The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary And Joseph  December 27, 2015

### Mass Intentions

- **SATURDAY DEC. 27th**
  - 8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
  - 5:00 PM ANGELA STOBER

- **SUNDAY DEC. 28th**
  - 8:00 AM SALVATORA RUFFINO
    (THE DIMIERI FAMILY)
  - 9:30 AM HELEN HEANEY
    (FRIENDS)
  - 11:00 AM MARION STOBER

- **MONDAY**
  - 8:00 AM JOHN STOBER

- **TUESDAY**
  - 8:00 AM MARGARET TOMCHUK

- **WEDNESDAY**
  - 8:00 AM PETER MULLER

- **THURSDAY**
  - 8:00 AM DICK BURCHFIELD
    (THE BURCHFIELD FAMILY)

- **NEW YEAR’S EVE**
  - 5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

- **FRIDAY**
  - **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**
  - **NEW YEAR’S DAY**
    - 9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

- **SATURDAY Jan. 2nd**
  - 8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
  - 5:00 PM HELEN HEANEY
    (MIKE & PAM PORFIDO)

- **SUNDAY Jan. 3rd**
  - 8:00 AM GEORGE LEPPERT
    (THE LEPPERT FAMILY)
  - 9:30 AM LUCY ALBANESE
    (THE GERO FAMILY)
  - 11:00 AM CHARLIE MESHIMSKY
    (THE ROBINSON FAMILY)

Please remember in your prayers all the sick of the parish and of our families.

### Memorials

The week of Dec. 27th
the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for:

John McMahon

### Calendar Events

- **Dec. 26th – Dec 27th**
  - 5:00 pm Patricia Pfeil
  - 8:00 am John Iacopelli
  - 9:30 am Rick Hahn
  - 11:00 am Mary Dunleavy

- **Jan. 2nd– Jan. 3rd**
  - 5:00 pm Tom Lapinski
  - 8:00 am Robert Mayer
  - 9:30 am Michelle Teitsma
  - 11:00 am Ruth Tauriello

### Holy Day of Obligation (New Year’s Day)

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and a Holyday of obligation.
Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm on Wednesday and at 9 am on Thursday.

- **Mon. 12/28** Eucharistic Adoration /Benediction 7:30 pm
- **Thurs. 12/31** New Year’s Eve 5:00 pm Mass
- **Friday 1/1/16** New Year’s Day 9:00 am Mass
- **Sun. 1/3** Coffee and......following all Mass
- **Mon. 1/4** Eucharistic Adoration /Benediction 7:30 pm
- **Thurs. 1/7** Men’s Club Mtg. 7pm
- **Sat. 1/9** Religious Ed. & Confirmation
- **Mon. 1/11** Eucharistic Adoration /Benediction 7:30 pm
- **Mon. 1/18** Eucharistic Adoration /Benediction 7:30 pm
- **Thurs. 1/21** Healing Mass 7:30 pm
- **Sat. 1/23** Religious Ed. & Confirmation
Dear Parishioners,

Christmas Blessings to you and all of your loved ones. The Church in her wisdom extends the celebration of Christmas for eight days known as the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. She does this because Christmas is too great a day to be celebrated in just one day rather we need more time to reflect and unpack the meaning of what God has done for us. For most people Christmas Eve and Day are usually very busy and often we don’t get a chance to take some quiet time to be with the Lord and so the Church gives us this extended time to enter more deeply into the mystery of God’s great love for us. The Father in Heaven who in the fullness of time sent his only Begotten Son to become one of us in everything but sin so that he could reveal the Father to us and reconcile us with God.

God’s plan included that his Son be born into a simple and modest home with Mary as his Mother and Joseph his father. God sanctified all human life when he took on flesh and became like us. He came to restore the image and likeness of God that we were created in and had become tainted in us because of Original Sin. Through his death on the Cross and the Church that he instituted along with her seven sacraments we are able to restore that image and likeness of God that we were made in. He also gave us the model of family life that is a type of God’s plan for his children. The Church celebrates that model this Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

In Matthew’s Gospel an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said to him, “...do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.” In Luke’s Gospel the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, “...you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus...the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.” Both Mary and Joseph said yes to what the angels said to them and they believed in God’s plan. They did not fully understand or know this plan but they trusted and believed that it was God’s plan for them.

Mary and Joseph were given a singular and unique plan for the birth of Jesus; to care for him and raise him in the setting of a family, namely the Holy Family. The marriage between Mary and Joseph, unlike most marriages, was not to populate the world but rather to care for the Son of God, our Savior. The Church teaches us that Mary was a virgin before and after the birth of Jesus. The marriage between Mary and Joseph was one of purity.

God clearly gives us the model for a family and the Church reinforces it as we celebrate this Feast Day of the Holy Family. The Church reminds us of God’s plan for the family; as we read in the Book of Genesis, “He (God) created them male and female.” (Gen 5:2) “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body” (Gen 2:24). As we also see in the Holy Family, Mary and Joseph, (a man and a woman) are what made up God’s plan for the family that cared for His Son.

Despite our failures and sinfulness, despite our culture that has drifted away from God’s plan for marriage and once again has lost that image and likeness of our Creator, God continues to draw us back by his grace and gives us today the model for all family life, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us,

Father Ed
Administrator

Parish Life:

Please consider joining us on Friday, January 22nd for a one-day Bus trip to Washington DC to promote the great gift of Life. The Men’s Club of our parish is sponsoring the bus trip and so there will be no fee. The day will begin with an early morning Mass in the Church. Please call the office for more details. Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity to give witness to God’s plan for Life.
Project Self Sufficiency thanks you for your kindness and generosity, and for making this another joyous Christmas for local families. This year we continued the tradition of being their biggest Parish contributor.

