

Brighton

The House of the Brighton Town Board against the East Ave. Drescher property have provided a discussion and have received national attention through news services.

St. Stephen's church was established by the diocese over a year ago. The pastor, Father Fegnam, is still looking for a place to shelter his flock.

There were times in the past when Catholics couldn't build a church or school of their own—but our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution's Bill of Rights abolished the tyranny of arbitrary government.

Peace With Justice

For the first time in over a decade, the message of "peace with justice" is a reality this Christmas time.

Through the UN's specialized organizations, relief agencies, Red Cross world labor groups, we have a bridge across the barrier of east and west.

Food Prices And Politics

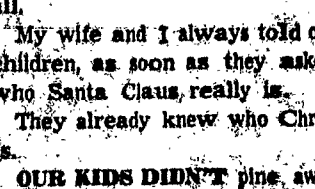
After all the gifts are purchased, and most of them are wrapped and dispatched, there will be one last shopping trip—to the grocery store and meat market for the supplies for Christmas dinner.

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No Anti-Santy, Mel

I firmly decline to join in any of the anti-Santy crusades that bob up every Christmas of late.



My wife and I always told our children, as soon as they asked who Santa Claus, really is.

OUR KIDS DIDN'T pine away upon learning the facts. They didn't get confused, and they were as happy on Christmas Day as any other kids.

They knew that Santa Claus wasn't an elf. They knew he did not drive reindeer through the sky, and come down the chimney.

Our youngsters were informed that St. Nicholas of Myra is a canonized saint, entitled to veneration for his heroic boldness.

I think that all this anti-Santy uproar is a lot of nonsense. If Christ is rejected at Christmas, it isn't Santa's fault.

Children don't want to believe in lies—including the lie about Santa Claus. They love the mythical Santa as a myth.

Christ doesn't want St. Nicholas done away with. St. Nicholas is famous because Christ made him holy, and because Christ's Church proclaimed his holiness.

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 from the Church of Jerusalem.

CHRISTMAS in Rome adopted this custom and celebrated their midnight Mass at St. Mary Major Church where a relic of Christ's crib was kept.

Just as Mary beheld her infant and knew her son was truly the second Person of the Trinity, so at elevation time, we look at the frail Host, and say in faith, "My Lord and my God."

At midnight, in the quiet, silent night of the first Christmas, God gave His own Divine Son to Mary, the pure handmaid.

At the Offertory, we ourselves are the shepherds. In which we attend to a sharing in Mary's adoration. The Introit is God the Father's message to the new-born babe.



At Mass on Christmas, we adore the Savior who was born as Mary's son.

Shepherds' Mass

Dawn is the actual time for the celebration of the shepherds' Mass and explains its symbolism. The Collect of the Mass asks that as the sun bathes the world with its light, so our faith may brighten all our lives.

Mass With Mary

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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.

SUNDAY SERMON

St. Stephen First Martyr

Sunday After Christmas

(The Mass for the Sunday between Christmas and New Years is postponed until Thursday.)

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

THE first victim, the first martyr of the Christian faith was St. Stephen.

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 Guardini—but truly, since page 1 held the would-be reviewer one hour (and it would have been no penance to stay with it a day), and since subsequent attempts have been made to buy it through Chapters II, the Mother, to page 2 of Chapter III, the Resurrection, and since it is Christmas and cannot come away from this crib to her good with you that this book cannot disappoint.

When I set out for Bethlehem, I set there to move, I set there to pray, I set there to work, I set there to love.

What I saw Him there to sweet and small, and He saw me among them all.

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clear virtue exasperated those who had also crucified Christ and to their anger focused on him. He was dragged from the city and stoned to death.

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

AS CHRISTIANS we are both patients and doctors—there is so much in our power that we can do to heal the ills of the world in which we live.

ROMANO GUARDINI is this; Santa Claus is a safeguard for the Babe. Santa Claus takes care of the fairy-tale element, the generous child-loving human imagination that wants to fill those little ears with happy promises.

Keep Santa, and do what sensible loving Catholics now do: Put a crib before each Christmas tree, teach Santa to show reverence to it before he distributes his gifts—there is no pleasanter, finer sight than to see his box on his knees in delight and greet his little Master!

Keep Santa, and make him act like a Santa, a saint. He'll love it—you'll love it, and the Baby will love it.

It's a good idea to keep on good terms with everybody, but especially with your wife, your students, and your conscience—Lionel.

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BOOK SHELF

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