

Church of the Holy Angels

December 27, 2020, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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MASSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Sister Teresa Catherine, Pastoral Assistant

Mary Kay Bartol, Secretary, Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26

8:00am John Laufski
4:00pm Eleanor J. Buggy
5:30pm Kenneth Sikora

Sunday, December 27

8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am Frank Kreski

Monday, December 28

8:00am Stephen Filipowicz

Tuesday, December 29

8:00am Victor Martello

Wednesday, December 30

8:00am Ralph V. Bressi

Thursday, December 31

8:00am Henrietta Kornkevich

New Year's Eve, December 31, Vigil Mass of Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4:00pm Theresa Conniff
5:30pm Clara Mrozek

Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30am Aaron Ziegler

Saturday, January 2

8:00am Marie Kismer
4:00pm Lois Kemper
5:30pm Rose Sando

Sunday, January 3

8:30am Veronica Payeski
10:30am People of the Parish

Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.

Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Nolan, Chairman, Joe Meyer, Vice-Chairman, Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo, Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of December 20

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| Number of registered households | 883 |
| 132 Sunday Offering (Households) | \$3,876.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$199.00 |
| Youth Offering | \$11.00 |
| Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One | \$16.00 |
| Votive Candles | \$126.00 |
| Thanksgiving | \$25.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$53.00 |

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| Amount Budgeted | \$8,333.00 |
| Amount Contributed | \$4,306.00 |
| Weekend of December 20 | -\$4,027.00 |

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| Improvement Fund | |
| Previous Balance | \$18,274.00 |
| Weekend of December 20 | +\$40.00 |
| Balance | \$18,314.00 |

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| Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign | |
| Goal | \$60,000.00 |
| Donations to date | \$22,516.00 |
| Balance | \$37,484.00 |

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| Diocesan Collections | |
| World Mission Sunday | \$20.00 |
| Religious Retirement | \$70.00 |

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ralph Bressi**, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him know!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
 2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
 3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.
 4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations.
- These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member." Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.*

Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

Adoration at the St. Pauline Center

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00AM- 4:00PM. Chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart and masks are required. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Vigil Lights

December 27 thru January 2

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Deceased of the Fodor Family by Sandy*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Andrew & Dolores Furca by Family*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of Pappy & Virginia DeSantis by Angie & Family*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of James Korenkiewicz by wife, Theresa*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Frank & Stella Pupo by Family*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*



PREP

PREP UPDATE... please note the change! The opening date for Holy Angels PREP CLASSES is January 10 for grades 6-8, and January 11 for Grades 1-5. All students will receive a revised schedule for the year at our next class.

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

In loving memory of

Michael Soubik, Ed & Helen, Anna Buchinski, Kathleen Dusendschine.

A Few Reminders

***Masks are to be worn as face covering the entire time parishioners attend Mass or any other liturgical event in the parish including sacramental Confession. They are not to be lowered at any time while in the church except to receive Holy Communion. It is not acceptable for parishioners to lower their face masks while sitting in the pew.**

*Social distancing is to be strictly enforced. The measure of 6 feet between individuals and family groups is to be maintained while seated and moving.

*Groups are NOT to gather outside of our churches for social time. Face masks should be worn until a person has left the church property and distanced himself or herself from other congregants.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Mass Schedule

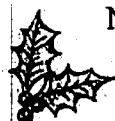
New Year's Eve, December 31,

4:00PM

5:30PM

New Year's Day, January 1

9:30AM



Congratulations to Judy Schoppy

winner of the Cash for Christmas \$1,200.00!

12 Days of Christmas winners will be published in next week's bulletin as some have not yet claimed their prize!

Contribution Records for 2020

If you would like a copy of your contribution record for the calendar year 2020, please submit a self-addressed stamped envelope either thru the collection or drop off at the parish office in the box on the front porch.

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are here to offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing. This feast reminds us that we are part of a human family and at the same time we belong to God's family, the Church. In both these families, we have privileges and responsibilities. In both, we work out our salvation together – as women, men, and children living and working in love and peace. Hence let us try our best to make life pleasant for other members in our family, and let us begin again today.

On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the grave responsibility which God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: "Children are a gift from God to you." Children serve as the joy of their parents' young years and the help and comfort of their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all your families in the New Year.

