

## **Merry Christmas!**

Welcome! The miracle of Christmas centered on the birth of Jesus is sent to us yet again! As we reflect on the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and the Christ child, let us as individuals, and families, and as parish family rejoice in their example of faith, simplicity, peacefulness and love and may these qualities be reflected in each of us this Christmas Season.

May our whole St. Joan of Arc family, whether visiting, or seeking a parish faith community, those new to the area or a longer-term parishioner, be filled with the joy and peace and hope of this Holy Season of Christmas. May our hearts softened through Advent receive the Lord's abundant Christmas Blessings in His presence as Emmanuel, "God is with us!"

We have so much to be grateful for in each of our lives. Our common faith unites us as we continue to build the kingdom right here at St. Joan of Arc. Our parish and school and all our ministries are vital to this community and all of this is thanks to your dedication, prayers and generosity. I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make our parish and school a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations.

**On behalf of the entire staff at St. Joan of Arc Parish, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year! May we keep Jesus as the reason for this beautiful season! And let's be like the angels...always sharing the Good News!**

Fr. Dan Costello

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