

*The Roman Catholic
Community
Of Mount Desert Island
The Nativity of The Lord
December 25th, 2005*



Theme: *Darkness is scattered for God's grace has been revealed in the birth of the Messiah. Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has appeared. Light dawns for us all. God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.*



**Readings for the Week of
December 25th 2005**

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/ Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18
 Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

MASS INTENTIONS	
SAT Dec. 24	4:00 PM- MASS-HR- 6:00 -PM -MASS-SP- Tony LaPlante By Joe & Estelle LaPlante 9:00 -PM-HR-
SUN Dec. 25	9:00 AM -MASS-HR-
MON Dec. 26	8 :00-AM -HR- Communion Service-
TUES Dec. 27	8:00 AM-HR- Communion Service-
WED Dec. 28	8:00 AM -HR- Communion Service
THUR Dec. 29	8:00-AM -HR - Communion Service
FRI Dec. 30	8:00 AM - MASS. -HR- Edward Brannigan By Walter & Joan Robinson
SAT Dec. 31	4:00 PM- MASS-HR- 6:00 -PM -MASS-SI- Pamela Melcher By Al Dugan
SUN Jan. 1	9:00 AM -MASS-SP- Samuel Hamill By Doug Chapman 11:00-AM- HR-



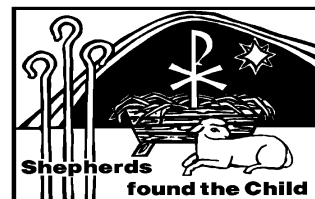
**Please Remember in your prayers
All Our Parishioners
who are ill at home or in the hospital.**

John Cummings, Kay Vietti, Mary Parker, Baby Ryan James Mitchell, William McEnaney, Edie Villano, Linwood Hildreth, Jim Strout



Offertory from December 17th & 18th 2005

St. Ignatius \$150.00
 St. Peter \$851.00
 Holy Redeemer \$932.00
Christmas Flowers
 St. Ignatius \$28.00
 St. Peter \$78.00
 Holy Redeemer \$260.00





CALENDAR

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FOR THE M.D.I. CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

- Dec. 27th (SP) Bible Study/ Discussion 7:00 pm
- Dec. 29th (HR) Bible Study/ Discussion 10:30am
- Jan. 8th (HR) Sacramental Prep. Class 9:30 am
- Jan. 8th (St. Peter) Coffee Hour after Mass
- Jan 8th (HR) Rectory Open House
- Jan 15th (St. Peter) Coffee Hour after Mass
- Jan 24th (HR) Sacramental Prep. 9:30 am



REMEMBRANCE TREE

Christmas ornaments made by The Catholic Community Children will be available of an offering of \$3.00. The money made will be donated to help heat the Emmaus Homeless Shelter in Ellsworth. Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Masses

- Christmas Eve**
- 4:00 pm Holy Redeemer
- 6:00 pm St. Peter
- 9:00 pm Holy Redeemer
- Christmas Day**
- 9:00 am Holy Redeemer



SACRISTY CANDLE

Beginning on December 18th to December 31st the Sacristy Candle will burn for the Minutolo and DiMatteo family.



WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Anyone wishing to use the weekly envelope "Offertory Contribution" system can pick up a box in the entrance to the church. Please note that your name will be written on the top of the box corresponding to the number you were assigned this past year. If you are new to the system please select a box without any name on it and write your name on the weekly envelope for the first few weeks of the New Year. Annual contribution statements for income tax purposes will be mailed to anyone who used the system this past year, by the end of January 2006. Thank you for your continued support of the church



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas is such a wonderful feast. It speaks of joy and hope for the human race. It celebrates the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ and promotes our unity with God and with each other.

I want to thank you all for your faithful support of the church in this most difficult time. It is important for us all to cling to the faith and truths we have received from the church. It is important that we live prayerful lives giving witness to the good news of Jesus which is our inspiration.

We continue to proclaim the message of the angels: Peace on Earth and Good Will to all people. The source of genuine peace is to be found in our relationship with God and each other advanced through prayer, study and the sacraments. It is our absolute conviction that Jesus is our true Emmanuel, our God who is with us. This deep inner joy and peace are ours for the asking.

Pray for peace and justice. Pray that God gives continued growth to his church. Pray that his grace will abound in this community of faith and throughout all the world. A joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year to you all!

Fr. Jack