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# St. Patrick's / St. Anne's News & Notes December 31, 2020



## The Night Artemio Saved Christmas

*'Twas two nights before Christmas  
When out by the church  
Was the wind blowing briskly  
From oak though the birch.  
The creche became shaky and flew to its side;  
The St. Joseph statue was out for a ride.  
And out from the lawn there arose such a  
clatter -  
Artemio maintenance man with a ladder  
Had fixed the nativity back on to its base  
So that folks in the parish  
Felt not in disgrace.  
And I heard Art exclaim as he left for the day,  
"Que tenga buen día – have a great  
Christmas day!!!" **THANK YOU ART!!!***

Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

First of all... **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Now that I got the New Year out of the way...

As Christmas Day was fast approaching, a horrible wind wreaked havoc on our parish grounds. Over at St. Patrick's, Jack Noonan was able to save what he could of our outdoor Nativity set, while having to deal with a heating system that said the church was ten degrees warmer than it actually was. Due to quick thinking, Jack got the heating folks over to the parish to install different sensors and thermostats on the campus so that folks were able to celebrate Christmas in seventy-two-degree comfort (which was great, considering the temp was ten degrees outside!).

Over at Anne's, Artemio Ojeda was able to resurrect a demolished nativity due to the same wind in an hour or so on Christmas Eve morning - we do not wish to produce a "horror show" of a nativity when the faithful gathered for Mass.

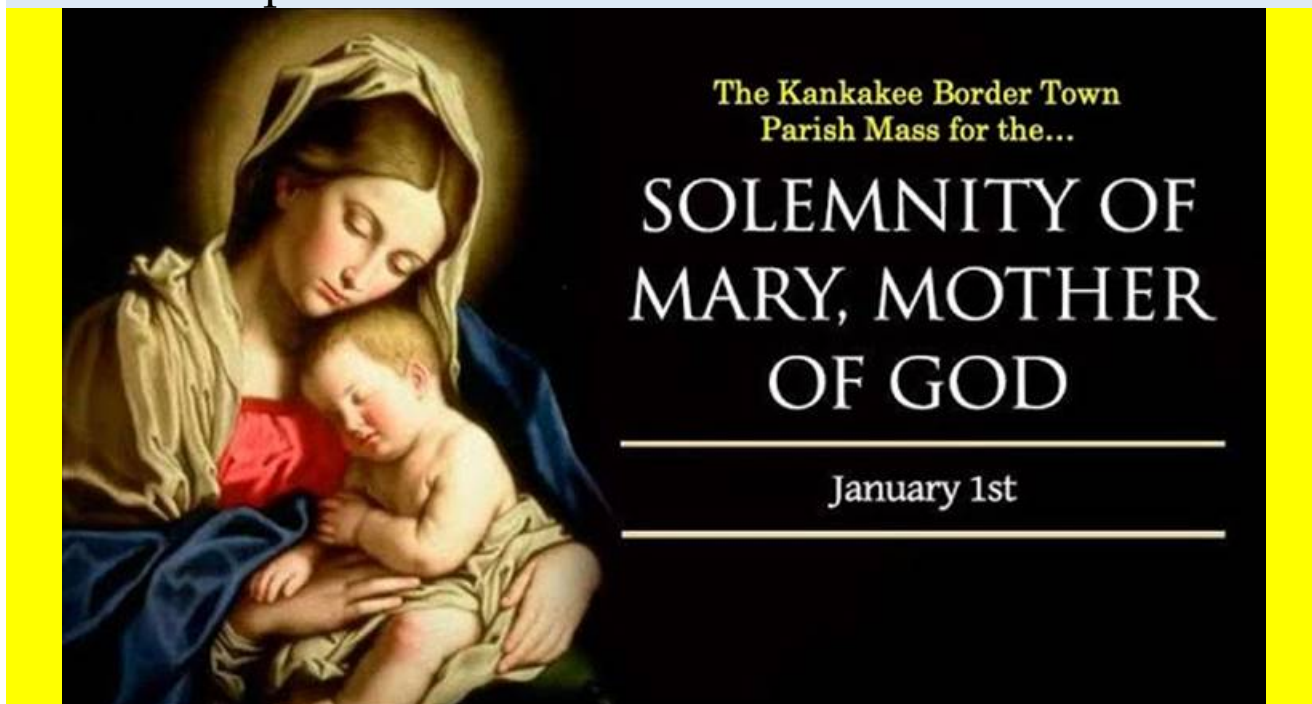
From what I have been told, in so many way the folks at the border town have been exceedingly generous to our parishes. I was told that the Masses seemed to have been received well and the online services gave those who did not feel comfortable attending on-site a little Christmas cheer.

