass every Wednesday with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7:00 PM. We need people throughout the afternoon on all the Wednesdays. Plan to spend an hour with the Lord and pray. There will be a Lenten Penance Service on March 26th at 7 PM.

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

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Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all our active members and benefactors here at St. Rose. Your generosity to our many collections throughout the year has allowed us to help many people and other organizations.

I would also like to thank Marianne Kurtinitis, who very generously donated our Christmas flowers again this year.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

Fr. Barry

January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows: December 31st 5:00, 7:00 and January 1st 8:30, 10:30 and 12:00.

If you would like to be involved in some way at St. Rose the following groups are available:

Bereavement Committee
Communion to the Homebound
CCD program
Knights of Columbus
mailings
RCIA
Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen
and Wedding Coordinators.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer groups please call the office: 513-871-1162

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There is a list of folks we know
All written in a book
And every year at Christmas time
We go and take a look.
And that is when we realize
That these names are such a part,
Not of the book they're written in
But deep within our hearts.

For each name stands for someone
Who has touched our lives sometime,
And in that sense, they've become
The "rhythm of the rhyme."
We really feel we are composed
Of each remembered name,
And while you may not be aware
Of feelings, quite the same,
Our lives are so much better
Than they were before you came.

For once that you have known someone
The years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word
Or of a friendly face.
So never think Christmas cards
Are just a mere routine
Of names that appear on a list,
Forgotten, in between.
For when we send a Christmas card
That is address to you,
It is because you're on that list
Of people we're close to.

And whether we have known you
For many years, or few,
In some way you have had a part
Of shaping things we do.
So every year when Christmas come
We simply realize anew
One of the nicest gifts that God has given
Is having friends like you..

Author Unknown

"12 Days of Christmas"

Here is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world is leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

Today I found out. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to the members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol.