

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 27

4:30pm Eugenia Plymesser
& Rosemarie McNulty
Requested by families

Sunday, December 28

8:00am Rose Schwegman
Requested by Rick and Marie Schwegman
10:00am Fred Robinson
Req. by Dr. & Mrs. Gaglione and family
12:00nn Maureen Gray-McNulty
Requested by family

Monday, December 29

7:00am Mae A. Manney
Requested by R.A. Manney family

Tuesday, December 30

7:00am Edward J. Pastore
Requested by Social Outreach Committee

Wednesday, December 31

7:00am Carney family
Requested by Jeff and Kathleen

4:30pm Mass for the People

Thursday, January 1

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:00am Anthony Ramieri
Requested by wife and family
10:00am Mary McGuire
Birthday Remembrance

Friday, January 2

7:00am Dr. Leonard Staudinger
Requested by family

Saturday, January 3

4:30pm John T. McNulty
Requested by family

Sunday, January 4

8:00am John Vieira
Requested by family
10:00am Virginia Tedino
Requested by Dan and Jean Thompson
12:00NN Rose Silva
Requested by granddaughter



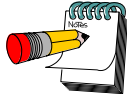
St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 28

10:00am Mary Marchand
Requested by Gerri and Al Marsocci

Sunday, January 4

10:00am John and Grace Carpinelli
Requested by family



For Your Information

PARISH SUPPORT

Parish support for December 21st was not available at bulletin transmittal time. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of John and Rosemarie McNulty. The sanctuary lamp at St. Romuald Chapel burns in memory of Gloria and Alvin Jobin.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible study resumes on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00pm in Father Greenan Parish Center. Trusting you had a beautiful Christmas with your friends and family, we wish you all a Happy & Healthy New Year!



MASS SCHEDULE FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at St. Francis Church:

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31st—4:30 PM

THURSDAY, Jan. 1st—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Church Universal celebrates the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st. Preserved from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception, Mary was prepared to be a worthy dwelling for the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ. This special solemnity commemorates not only her generous willingness to cooperate with God's plan of salvation, but her motherhood over the whole Church. Please see the Mass Schedule listed above and take note that there will be no Mass at the chapel.



THANK YOU!

Our immense thanks to all who transformed the church to the Joyful Celebration of Christmas. Father Joe and his team did an awesome job at the main church! We'd also like to thank Bill Harding and his team who transformed St. Romuald Chapel. Both Church and Chapel were beautifully decorated!

From the Pastor

The Christmas season is still with us and this is a good time to thank all who helped to make it such a blessing: the servers and ministers of the liturgies and the teams who decorated the church and the chapel; over and above all, the choirs of church and chapel who spent so many hours preparing for the great feast of our Lord's birth. A special thanks too goes to all of you whose generosity helped those of the community who were in need. Those who supported the Giving Tree helped 70 families, including 230 children of the community. Blessings upon all who helped to set up the gifts for distribution and all those who were there to welcome those who came to "shop." Several people who wished to remain anonymous gave me cash and I was able to pass it along to several families whose Christmases would have otherwise been quite different. An engaged couple donated turkeys with all the fixings to share with people who could use the help with Christmas dinner. Please God, we can keep this special sense of gratitude and generosity alive in our hearts through the whole Christmas season, right through to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. All blessings and peace to all in the coming year!

Fr. Bodah

The Feast of the Holy Family

is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ and his Church the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.

St. Paul gives us some advice on family life in Colossians 3:12-21:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ... (RSV).

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves, what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.



Religious Education

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 28th

No Classes

Monday, December 29th

No Classes

Wednesday, December 31st

No Classes

Friday, January 2nd

Christmas pageant rehearsal 4-5:30
(FGC)

Saturday, January 3rd

Christmas pageant rehearsal
10:00-11:00 (FGC)



This Week

Sunday, December 28

No Religious Ed Classes / No Praise
7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, December 29

7:30-12nn Adoration (SF)

Tuesday, December 30

7:00pm NO Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 31

4:30pm Vigil Mass for Mary, the
Holy Mother of God (SF)

Thursday, January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am Mass at St. Francis

10:00am Mass at St. Francis

*All parish offices will be closed on
Thursday, January 1st.*

Friday, January 2

4-5:30pm Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal (FGC)

4:30pm Adoration of the Most
Blessed Sacrament with
Benediction—led by Deacon Iacono
(SF)

Saturday, January 3

10-11am Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal (FGC)

LIFE'S CHANGES

In 2014, our parish membership consisted of 5120 registered members which represents 1904 families. During the past year, our parish celebrated the baptism of 21 new Catholics. There were 53 First Communions and 33 Confirmations. We have 12 newly married couples in our parish family and we had to say goodbye to 49 parishioners:

John Almy
David Angrisani
Loretta Barrington
John Barry
Janet Berry
Donald Bessette
Helen Bose
Virginia Buchanan
Joseph Cabral
Charles Cook
Michael Cooney
Rita Cormier
Christina Cutting
Beverly DeRoche
Genevieve DeSimone
John Fallon
Paul Faucher
John Fink
Rosemary Flaherty
Eleanor Follett
Patricia Frohlich
Florence Gallogly
Denise GaNun
William Grimes
Michael Harrington

Edward Haslam
Stephen Hudson
Helen Jordan
Barbara Keaney
Sean Mahoney
John Manning
Michael Marino
Irving Mason
Susan McCarten
Barbara McLaughlin
John McLoughlin
Patricia Mello
Dennis Murphy
Alvin O'Donnell
Richard Page
Janice Quigley
Robert Richard
Philomena Skrajewski
Douglas Smith
Frances Steadman
Robert Tiernan
Gloria Timothy
Dorothy Tully
Grace Wheelan

May we continue to pray for the repose of their souls, the comfort of their loved ones and may they rest in peace.

We rejoice and celebrate that we were made holier by those born in the Sacrament of Baptism in 2014:

Christian Allen
Fiona Anonuevo
Jamie Catanach-Colon
Harrison Champion
Faith Dean
Hunter Dean-Hartwell
Theo Dursin
Eli Fanning
Tatianna Gama
Sophia Giordano
Zachary Marques

Derek Moffat
Dillon Moran
Patrick Mullins
Caleb Owens
Vera Procaccianti
Brielle Rosen
Collin Sisson
Elise Stewart
Genevieve Tran
Jenner Van Iwarden

May God's family continue to grow!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." ~ Luke 2:11

All are invited to come to our annual St. Francis of Assisi's Christmas Pageant:

Sunday, January 4th at 11:00AM

during class time for Grades 3-6 in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. *Reception to follow.* If you would like to provide a baked good for our reception, please call the Religious Ed Office at 792-8684.

Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.