

Brighton

Agreement of the Brighton Town Board has been reached on the East Ave. Dreacher property...

over a year ago was established by the diocese still holding the property...

There was a time in the past when Catholics couldn't build a church for their own...

The Brighton Town Board has never intended to restrict the property but their decisions amount to that...

If our diocese had the gift of prophecy and a hoard of gold reserves...

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Justice

For a decade, the message of peace has been the dominant theme of Christmas time...

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Food Prices And Politics

After all the talk of peace and good will, most of them are wrapped and displayed in the grocery store...

Milk is another example. It costs a loaf more today than in 1948...

The farmer whose product is outnumbered by one man and his family...

It is quite obvious that the government can make its wheat investment pay...

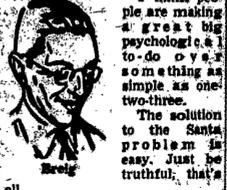
Should children believe in Santa? Of course they should. But they ought to know who Santa really is...

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No Anti-Santy, Mel

I firmly decline to join in any of the anti-Santy crusades that...



My wife and I always told our children, as soon as they asked...

OUR KIDS DIDN'T pine away upon learning the facts. They didn't get confused...

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Woman's World

Farm Boy: "Tell me how do you get a girl to marry you?"

Three Masses On Christmas Day Unite Us With Mary, Shepherds, Fellow Christians

By REV. HENRY ATWELL

Every priest is privileged to celebrate Mass three times on Christmas Day...

CHRISTMAS has these three Masses because the ancient Roman Christians took over a venerable custom...

NEAR THE GATE of the city was the Church of the Resurrection, so they stopped here for Mass in company with the shepherds...

Christians at Rome adopted this custom and celebrated their midnight Mass at St. Mary Major Church...

Our kids never got Christ and Santa mixed up. Neither did they imagine that there was any kind of opposition between them...

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Shepherds' Mass

Dawn is the actual time for the celebration of the shepherds' Mass and explains its symbolism...

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Apostleship of Prayer

THE DAWN MASS OF CHRISTMAS. Anthony, are known for their special devotion to the Sacred Infancy of Christ...

EVERY PRIEST, offering the three Masses of Our Lord's Nativity, must stop in the middle of the middle one...

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SUNDAY SERMON

Sunday After Christmas

(The Mass for the Sunday between Christmas and New Years is postponed until Thursday. In its place is celebrated the feast of St. Stephen.)

THE GOSPEL for the feast of St. Stephen tells the treatment that Jerusalem gives to the men whom God sends...

Jerusalem was but the first of a litany of cities who "would not" hear the word of God...

But the greater mystery is that that man happens to reject his true happiness but that despite these rejections, God comes to them anyway...

St. Stephen's feast will prod both clergy and laity to live even more intensely the faith for which he died.

STEPHEN'S strong faith and clear virtue exasperated those who had also crucified Christ...

BOOK SHELF

There is a book of books to buy this Christmas that can remake a life or bring a sleeping life awake in the friendship of Christ...

It is *The Lord*, by Romano Guardini. But truly, since page 1 he would reviewer one hour (and it would have been no panacea to stay with it a day)...

It is his greatness like *The Fall of Man*, by G.K. Chesterton. It is his greatness like *The Fall of Man*, by G.K. Chesterton...

Friends of Sister Dorothy Agnes will recall that at this time the day set all within the sphere of influence to repeating the Advent verse of a Jesuit historian...

When I set out for Bethlehem, Led there be snow, Snow upon the ground, That nothing of the earth may cling to me...

And let me suffer from the cold, That I may feel the fire of His love, Warm all my body when I hold The Infant in my Arms...

And I must go alone, Commending all the way, For I must think when holding Him, What I shall say...

A little postulant contributes a heart-felt song for the Babe: "I saw Him in His manger bed with His little arms stretched, looking all to come to me who had 'neath burden, heavy burden..."

"I saw Him looking with loving eye on the dear ones kneeling there, those who came to Him, weighed with worry, crowned with care..."

"I saw Him stretch His little hands as if He wished to hold them all those weak and weary of the world who knelt before His throne..."

"I saw Him smile, and weep, and weep when all the world still before Him knelt, brought Him only kneeling, woe - His smile, laughing woe on each sweet..."

"I saw Him there so sweet and small, and no saw no among them all..."

What I wanted to say last week, when the assistant-editor (who is British) gleefully dropped butter into the linotype...

Knowledge without experience is water with which you wish to carry it - Chinese proverb