Over at Anne's, I was told that Christmas Inc was able to feed a good number of folks (I am told that around a thousand folks get fed in the area); Jack helped out at the Baptist Church in Momence to accomplish the same goals. I

was told that a good number of priests and even staff members at both parishes took advantage of the Christmas generosity of the area – so much good has taken place this Christmas Season, in addition to all the other wonderful services and activities that preceded December 25<sup>th</sup>!

I will be celebrating on-site Masses for the Solemnity of Mary at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anne's and at 10:30 a.m. over at St. Pat's. You can click on the pictures to view the online Masses that we have produced for you or go onto the parish websites at [www.stpatrickmotence.org](http://www.stpatrickmotence.org) or [www.stannestanne.org](http://www.stannestanne.org) to watch them as well.

We continue to offer **ONLINE MASSES** for those who wish to stay at home (as our president contracted COVID-19 this week, we need to remind ourselves to stay safe and do what is necessary to stay healthy!). If you wish to remain at home and still receive the sacraments, we can come to you – just contact the parish offices for more information.



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MASS FOR  
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY](#)



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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY](#)

*Note: All Online Masses from the Third Sunday of  
Lent through this weekend's Mass can be found at*

[www.stpatrickmotence.org](http://www.stpatrickmotence.org) or  
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**NOTICE THAT ALL HOMILIES, ALL BULLETINS AND  
ALL RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS CAN BE FOUND  
ON THE PARISH'S WEBSITES AND AT THE LINKS  
BELOW!**

## **PARISH BULLETINS:**

For St. Patrick's Church Bulletin  
(January 2-3, 2021), [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

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## **FR. PETE'S HOMILIES:**

To access Fr. Pete's Homily for the  
Solemnity of Mary, [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

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for the Epiphany, [CLICK HERE!!!](#)

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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

My father, Fr. Dan & Fr. Ray Lescher, as well as those in our  
community who are suffering from COVID-related illnesses.

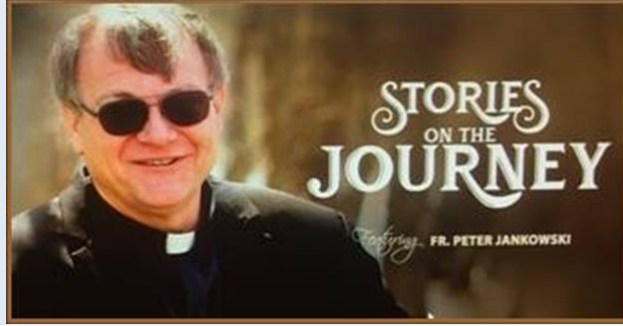
## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED:**

Imelda Hernandez, Darlene Peerbolte, Cindie DePatis and  
Jessalyn Vogel (whose funeral will take place on Friday,  
January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anne's).

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Fr. Pete's Videos that Walk through

the Liturgy, produced for the University of Dayton.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Fr. Pete's Twelve Part Series "Stories on the Journey," Broadcast on Shalom World TV!







Help support our parishes by purchasing copies of Fr. Pete's Homiletic Books! You can purchase them at the parishes or online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)!

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At St. Patrick's, we still have to address a debt at St.

Patrick's just over \$300,000; we wish to keep up with the bills at St. Anne's as well. We need to keep up with our renovations as well. If you can help with a pew donation (\$2,500), help with renovating our gym floor at St. Pat's (\$15,000), or helping us pave the parking lot at Pat's (\$70,000), that would be great! For \$1,000,000, you can have one of our gyms named for a loved one – this one time gift would take care of all problems at our parishes and would go a long way in preserving what we have for generations to come!!!



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