

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH

5:00PM John, Rose & Joseph Ferrara
8:00AM Stephen Petruzzello
10:00AM Maria & Tommaso Morin
12:00PM Angelina Foglio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00AM Bruno Mattesich
11:30AM Nicholas & Alice Colangelo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

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8:00AM Andrea & Maria Mircovich
5:00PM Antonio & Maria Hroncich

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

*SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD*

9:00AM Celia Gandara
11:30AM J. Olivelli

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

*STS. BASIL THE GREAT &
GREGORY NAZIANZEN*

11:30AM Slavko Mladjenovic
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:00AM Jose Rafael Barahona
11:30AM Bunssing Kim

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
11:30AM Desa Gobin

Ints of Rev. Jacob Wanheng Jo

5:00PM Luciano & Tina Leopardi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00AM Glenn Rome

10:00AM Michael & Maria Nicoletta
Ranieri

12:00PM Cappadona & Giancola Families

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
John Mattesich

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Ernie Sdrigotti

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
John, Rose & Joseph Ferrara

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Ann & Ray Santillo

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and
splendor.

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-12

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

"Members of the same body and sharers of
the promise "

Matt 2:1-12

The Wise Men are searching for the newly born
Christ Child.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – DECEMBER 29, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

"... put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body."

St. Paul wrote these words to the Christians in Colossae to remind them that love is the virtue that makes Christian community possible. His advice for Christian families on this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is even more explicit when he writes,

"Husbands, love your wives and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything for this is pleasing to the Lord. [And] fathers, do not provoke your children so they may not become discouraged."

When it comes to creating a spiritually wholesome family life we need to know that it is something we have to work at. Family love isn't something that just happens all by itself. It involves all the members of the family making decisions that support healthy relationships. It takes time and serious thought and YES it takes the power of prayer, so that the peace of Christ will control our hearts and produce the fruits of the spirit: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. These are the qualities that we see operating in Jesus' own Holy family that serves us today as the model for all Christian families. May the Lord **"...graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity."** [from the Collect Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family]

Fondly yours in Christ,
Fr. Bruce

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here
December 29, 2019

Due to the bulletin deadline of December 20th, we will publish the Sunday Collection in next week's bulletin.

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." – Colossians 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.



PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE HAVING BINGO FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF OUR BATHROOMS IN THE CHURCH HALL. HOPEFULLY, BINGO WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

47TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Respect Life Ministry of Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, is sponsoring a bus trip to the 47th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 24th. They are asking all parishes and the Knights of Columbus Councils in this area to join them. If you cannot attend the march in January, please consider donating any amount so that they can lower the price for the people attending. The current cost is \$30 per person but may decrease if they can enough donations. If you want to reserve your seat or need more information, contact Vincent Maresca at 201-362-6812 or email him at vpmaresca@gmail.com

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly mass on Saturday, January 4th at the 5:00PM Mass. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your Medal for the Feast of the Epiphany.

GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

LAST CALL TO BUY TICKETS for our Gala New Year's Party on Tuesday, December 31st from 7:30PM-12:30AM. Dinner will be catered by Roman's Restaurant, New Milford. Menu includes the following: baked ziti with ricotta, chicken francese, roast beef, tossed salad, vegetables, potatoes, dessert beer, soda, champagne toast at midnight, hats and noisemakers. Music will be by DJ Gazo. Tickets are \$35 per person and will be available at the Rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

BIBLE DIARIES

Bible Diaries are now available for sale at the rectory. Each book will cost \$12.00. Each Diary contains daily readings, thought provoking reflections, an examination of conscience, a biography of the Saint of the Day, and numerous prayers and more. It's a wonderful Christmas gift for family and friends. A limited number is available.

ESTATE SALE

There will be a huge estate sale in Leonia beginning this weekend. If interested in browsing or purchasing, please call 757-645-6868 for an appointment or you may email tradetalks@aol.com Items to be sold include: sports equipment, hummels, dinnerware, furniture, furs, women's clothing, garden tools, lawn mower, tools, a 2010 Lexus, costume jewelry and much more. A percentage of the proceeds from the estate sale will be donated to Epiphany Church.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Greater Bergen Community Action will hold ESL Classes (English as a Second Language Classes) from January–March 2020. Morning Classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30AM-12:30PM. Register as soon as possible. Potential students must register and take a placement test. Bring a photo ID, proof of address and social security card. For registration information call 201-366-1020 Ext. 7236.

FAUSTINA – A LIVE PRODUCTION

Faustina, a popular live production, will be presented at Felician University, Lodi, Breslin Performing Arts Center, 262 South Main Street, on January 10th at 7:00PM, and on January 11th at 1:00 & 7:00PM. General Admission is \$25 and children 8-14 are \$15 per ticket. Buy tickets at johnleaps.com or call 800-313-6933. Faustina is a powerful multi-media live production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances. Not only does the drama share the life of Saint Faustina, but it also incorporates the story of a modern woman who struggles with the issues that so many in our culture face – abuse, promiscuity and abortion – offering God's forgiveness for all sinners. It's a message of hope and healing that touches audiences deeply.

MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Mass for our country will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield on Thursday, January 2nd beginning with a patriotic rosary at 7:00PM followed by Mass at 7:30PM. It is an opportunity to come together and pray for God's blessings and mercy for our country. All are welcome. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Office for Evangelization.

“LIFE ISN'T TIED WITH A BOW, BUT IT'S STILL A GIFT!”

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – TUESDAY

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY - WEDNESDAY

Masses.....9:00AM & 11:30AM

PATRONAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 4.....5:00PM

Sunday, January 5.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Baby Michael, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Timmy Cappola, Sean O'Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Vinka Uselj, Louanne Mitchell, Kathy Lennon, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Richard & Patricia Citro, Brother Peter Lyne, Frank Magdaluyo, Conrado Trinidad, John Mitchell, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Angie Vigna, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Bob Sirianni, Laura Cipullo, Frances Marino, Robert Donato, Giovanni Piccini Yuvonich, Rosemary Kovacs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Erminio Baldassarre, Sister Theresa Mary Martin (formerly Sister Mary Alvine), Rosemary Della Rosa, Rev. Ward Moore.

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Dear Lord, bless our family. Give us the unity, peace and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, ask your foster Son's blessing on the head of our family. Obtain the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence needed to support and direct those under (his/her) care. Mother Mary, ask your Son's blessing on the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be. Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.