THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 29, 2019
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The celebration of the Holy Family should serve as a reminder to us that the family is holy; that there is a reflection of our Trinitarian God in the father, mother and child of the family; and that there will be no order in society if there is not stability in family life.

“As a nation, we need to make children and families our first priority, to invest in their future; to combat the forces—cultural, economic and moral—which hurt children and destroy families; to manage our economy, shape our government, and direct our institutions to support and not undermine our families.”

U.S. Bishops, Putting Children and Families First: A Challenge for Our Church, Nation and World (1991) IV

~ Gerald Darring ~

Lord’s Day Mass Schedule:
Saturday ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:30 am Mass during school year

Daily Mass Schedule:
Week Day Mass
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am
First Friday: 9:00 am

Healing Mass:
First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm, excluding holidays

Confessions:
Saturday ~ 4:15 pm, or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesdays 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism
Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Baptisms are generally celebrated at any of the Masses on the first weekend of the month so that the child may be welcomed and received in the presence of the parish community.

Sacrament of Marriage
Arrangements with a priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick
Fr. Albert and St. Anne Ministers of Communion are pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.
**Parish Information & Announcements**

**Mass Schedule with Mass Intentions (Dec 28 – Jan 5)**

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**Holy Day of Obligation - New Year’s Day**

The Mass Schedule for New Year’s is:

- New Year’s Eve - Tuesday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.
- New Year’s Day - Wednesday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

**Collection for Catholic University of America**

On **Sunday, January 5**, there will be a National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the University has served the Church, students and the community for generations and is the only American University with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

Catholic University serves the Church by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually.

Your kind and generous support is most appreciated.

**PRAYER SPONSORSHIP**

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**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 2020:**

- **Grades 1/2** ~ (Non-Sacramental) meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 9:30-10:30 am
- **Grade 2 & older** ~ First Reconciliation/First Communion meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 9:30-10:50 am
  - There will be a First Reconciliation meeting for parents on January 12 at 9:30 a.m.
  - The First Reconciliation Service has been rescheduled from January 26 to January 13 at 6:30 pm in the church.
- **Grade 3** ~ Meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 9:30-10:30 am
- **Grade 4** ~ Meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 9:30-10:30 am
- **Grade 5** ~ Meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 9:30-10:30 am
- **Grade 6/7** ~ Meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 5:30-8:00 pm (includes 5:30 pm Mass)
- **Grade 8** ~ Meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 5:30-8:00 pm (includes 5:30 pm Mass)
- **Grade 9/10** ~ 2 year Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Meets on Sunday, January 5 & 12, 5:30-8:00 pm (includes 5:30 pm Mass)
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**Please note:**

There will be no Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, January 1.

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The Parish Office will be closed on January 1.

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Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy Ministry at the 10:30 a.m. Mass invites children aged kindergarten to Grade 5 to hear and discuss the Gospel story with their peers. Parents always welcome. No registration necessary. If interested in serving in a leading or assisting role, please contact Joanne Flathers at jflathers17@gmail.com or phone the Parish Office to leave your name and contact information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Anyone who is ill or suffering will welcome a blessed, warm, and comforting prayer shawl. Shawls are located at the parish office during business hours. The ministry members meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Conference Room in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcomed.

Annette Buhsmer, Chair

Prayer Shawl Ministry WILL meet on Monday, December 30.

United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry
Thank you so very much for your continuous support of the Southborough Food Pantry. You make it possible for us to help our clients. As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date. Donations may be left in the foyer of the parish hall. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to come. Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) are Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. and Fridays from 10-11 a.m.

Pat Draper, St. Anne Parish Coordinator

Liturical Minister Schedule

December 28 & 29 ~ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

5:00 pm Lector
Need
Communion Ministers
Marian Andries/Laura Schroeder/Debbie Simon

8:30 am Lector
Elaine Yetman
Communion Ministers
Doris Campero/Fran Schiebe/NEED

10:30 am Lector
Doug Parent
Communion Ministers
Joe Cruciani/Pat Draper/Joanne Flathers

December 31 & January 1 ~ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

5:00 pm Lector
Nick Paganella
Communion Ministers
NEED 3

9:00 am Lector
Jim Garden
Communion Ministers
NEED 3

Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

PRAYER FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE: Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Holy Family, help us treasure the gift of marriage that reflects the love of Christ for the Church, where the self-giving love of husband and wife unites them more perfectly and cooperates in your plan for new life created in your image.

Help us support men and women in their vocation of marriage, especially in difficult times when they join their sufferings to the Cross. Help us uphold the institution of marriage in our society as the place where love is nurtured and family life begins. Help us acknowledge that our future depends on this love and your providential care for us. Amen.
Other Announcements

Respect Life Month Event in Worcester

Can’t make it to the March for Life in D.C? Let’s kick off Respect Life Month locally! “Let Life Live” event to be held at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Hall, 596 Cambridge St., Worcester on Saturday, January 11 from noon - 3:30 pm. We will have music from Musicians for Life, speakers, representatives from Problem Pregnancy, Visitation House, Mass Citizens for Life, 40 Days for Life, First Concern and more! For more information call Lynn at 508-612-3999.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are March 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and April 18-19, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR::
December 22, 2019 and Christmas Masses

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There will be a second collection for Catholic University of America (CUA) on January 5, 2020. Please see page 3 of this bulletin for more information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROUS SUPPORT.

Online Giving: St. Anne Parish partners with WeShare for on-line giving. WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne’s Website: With our website we have an additional resource for online giving and online CE registration. St. Anne Parish partners with eCatholic and BluePay for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

Thank you to parishioners who are using Online Giving. Parishioners who use the service seem pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. By using Online Giving you are helping our parish improve our operational efficiency.

Taize Prayer in Worcester

All are welcome for Taize prayer- Sacred Music for Vespers on Sunday, January 12, 7:00 - 7:45 pm. Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox musicians come to together in sacred choir to sing simple, pure music to support peace and respect between all Christians and Non-Christians. To be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester. Social to follow with Mulled Cider and light refreshments. Free to all people of all faiths and walks of life. Free will offering gratefully received. Please call or text Will Raymond if you have any questions. Cell/Text 978-368-3294.

Respecting Life is Everyone’s Responsibility:
It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For particular help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment training for all staff and volunteers.

Traveling Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Luke Church in Westboro. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

Prayer for Christian Unity

Join us at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 19 at 2:00 pm. "They showed us unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2)

Would you like to receive a copy of the bulletin via email every week? To be added to the bulletin distribution list, please send an email to: stanne403@stannesouthborough.org with “St. Anne Bulletin List” in the subject line.
To call Mary the *Theotokos*, the "God-Bearer," is to celebrate the unique role that she has played—and continues to play—in God’s plan of salvation.…

The iconic Christmas image of Mary holding her infant Son embodies the mystery of the Lord’s birth, as it brings together the human and divine elements of the Incarnation.…

As we celebrate this great feast of the Mother of God, we are ultimately being asked to join Mary in contemplating the gift of her Son and allowing the grace of these holy days to change us, so that the Prince of Peace may reign in our hearts and in our world.

~ Brother Silas Henderson ~