

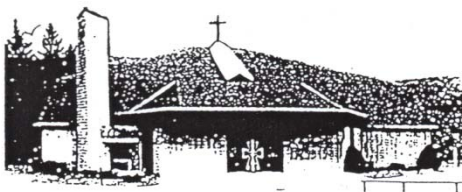
# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

Let the clouds rain down on the Just One!

## MOST HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Eucharistic Liturgies:	Weekends:	Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
		Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Weekdays:	Mon – Fri.	9:00 AM
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Or by appointment.
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Sacrament of Baptism: Call the rectory 2 months in advance to make the necessary arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call the rectory 6 months in advance to make preparation.

Parish Membership: New members are always welcome. Please contact the Rectory office (607) 862-3216 for a census form.

Parish E-mail Address: [MRosaryChurch@stny.rr.com](mailto:MRosaryChurch@stny.rr.com) (non-urgent matters)

Parish Website: <http://mostholYROsary-maineny.org>

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 10 am – 4 pm

Religious Education Classes: Sunday 9:00am – 9:50 am for Grades K-5

Alternating Sundays 11:10 am – 12:30 pm for Grades 6 through Confirmation. Program runs October through May.

Bulletin Deadline: Material must be submitted in writing by 10:00 am Tuesday

## Parish Liturgies for the Week of December 21, 2009

### Masses for the Week (+ indicates deceased)

Mon: 9:00 AM - + Gary Hope/ November Candle

Tue: 9:00 AM - Communion Service

Wed: 9:00 AM - + Kotasek Family Deceased / Req by the Family

**Thur: 5:00 PM - +5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gerald Donnelly, Sr. / Req. of Joan and Family**  
**10:00 PM - For the People of Most Holy Rosary**

**Fri: 10:00AM - + Anniversary James & Anna Taylor / Req. Bob and Helen Taylor**

Sat: 5:00 PM - + Joseph Monticello / Req. by the Family

Sun: 8:00 AM - + Joseph Zunic / Req. by the Family

10:00 AM - + For the People of Most Holy Rosary

**~Christmas Ministry Schedule posted in vestibule.~**

## Parish Ministries for the Weekend of December 26 and 27, 2009

### Lectors

Sat: 5:00 PM - Deborah Harris

Sun: 8:00 AM - Karen Cappelletti

10:00 AM - Susan Isham

### Offertory Procession

Sat: 5:00 PM - Monticello Family

Sun: 8:00 AM - Zunic Family

10:00 AM - Isham Family

### Altar Servers

Sat: 5:00 PM - Hanna King, Brianna Sullivan

Sun: 8:00 AM - Anthony and Nicholas Taylor

10:00 AM - Travis and Tyler O'Neil, Ryan Scanlon

### Eucharistic Ministers

Sat: 5:00 PM - \*Sue Spink, Cyndy Healy, Charles Hunt

Sun: 8:00 AM - \*Robert and Helen Taylor, Penny Thompson

10:00 AM - \*John Sienko, Margaret Liebe, Jeff Gonz

\* indicates the person assisting Father Clarence

### Ushers/Greeters

Sat: 5:00 PM - Pat Horvatt, Michael Acciai, Jan and Nick Mangino

Sun: 8:00 AM - Mark Bohunicky, John Curran

10:00 AM - S. Brandt, S. Kurkoski, D. McGregor, J. Sienko

### Collection Counters

Maribeth Cederborg, Jayne Colwell, Shelia Daino



Blessed are you  
who believed  
that what was  
spoken to you  
by the LORD  
would be  
fulfilled

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*Blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit  
of your womb*

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## OUR PARISH CALENDAR

**This Sunday:** Rel. Ed: K-5 @ 9:00-9:50 am  
Gr. 6-Conf. II: 11:10am - 12:30 pm

Christmas Food Baskets and Presents Distribution @noon  
Church decorated for Christmas @ 5:00 pm. Please help.

**Thursday:** Christmas Eve: Masses at 5:00pm & 10:00pm

**Friday:** Christmas Day: Mass at 10:00 am

**Next Sunday:** No Rel. Ed. Classes

**Next Thursday:** New Year's Eve Party in the Church Hall

## REGULAR COLLECTION

Weekly Goal: \$3,800.00  
December 13th: \$3,968.00

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**P** The LORD  
our GOD  
is near!

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### **Dear Friends,**

Usually we think about Christmas in connection with laughter, gifts and feasts. We love to think back on that first Christmas when Jesus was born, surrounded by the joy of the kneeling shepherds and the angels singing "Alleluia, Glory to God in the Highest".

But there is another deeper appreciation of Christmas that marvels at how God chose for Jesus to be born into the worst, most abject circumstances – a prophetic prelude to how he would die on the cross.