Women’s Retreat Weekend
Sacred Heart Spirituality Center will hold its Women’s Retreat Weekend on January 8-10, 2016. The theme for this retreat is: “God’s Mercy Through the Ages”. It will focus on the history of God’s merciful love poured out on His people right up to the present day. A weekend experience creates a special bond and climate among the retreatants and allows one the time to relax and recharge; however, if someone is unable to make the entire weekend, there is the possibility of coming on Saturday only. The registration form can be found on our web site: www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org  Please call 973-383-2620 or e-mail shretreatcenter@gmail for further information.

PASTORAL LETTER
THE JUBILEE OF MERCY AND THE PROMISE OF CHRIST

To all the faithful, religious, deacons and priests:

Peace to you all who are in Christ

[1] On July 8, 1776, the 2,080 pound Liberty Bell rang out from the tower of Independence Hall. It summoned the residents of Philadelphia to Colonel John Nixon’s public reading of the Declaration of Independence. The bell bears these words from Leviticus 25:10: “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof.” A timeless message! All people desire freedom.

[2] The biblical inscription on America’s iconic symbol of freedom comes from the biblical legislation concerning the Jubilee year. According to Leviticus, after seven sets of seven years, Israel was to celebrate a Jubilee. Seven is the number of completeness in Sacred Scripture. Thus, seven times seven symbolizes perfection. Since the Sabbath comes every seven days, the Jubilee, coming after seven times seven years, was seen as the Sabbath of Sabbaths. It made real among God’s people his gift of freedom, the very purpose of the Sabbath itself.

[3] On the Day of Atonement, a blast of a ram’s-horn trumpet (yobel) would initiate the Jubilee (yobel). During the year’s celebration, ancestral property returned to its former owners; the slaves were set free; prisoners were released; debts were forgiven and the land itself lay fallow. All these acts of freedom expressed the mercy of God who freed Israel from slavery and made her his Chosen People.

[4] In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee. He made real for the Church the deepest spiritual meaning of the biblical Jubilee. It was a year to celebrate the mercy of God who forgives our sins, returns us to our rightful inheritance lost by our first parents, releases us from slavery to sin and opens up for us the way to return to our Father’s house. Since the 14th century, the Church has regularly celebrated Jubilees or Holy Years.

[5] During a penitential service in Saint Peter’s Basilica on Friday, April 10, 2015, Pope Francis announced the 30th Jubilee in the Church’s history. He called for an extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy out of the regular cycle of Holy Years. He stated his desire that we “…find in this jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time.” This Holy Year begins on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It ends on November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King (cf. Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, April 11, 2015).

For More of Bishop Serratelli’s Pastoral Letter please visit :  http://patersondiocese.org/
**Year of Mercy**

Come and join us for a time of study and reflection of Divine Mercy. Based on the Diary of St. Faustina. Starting this Tuesday Dec. 15th in The Parish Hall from 9:00am to 10:00 am.

**Food Pantry Hours**

Monday 12pm-2pm

**St. Paul Inside the Walls**

**Young Adult Mass (Ages 23-39) with Bishop Serratelli**

All young adults between the ages of 23-39 are invited to pray together at the annual diocesan-wide Young Adult Mass with Bishop Serratelli. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Serratelli at 5:30 p.m. followed by a young adult social with drinks and light food until 8:30 p.m. hosted by the Diocese of Paterson Office of Evangelization with hospitality provided by the St. Paul Young Adults. This is a great opportunity for all young adults in the Diocese to come together in faith and fellowship to pray together and kick off the new year.

Madison, Saturday, January 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Reasons to Believe: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Sense**

Come hear what Catholics believe, why Catholics believe it, the personal difference it makes, and how it makes sense in today’s world. Fr. Derek Anderson, presenter.

Madison, Saturday, January 16 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

**Third Annual Catholic Trivia Super Bowl**

Build your own five-person team and tackle multiple-choice questions on the Catholic Faith! Rules: Only one priest, religious brother/sister, or theologian allowed per team. Cost: $25.00 per team in advance, $30.00 at the door.

Madison, Saturday, January 30 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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**Healing Mass**

The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday Jan. 21st at 7:30 PM in the Church. The healing service will take place immediately after Mass; Father Ed will be celebrating the Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall at the completion of the healing service. Healing has always been a part of the Church. Jesus healed the blind man, the deaf man, and the leper. We find in Sacred Scripture physical healings, healing of relationships, psychological healing, financial healing, and spiritual healing. Come with expectant faith and join us, and experience the Lord’s healing power.

**New Allen Organ**

A special thanks to all those who have donated for the purchase of our new organ; we only need $2,000 to reach our goal. Please consider making a donation so that we can enhance our Liturgy by providing worship music that is even more beautiful and pleasing to God.

**FREE MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP**

The Men’s Club will be sponsoring a free Bus trip on Friday January 22nd to Washington DC for the March for Life. Starting with Mass at 5:30 am and bus leaving at 6:00 am. Approximate return 10 pm

Come and experience the largest peaceful march on Capitol Hill. Join hundreds of thousands of Enthusiastic people who give witness to the great gift of life. For more information and to sign up call the office. 973-948-3185