

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28

4:30pm Maureen Gray McNulty & Nancy (Gray) Champlin—*Req. by family*

Sunday, December 29

8:00am Flynn & Carney families
Requested by Kathleen and Jeff

10:00am Norma Ladeira

Requested by Eleanor Tally

12:00NN Kevin Ellis

Requested by family

Monday, December 30

7:00am Mass for the People

Tuesday, December 31

7:00am Special Intention

New Year's Eve—Vigil Mass for

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4:30pm Celebrant's Intention

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1

8:00am Chi Thi Anna Tran and Thanh John Ha

Requested by family

10:00am Leslie Wright, Jr.

Requested by the Hood family

Thursday, January 2

7:00am Anthony Ramieri

Requested by wife

Friday, January 3

7:00am John T. McNulty & Rose Silva

Requested by Kelli R. McNulty

Saturday, January 4

4:30pm Pasquale Castelli

Requested by Prout Class of 2012

Sunday, January 5

8:00am Joseph and Mary Costanza

Requested by family

10:00am Margaret Roch

Requested by Eileen Beaudreau

12:00NN Judith Shuman

Requested by Castro family



St. Romuald Chapel Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 29

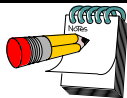
10:00am David Bruyere

Requested by family

Sunday, January 5

10:00am Dorothy A. Tiernan

Requested by Bob Tiernan



For Your Information

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week's sanctuary lamp at St. Francis Church burns in memory of Maureen Gray McNulty.

ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY resumes for 2014 on Tuesday, January 7 at 7-8:30 pm in FGC with the **Gospel of John** commentary by Ignatius Press. **Please register your name at the rectory (783-4411)** if interested and a study book will be ordered, the cost is \$10. If questions, please contact Mary Vitiello at maryalri@yahoo.com.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that the first "school of the Gospel" is the home. *The family is the basic building block not only of society but also of the Church.* May we never fail to place Christ and his Church at the center of our families, our homes and our hearts! Please join us as we invoke the intercession of the Holy

Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph over our families and our world!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1ST MARY, MOTHER OF GOD A Holy Day of Obligation

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST—4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST—8:00 & 10:00 AM



THANK YOU!



Our immense thanks to all who transformed the church to the Joyful Celebration of Christmas that it is last Sunday afternoon, December 22nd. Once again Father Joe and his team did an awesome job! We'd also like to thank Bill Harding and his team who transformed St. Romuald Chapel. Both Church and Chapel were beautifully decorated. Thank you, too, to Bob Kelly who has been working extra hard to keep up with the winter storms to get you in and out of the church safely. Job well done!

DECEMBER 29, 2013

FROM THE PASTOR...

The Feast of Christmas is so great that the Church celebrates not only for a day but for almost two weeks, until we meet the three kings on the Feast of the Epiphany. As we continue the Christmas Season, I would like to express gratitude for all who have contributed in any way to the beauty and dignity of our celebration. Special thanks to Mimi Battey, our children's choir, our adult choir at the church, cantors, musicians, Karen Graham and our choir at the chapel. The music doesn't just happen, they put a lot of time and effort into it and it truly helps us all to raise our voices in prayer and worship. I also thank Father Joe Upton and those who helped him with the decorations. Father Joe does a great deal behind the scenes to assure the beauty of our church and to prepare every detail of our celebrations. We are grateful to the many people who made contributions toward the Christmas flowers. Of course our thanks also go out to Deacon Iacono, our servers, readers, extraordinary ministers, sacristans, and all who assist in any way with our parish liturgy not only on Christmas, but throughout the year as well.

As part of our ongoing Christmas celebration, some of our parish children in grades 1-6 will be presenting a **Christmas Pageant on Sunday, January 5 at 11 AM in Father Greenan Center**. Seeing the children present the story of Jesus' birth is always a very heart-warming and spiritually uplifting experience. All are welcome to join us.

On behalf of Father Joe Upton, Deacon Paul Iacono and our entire parish staff, I wish you all a very **Happy New Year!** We pray that 2014 will bring happiness and many blessings to you and your loved ones.