Everyone seems to agree that greed is the spiritual root cause of our present financial disaster. Unfortunately, much recent preaching promises us financial prosperity, but the real message of Christianity is that we are in a battle: the God who was able to choose the circumstance into which Jesus should be born, decided upon the simplest, humblest situation possible, so that we might have a companion (Jesus) and an example in overcoming the evils of this fallen world. To our amazement, God, in Jesus, became one of us, through the power of the Spirit.

"Never give in then ... never admit defeat, keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be laboring in vain." -1Cor. 15:58

In celebrating this confident hope, I wish you a peaceful Christmas.

**God Bless You,  
Father Clarence.**

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**Oh No!! Are your 2010 Church Envelopes still on the table at the back of the Church?**

**Children's envelopes were given to their Religious Education teacher to distribute.** If your child did not receive theirs, please check with their Catechist teacher.

**Youth envelopes for our teens (including those who made their Confirmation in 2008 and 2009) are at the back of the Church.**

**Adult envelopes are also at the back of the Church.** A-L on one side and M-Z on the other. Please take your set. It will save on mailing costs. Thank you.

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**Area Penance Services:** Sunday – December 20 – St. Ambrose @3:00 pm

Monday – December 21 – MHR 9:45 am – 11:00 am

Tuesday – December 22 – MHR 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Wednesday – December 23 – MHR 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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**Please help yourself to the new supply of reading material in the pews and vestibule.**

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If you are seriously thinking of going on the **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** next May, please see Father Clarence before you send your check. Preference is being given to Most Holy Rosary parishioners.

**Your marriage is worth saving!** If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille program can help you. Join us in Owego the weekend of January 22-24, 2010. Please call 607.785.0034 for more info.

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**Mother Teresa's Closet** in Endicott is in urgent need of gently-used clothing for infants through 5-years of age. Susan Isham has volunteered to collect and deliver any donations from our parish. Clothing may be left in the box in the vestibule for the next two weeks.

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We now have **Supplementary Envelopes** available in the Church vestibule for visitors, new parishioners or those who may have forgotten to bring their Offertory envelope.

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We now have **Mass Cards** for the **Living!** These beautiful cards make very special gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, and special intentions. The offering is \$10, the same as for a Mass for the deceased.

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A huge thank you to Robert Henrich and Al Hamme who provided the awesome musical program for the Hands and Hearts of Mary Women's Christmas Tea last Sunday. How blessed we are to have such talented musicians in our parish!


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**Please check the vestibule bulletin board for more information on the following events:**

- **Healing Mass** every Monday at 7:00 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption, 37 Fayette Street, Binghamton. You will see Father Clarence smiling back at you from the altar!
- **\$1 Senior Lunch @ Fed. Church of Maine: Wednesday – 12/30 @ 12:30 pm / Ham Dinner**
- **Fr. Amedeo Guida 25 years in the Priesthood: Mass 01/10/2010 @ 11:30 am @ St. James**

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**A Family Perspective from the Office of Family Life Education (a Hope Appeal agency):** Mary was excited with her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Some consider children as a liability, a mouth to feed or an obstacle to a career. While Christmas is for children, it is also for adults to appreciate the gift children are to us.

<b>Pray for Our Sick and Shut-Ins</b>			<b>December</b>
Barbara Barcak	Terry Berge	Sydney Bouton	 <p>The Sanctuary Candle burns for the greater honor and glory of God, and in loving memory of</p> <p><b>Gerald Donnelly, Sr.</b></p> <p>***</p> <p>At the request of</p> <p><b>The Family</b></p>
Jim Buttermer	Mary Carlson	Sophie Cyganovich	
Linda Darrow	Jerry Donnelly, Jr.	Pam Donnelly	
Debi Evans	Donna Gayne	Frank Giordani	
Paul Girard	Marie Green	Robert Gregory	
Michelle Gut	Garrett Huffman	Joe Keough	
Bob Krome	Roy Lewis	Sheila McGovern	
Donald Miller	Elizabeth Moat	Deanna Molyneaux	
Will Nakanishi	Susan Nelson	David Olsen	
Betty Perry	Maureen Reynolds	Larry Rice	
Ron Rose	Leland Sanford	Andrew Spak	
Eloise Spak	Billy Stadelman	Anne Michael Sullivan	
Leone Tillery	Jennifer Turck	Dorothy Winans	
Beverly Witchella	Leo Witchella	Sharon Zembek	
Please help keep our Prayer List current by letting us know of people who should be added; also, please let us know when names should be removed. Thank you.			

*2009-2010 ~ A Year for Priests*

