A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

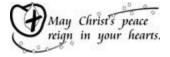
I hope that you had a blessed Christmas! Now we come up to the New Year, and I'm sure that it will be a great year. Remember that January 1st is a **Holy Day of Obligation** for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us not forget His mother!

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P

Mass Tidbit:

Christmas, and Easter, are such huge feast days in the Church calendar that they last not one day, but a whole week after– 8 days total. We call these 8 Days of Christmas the **Octive of Christmas**. Therefore, we're still technically celebrating Christmas day! The 8 days represent eternity– a week is 7 days, and the 8th day is the entrance from time into eternity.





Please note:

Because of the publisher's holiday deadline schedule, the collections for *Christmas* and the next three weeks will be posted in the January 12th bulletin.



PRAYER REQUEST



Please pray for: Elizabeth O'Brien Zoila Vallo



If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names. Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 9am – 5pm.





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:10 pm

5:30 pm Patrick Connolly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:30 am Vincent and Elizabeth Coogan

6:00 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

12:10 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

12:10 pm

7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANURAY 1

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

12:10 pm

7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

12:10 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Holy Name of Jesus

12:10 pm

RECTORY OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Holiday: December 25th -27th December 31st and January 1st

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Gifts large and small will have an impact on our parish and beyond. The cumulative power of giving will allow us to further our ministries. We humbly ask you to consider supporting the St. Joe's Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$700,000 in pledges by January 12th, the Baptism of the Lord.

Capital Campaign Goal: \$700,000 Pledges Received: \$168,254

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years.

To date our parish has received: **80** pledges, totaling **\$94,840** towards our goal of **\$104,500**

Divine Mercy and Mary Young Adult Group ages 18-39

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30pm Join fellow St. Joseph parishioners as we trace Mary's role in Divine Mercy. Contact Gene Zannetti zspiritualstrength@gmail.com

Second Collections

2020 Catholic Communication and Catholic University of America Campaign January 4th and 5th

Please note this weekend there will be <u>two</u> special collections

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

<u>Catholic University Campaign</u> you will help support more then 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education. Your donation will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project. The Catholic project is an initiative of the University that aims to help Clergy and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and the principles for effected action in the wake of the recent Catholic crisis.

New Year's Mass Schedule at St. Joseph's

New Year's Eve on Tuesday December 31:

12:10 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Vigil for Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day on Wednesday January 1:

12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

*Note: This is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of Marv



Holy Hour @ St. Joseph Monday January 6th @ 7:30PM

The entire St. Joseph's Parish Community is invited to attend a Holy Hour on Monday January 6th at 7:30PM. This is a great way to pray and to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany as a parish community. There will be an opportunity for confession.

Flame of Love Rosary and Prayers Group 2nd Thursday of the month. 7:30pm-8:30pm

<u>Starting January 9th</u> please join us for the Flame of Love Rosary and prayers group. "Blessed Mother spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity."

For more information contact Robert Phillips raphillips@gmail.com

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their lifelong devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,MARY AND JOSEPH DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

First Friday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

First Saturday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

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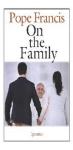
"Pope Francis on the Family,"

Looking for a good book for the winter season? Join us in celebrating the feast of the Holy Family by reading a collection of the Holy Father's addresses, called "Pope Francis on the Family," on formed.org.

Pope Francis encourages families to be witnesses of love, fidelity, and service in opposition to the deep crisis facing the Western world. He emphasizes the primary role of God and faith in family life and the crucial importance of family prayer.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Pope Francis On the Family

READ ON FORMED.ORG

The Family is a "New Mission Field for the Church"

Throughout this collection of the Holy Father's addresses, Pope Francis emphasizes the primary role of God and faith in family life and the crucial importance of regular family prayer to draw on God's graces within the home. He emphasizes the deep crisis that the family and marriage are undergoing in the Western world and challenges families today to be witnesses of love, fidelity, and service to the rest of the modern world.

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