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Dear Friends:

My prayer as I send these greetings to you and your family is that you receive them safely, and that God's Spirit of protection be bestowed on you and your family throughout this pandemic. The year 2020 was obviously quite challenging – yet I wait in joyful hope for the potential that 2021 brings. On January 1st, the Church prays a special *Prayer over the People*, praying in part that God may “grant you grace, pour out His blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.” Let us all remain in wonder and awe with God's creative process this Winter Season, where every January day the sky will grow brighter. In honor of the new year, we are holding a January Calendar Raffle titled “**Winter Wonderland.**” There is a bonus prize on the Epiphany, January 6th, when we celebrate the Three Kings arrival at Jesus' Manger, paying homage and thanking God for His Incarnation. It is a great way to support our Parish with 31 chances to win in our drawing. At this time of year, it also makes a terrific Christmas gift for friends and family. **I hope you will join in this fun activity that helps our Parish a great deal.**

You will find three (3) tickets along the bottom of the calendar. **You don't have to purchase all three**; one ticket is \$10 or a bargain of three for \$25. Daily drawings will take place at the Parish Office. After each daily drawing, the winning ticket will be placed back into the barrel, making that person eligible again for **another drawing**.

Each daily drawing will be \$50. There are bonus amounts on the weekends, with Saturdays paying \$75, and Sundays paying \$100. **A special \$125 drawing will take place on the Epiphany, January 6th, which commemorates the gifts borne by the Magi, and the conclusion of the Twelve Days of Christmas.**

Returns may be made by placing your tickets and donation in an envelope marked “**Winter Wonderland Raffle.**” Return your tickets and donation by mail, through the Collection, or bring them to the Parish Office. It is not necessary to return unused tickets. **All tickets must be returned by December 31, 2020.** Checks will be mailed out weekly.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your loyalty and on-going support of our Parish. May God bless you abundantly throughout this trying time and keep you safe.

In Christ through Mary,

Rev. John E. Stanton
Pastor

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