Msgr. Theroux

New Year's Prayer

Father God, we thank You for a new year. May everyone in our parish family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that You are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with You in the present and take one day at a time with You.

"Grant, O Lord, that my heart may neither desire nor seek anything but what is necessary for the fulfillment of Thy holy Will. May health or sickness, riches or poverty, honors or contempt, humiliations, leave my soul in that state of perfect detachment to which I desire to attain for Thy greater honor and Thy greater glory. Amen." ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola



Religious Education

Sunday, December 29th

No Classes

Monday, December 30th

No Classes

Wednesday, January 1st

No Classes

Thursday, January 2nd

Christmas pageant rehearsal 4-5:30

FGC

Friday, January 3rd

Christmas pageant rehearsal 4-5:30

FGC



This Week

Sunday, December 29

1:00pm Baptism by Deacon Iacono

5:30-7:00pm PRAISE! Rehearsal

7:00pm AA (HBH)

Monday, December 30

No Religious Ed Classes

Tuesday, December 31

No Adult Choir Rehearsal

4:30pm Vigil Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God—a holy day of obligation

Wednesday, January 1st

Mass times for Mary, the Holy Mother of God—a holy day of obligation
8:00am & 10:00am at St. Francis Church

THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES TODAY. Classes resume next week.

Thursday, January 2nd

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

First Friday, January 3rd

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

6:30pm Holy Hour led by Deacon Paul Iacono with confessions from 6:30-7:15pm

First Saturday, January 4th

8:00am Mass at St. Francis Church

LIFE'S CHANGES

In 2013, our parish membership consisted of 5348 registered members which represents 1998 families.

During the past year, our parish celebrated the baptism of 25 new Catholics. There were 47 First Communions and 49 Confirmations. We have 11 newly married couples in our parish family and we had to say goodbye to 50 parishioners:

Constance Andrews
Eva Angrisani
Mary Apicerno
Deborah Babcock
Lou Ann Blum
John "Alan" Butler
Kathleen Byrnes
John Cain
Dennis Capalbo
Antonetta Caswell
Everett Colerick
Margaret Cotter
Shirley DeBoer
Sylvio DeSalvo
Joseph DiOrio
Jane Doyle
Ann Marie Doyle
George Dumas
Anthony Franco
Barbara Gallup
Robert Gershkoff
Hilda Gilligan
Ethel Gray
Karen Gray
Gloria Hay

Tara Higgins
Leo Howe, Jr.
Gloria Jobin
David Kelley
Louise Kilpeck
Timothy Laffey
Frances Luther
Richard Mancuso
Michelle Marceau
Vincent McManus
Rosemary Northup
Donald O'Brien
John O'Connell
Eugenia Plymnesser
James Posillo
Anthony Ramieri
Josephine Reilly
Mary Rock
Michael Scully
Lorraine Sedlock
G. Michael Shackleton
Stephen Sherman
Louise Swoboda
Donna Taylor
Katherine Tucker

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 2013:

Brooke Bell
Amelia Bosgraaf
Maxwell Brown
Zachary Clune
Rebecca Costanza
Hailey Cota
Elliott DeSantis
Meredith DiNoto
Nicholas DiSano
James Ethier
James Gonsalves
Madelyn Gray
Kailynn Houle

Samantha King
Matthew Leonard
Lumen Merrick
Mario Mozzetta IV
Arya Neary
Haley Oakley
Evangeline Rowbotham
Kennedy Sherman
Anthony Silvia
Taylor Sullivan
Calista Welch
Quinn Wray

May God's family continue to grow!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Each year on January 1, the Church Universal celebrates the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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. **Wednesday is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31st with a Vigil Mass at 4:30pm and on Wednesday, January 1st at 8:00am and 10:00am. It is a holy day of obligation.**



NEXT Sunday, January 5th

*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.*

All are invited to come to our annual St. Francis of Assisi's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, January 5th at 11:00AM in Fr. Greenan Parish Center. *Reception to follow.* If you would like to provide a baked good for our reception, please call the Rel. Ed. Office at 792-8684.

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