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The Nativity of the Lord

SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS				
Mon.	Dec 26	8:30am: +CWL Members		
		req. CWL		
Tues.	Dec 27	8:30am: +John Ewashko and		
		Sophia Pestaluky		
		req. Florence Casciano		
Wed.	Dec 28	8:30am: +John & Margaret		
		McMurrey		
		req. Florence Casciano		
Sat.	Dec 31	No Mass		
Sun.	<u>Jan 1</u>	8:30am: Parishioners		
		(Pro Populo)		
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CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PREP

Please read the assigned book. **Parents or Sponsor** ask the **Candidate questions**. Here are some suggestions: 1. How many BEATITUDES do you know? 2. Who is the HOLY SPIRIT? 3. How many gifts of the Holy Spirit can you name? **Reminder**: Continue to check the website for the most up-to-date information.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION PREP

Please read the assigned book. **Parents or Sponsor** ask the **Candidate questions**. Here are some suggestions: 1. What did God make? 2. What must we do to be HAPPY with God in Heaven? 3. There is One God in how many Persons? **Reminder:** Continue to check the website for the most upto-date information.

<u>Musicians</u> needed for the 8:30am Sunday Mass in Sutton. If you are interested, contact the parish office.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, from whom are all holy desires, right counsels and just works, give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts, being disposed to keep your commandments and the fear of enemies taken away, the times, by your protection may be peaceable. Amen. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.Amen.

KESWICK - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thur.	Dec 29	8:30am: Blessings & Health upon Perry Smith
		req. Donna Perri
Fri.	Dec 30	8:30am: +Joan McMillan
		req. Deacon Don & Debra
		McMillan
Sat.	Dec 31	New Year's Eve
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:30pm		
		4:00pm: +Antonio &
		Concetta Simone
		req Kathy Perruzza
Sun.	<u>Jan 1</u>	10:30am: +John Fielding req. the Holmes's Family
		Noon: +Marie Ewashko
		& Amanda Casciano
		req. Florence Casciano
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PARISH DEBT as of December \$88,000

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The Word was made flesh And dwelt among us.Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, before the face of the Lord, for He comes. Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will, alleluia! The Lord has reigned, and He is clothed with beauty. Almighty God, the Savior of the world, who hast nourished us with heavenly food, we give Thee thanks for the gift of this bodily refreshment which we have received from Thy bountiful mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to everyone from Fr. Paul, Deacon Steve and staff.

CHRISTMAS

Since the very first Christmas in Bethlehem, the birth of Christ has generated tremendous hope. Mary and Joseph coming to town for the census, the shepherds living in the area, the Magi travelling from the East – all of them have come to this place with the greatest expectations and hopes. These expectations and hopes are fulfilled beyond imagination: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light," proclaims Isaiah; "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bring you good news of great joy for all the people," the angel says to the shepherds.

Christmas is hope fulfilled. Christmas I joy proclaimed to the world. Christmas is "good news of great joy" because God has decided to dwell among us, to become one of us and share our joys and sorrows. Christmas manifests h ow much God cares for humankind and wishes to bring us comfort, peace and salvation. Throughout the season of Advent, Christians have been awaiting the coming of the Messiah. It is now up to each one of us to share the light, the flame and the hope generated by the birth of this God-child.

Let us pray on this solemn feast of Christmas for peace on earth. Let us pray that new hope and new reasons to rejoice may be granted to all humankind. Merry Christmas to all!

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD January 1

The Blessed Virgin Mary was venerated from the beginning as *Mother of God*. During the 4th century Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, contested the Greek title *Theotokos*, insisting that Mary was mother of the man-Jesus, not of God. In 431, the Council of Ephesus solemnly affirmed that Mary, being the mother of Jesus, who was God, was to be called *Mother of God*. After the Council, the people carried the bishops in triumph throughout the city and Pope Sixtus III, as a memorial of that event,, built in Rome the splendid basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore.

Today we also celebrate the Circumcision and the giving the name Jesus, which means *God-saves*. As it is written: When the eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus (Luke 2:21). It was in obedience to the command that God gave to Abraham::Every male among you, when he is eight days old, shall be circumcised (Genesis 17:12). To be circumcised means to be consecrated to the Lord.

HOLY FAMILY (Sunday after Christmas)

The family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus was holy because the Holy Spirit dwelt among them. Joseph, a carpenter by profession, was a chaste husband and a responsible father. He perfectly fulfilled the will of God: *Husbands, love your wives. Fathers, do not nag your children lest they lose heart* (Colossians 3:19, 21). Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus, was a loving wife and a tender mother. Being an industrious woman, she took good care of the needs of her family. Following the will of God, *she was obedient to her husband, as is proper in the Lord* (Colossians 3:18). Under their care, Jesus *grew in wisdom, age and favour before God and man* (Luke 2:51-52).

The family of Jesus experienced poverty, persecution and exile. After the departure of the Magi, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him (Matthew 2:13-14). Joseph took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. When Herod had died, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said: Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead. He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to dwell at Nazareth in Galilee.

A few years ago, a list was compiled from **Pope Francis'** most popular teachings and quotations to form his most popular **New Years' resolutions**. Here they are:

Don't gossip.
Finish your meals.
Make time for others.
Choose the "more humble" purchase.
Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
Stop judging others.
Befriend those who disagree.
Make commitments, such as marriage.
Make it a habit to "ask the Lord."
Be happy.

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