

DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020
VIGIL MASS . . . 6pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
HOLY MASS . . . 8:15am

ALL MASSES LIVE STREAMED on YouTube

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 26

5pm **James M. Sallaberry**; Clerkin family

SUNDAY 27

9am **Mary McCormick & Ruth Prior**; Richard McCormick

10:30 **Irmgard D. Alders**; Lees family

Noon **James Briscese**; wife, Ann

MONDAY 28

8:15 **Theresa Boyle**; Eric & Sue Anne Vogelsberg

TUESDAY 29

8:15 **William Butts**; family

WEDNESDAY 30

8:15 **Riley Gavruluk**; Don Geer & Rose Mary Cella

THURSDAY 31

8:15 **Larry F. Gove**; Elizabeth Vargas

6pm **George Marion Jr.**; family

FRIDAY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:15 **Anne & Patrick Noone**; Rich & Mary Collins

SATURDAY 2

8:15 **Liberato Maresca**; Canonico family

5pm **Peter Masella**; Martha & Robert Burns

SUNDAY 3

9am **John Elter**; Pat Boenisch & family

10:30 **Peter Masella**; Marie Bordinaro

Noon **Albert Fini**; Marie Maffettone



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Veronica Cantasano, Robert Palumbo, JoAnn Traina, Anthony Pastore, Frances Pastore, Bob Armistead, Thelma Figueroa, Carmen Tumbaga, Tom Jimenez, Olivia Picnicky, Mary Luciana, Janet Begnoche, Moquete, Christianna Scrobe, Maritza Montes, John Mattered, Ralph Schiano, Jeanne Yost, Benjamin Howard, Sue Orts, Connie Yacenda, Carmen Almirol, Laurie Patterson, Daria Bekersky, Katie Rogan, Joan Bonomi, Teresa Patrino, Mila Werlitz, Andrew Upson, James Fox, Nancy Rhodes Mayo, Justin Holland, Joseph Michael Kennedy, Patrick Finley, Marie Tobin, Jon Sezack, Ruth Rivera, Vilma Rosario, John Schiano Jr, Claire Scunziano, Paula Baraket, Pat Baldwin, Sean Devlin, Robert Scunziano, Brenden Hedding, Lorraine Kalafut, Gabe Fritz, Laura Favorule, Susan Zikoyanis, Michael Medina, Mary Ackerman, Valerie Moore, Sylvia Muccio, Joe Kennedy, Kim Salotti, Charles Youngberg, Alice Verizzo, Cecilia Rivera, Allison Florio, Vinnie Greco, Donna Fagan, Nikita Zanichowsky, Karlene Gray, Rosa Maria Ramos, Ricky Calderin, Bob Gatt, Emily Scrobe, Marian McDonald.

TWO GRAND CLUB SERIES

Winners for this week:

#71 Marianne Vandemark and #74 Virginia Battiato



Dear friends,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is here. We have come together in different ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus. These past weeks of Advent invite us to prepare for the Lords arrival. From the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to private prayer to the sacrament of Penance, you and I continue to receive the Graces necessary to nurture the soul. While always essential to the spiritual life, God's loving and healing Grace is truly needed during this difficult time.

The corona virus and its consequences have put us all to the test. Early lockdowns, shortages at the market, economic uncertainty, social distance, face masks, virtual education and limited church capacity are just a few of the many obstacles confronting us today. Despite these contemporary hurdles, people everywhere are trying their best to live, learn, work and worship in a positive and safe manner. Saint Columba Church is a wonderful example of how it all works.

Over the past few months, it has been a privilege to serve you during this challenging time for us all. Thank you for attending Mass inside and online. Your willingness to follow safety guidelines and protocols permits us to celebrate the Lord in a solemn and safe way. Allow me to express gratitude to Father Anthony, Deacon Peter, staff and lay ministers who do everything possible to make Saint Columba a spiritual home for our community of faith. I am equally grateful to each and every one of you for your persevering faith, continued generosity, love for neighbor and readiness to share the good news. The enthusiastic response to the Giving Tree, the assistance of our Ladies Auxiliary, the ongoing work and support of the Knights of Columbus in sanitizing the Church as well as your generous donations to the weekly and Christmas collection are just a few examples of how you witness the power of God's love during this Holy time of year.

I am also grateful to those who have donated treasure, talent, and time to help us enhance parish life. The playground, new signage as well as technology upgrades in the Church and hall would not have been possible without gifts from a few of our friends and parishioners.

Special thanks to Bob Smith, Chris Rodriguez, Tony Gabriele and Vizmal Cordero for all hard work in helping us live stream the Mass and digitize the bulletin board. Gratitude to all!

As we celebrate our Saviors birth, please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May God bless you all with a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In Christ,

Fr. John



GIVING TREE . . . THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous response to the Giving Tree. We received so many beautifully wrapped gifts. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary who prepared all the tags and those who helped deliver many of the gifts.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY FROM OUR COMMUNITY IN THE MILITARY, BOTH HERE AND ABROAD SAINT MICHAEL, PLEASE KEEP THEM SAFE.

James Davis Jr., Rocco Church, Tyler Correa, Alex Davis, Mark Gonzalez, Michael Grasso, Erin Johnson, Alex Kaczor, Kayla Marion Katt, Mark Lawlor, Lauren Lucena, Matthew Mackay, Draven Mena, Ryan Michaels, Evan Pacer, Michael Polanski, Cory Seipp, Josh Truman, David J. Wiley



MEMORIALS & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

ALTAR CANDLES are burning this week in loving memory; **Rose Law**; req: Eric & Sue Anne Vogelsberg

HOST & WINE are dedicated this week in loving memory: **Kevin Joseph Simmons**; req: Tom Simmons

BLUE VIGIL LIGHT is burning this week in loving memory of: **Gene, Louise & Joseph Collin** req: family



FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, SANCTUARY LIGHTS ARE BURNING IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Red: **Deceased members of the Donovan &**

Herrity family; family

White: **Christopher Furey & his grandparents**

Joe & Jerry Furey

Blessed Sacrament: **Rose Law**; Ladies Auxiliary