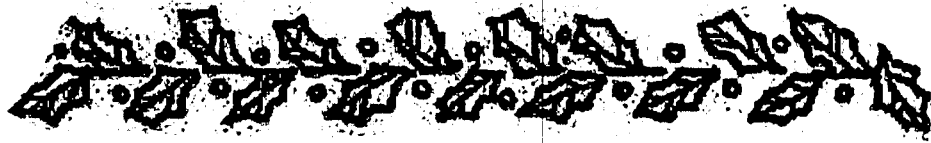


Standing Altar Candles for the Month of January

In Loving Memory of

Chester Gard wife, Ann & Children
 Tony Martino mother-in-law, Jackie Butler
 Bill Roberts wife, Joan
 Barbara Kahler husband, Dave & Family
 Special intention of Jennifer Roger Rose Witrosky

Given by



**OCTOBER 2020 REVENUE
 OPERATING INCOME**

| | Current Month | Year-to-Date |
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| Ordinary Income | \$15,773.00 | \$72,505.78 |
| General Fund Raising Activities | \$20,000.00 | \$28,047.99 |
| Extraordinary Income | \$5,838.00 | \$21,194.00 |
| Total Operating Income | \$41,611.00 | \$121,747.77 |
| Non-Operating Income | \$6,264.00 | \$19,460.00 |
| Total Income | \$47,875.00 | \$141,207.77 |

Non-operating income refers to debt reduction campaign, capital fund income and withdrawal from savings.

**EXPENSES
 OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

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| Salaries | \$10,733.07 | \$42,900.28 |
| Employee Benefits | \$5,340.21 | \$21,364.47 |
| Purchased Services | \$16,961.47 | \$58,167.22 |
| Other Expenses | - | \$993.50 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$33,034.75 | \$123,425.47 |

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| Non-Operating Expenses | \$3,770.00 | \$16,163.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$36,804.75 | \$139,588.47 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditures | \$11,070.25 | \$1,619.30 |

Non-operating expenditures relates to deposit to savings, payment on debt, capital expenditures (building) and transfer to perpetual care. These funds are not used to pay "ordinary" expenses.

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.



HOLY FAMILY / IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL, EAST TIMOR / WIKICOMMONS

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 28
Holy Innocents,
Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5–2:2
Mt 2:13–18

Tuesday

DECEMBER 29
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3–11
Lk 2:22–35

Wednesday

DECEMBER 30
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:12–17
Lk 2:36–40

Thursday

DECEMBER 31
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:18–21
Jn 1:1–18

Friday

JANUARY 1
Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22–27
Gal 4:4–7
Lk 2:16–21

Saturday

JANUARY 2
Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church
1 Jn 2:22–28
Jn 1:19–28

Sunday

JANUARY 3
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12

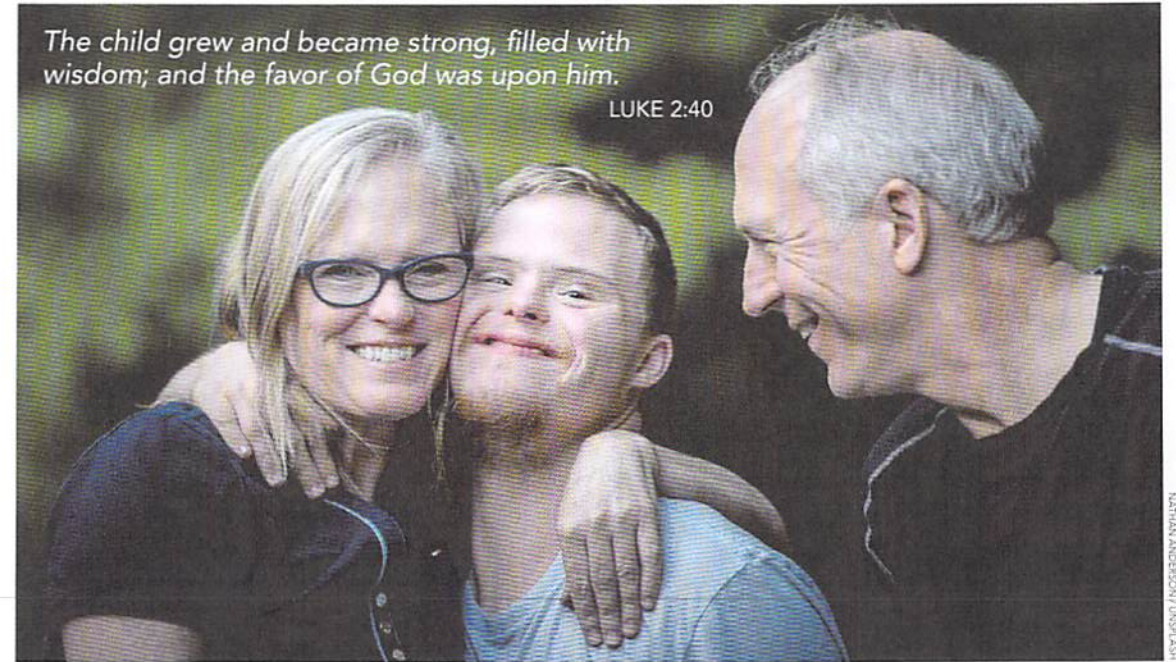
Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
or Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40



Family Values

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should

commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12–13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- What already makes your family holy?
- What might make it holier?

