

DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

MONDAY

- 8:30 Perry Nelson II req. by the Ferraro Family
5:30 Frank Ludwiczak req. by the Ferraro Family

TUESDAY – Mary the Holy Mother of God

- 8:30 Charles Catalano req. by the Wick Family
7:00 People of the parish

WEDNESDAY – Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

- 8:30 Virginia Bodo & Deceased members of the Bodo, Tran & Kelly Families req. by Robert Bodo & Family

THURSDAY – Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

- 8:30 Charlie Catalano

FRIDAY – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 8:30 Alex Foulds req. by Lori & John Krieger
9:30 Kaylan Syvath req. by Faculty & Staff of Rev. Brown School

SATURDAY – Saint John Neumann

- 8:30 Dr. Ralph Bozza
5:30 Bridgette Michelle Sullivan req. by Judge 7 Mrs. N. Peter Conforti

January 6, 2019

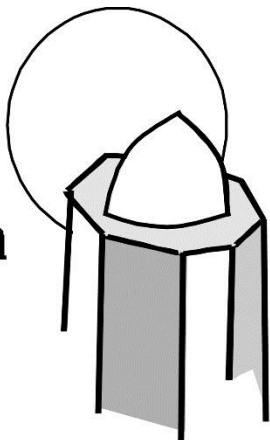
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 7:45 Deceased members of the Rona, Banciu & Dirlle Family and all souls in Purgatory req. by the Dirlle Family
Special Intention of Andre, Marie & Hector req. by the Dirlle Family
9:00 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina
10:30 Charles Catalano req. by Nancy Ruvo & Family
12:00 Bridgette Michelle Sullivan req. by Janice Quinn

PARISH FINANCES

Collections for December 23rd, 25th and 30th will be published at a later date due to our early printing deadline.

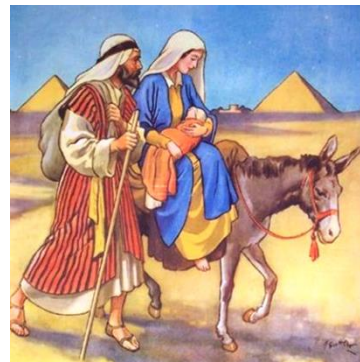
**Mary
and
Joseph
found
Jesus
in the temple.**



REFLECTION

The Feast of the Holy Family

The opening sentence of Leo Tolstoy's masterpiece *Anna Karenina* is a striking one: 'Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.' We can be sure that the Holy Family was a happy family, but like all happy families their happiness was forged through trial and suffering and the ups and downs of domestic daily living. Today we cross the threshold into the tranquility and holiness of the Holy Family. Here we find the hearth at which Jesus lived his hidden years. Here we find the first domestic Church, a loving family devoted to God and to each other.



The Scriptures only speak of the birth of Jesus, the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt and the discovery of Jesus in the temple. To learn more we seek the wisdom and guidance of the Spirit. The Spirit leads us to

understand that because the triune God is a communion of love, the family is its living reflection. St. Pope John Paul II said: 'Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit.' The family is, then, a school: a school of prayer, a school of service, a school of discipline, a school of formation but most of all a school of love.

We thank God the Father for the Holy Family's witness of love, we rejoice in the Son for the healing grace of salvation, and we give praise to the Holy Spirit whose love is poured out upon us so we can love and serve God in our families. The importance of the family has been a bulwark of Christian teaching since the beginning. It is the womb from which vocations are born, be that to the married or priestly or religious life. Jesus spent his hidden years deeply rooted in the day-to-day life of his family in Nazareth – here he learned to love, serve and pray. Thank God for the family you were born into; each family member is a blessing and grace from God.

From: *Bible Alive*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 12/30/18 to 1/5/19

Sun.	11:00 AM-9:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
Mon.	New Year's Eve	
Tues.	New Year's Day – Office Closed	
Wed.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM RCIA	
Thurs.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	6:45 PM BINGO (nonsmoking)	McKenna Hall
Fri.	5:00 PM CYO Basketball	Gym
	7:00 PM Filipino Mass	Church/YR
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	7:30 – All Day – CYO Basketball	Gym
	9:00 AM Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir practice takes place on Saturdays, at 4:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Room.



Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office. *New and existing members are invited.*

FILIPINO MASS

The Filipino bi-lingual Mass will be held on Friday January 4th at 7:00 PM in Church. Fellowship will follow in the Youth Room.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class takes place on Tuesday mornings following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. It will be an hour well spent.



YOUTH GROUP

ATTENTION TEENS - Need service hours?

Come to the FIRST SUNDAY each month.

Join us at the 12:00 p.m. Mass, followed by lunch, fellowship and a service project at the Church.

From 1 - 2:30 p.m. in youth group room.

RSVP - allisonO@ourladyofthelake.org

MEET NEW FRIENDS!

OLL Youth Group - all high school teens and college students are welcome. Join us every Monday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meet new friends, talk about faith, play some board games and outside games, listen to music and enjoy snacks.

FINANCE

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PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP



Tuesday, February 5, 2019

**Pope John XXIII High School,
Sparta**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**For young men in high school
or college, or even older.**

Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship... and of course, pizza.

For more information, please contact the vocation Office at (973) 777-8818, ext 711

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Sparta Women's Club – Vial of Life Project

Protect yourself...Protect your family... Vial of Life Utilizing the Vial of Life Kit is the timeliest way to alert police and first responders on an emergency call to your home that vital information is readily available to help expedite medical care.

Who may benefit from this kit? Anyone of any age may benefit...those with medical or mental health conditions, those with allergies, individuals living alone, Senior Citizens, households with a Special Needs child or adult, those employing a babysitter or adult care provider, etc. (Anyone may experience a medical emergency at any time, so it is best to be prepared).The Sparta Woman's Club is providing a free kit to any Sparta household. To obtain a kit or seek more information, visit their website at www.spartawomansclub.org, or email SWCVialoflife@gamil.com. This project is funded by Sparta Woman's Club and generous sponsors.

Catholic Charities

As Christmas approaches, Catholic Charities calls for your help. From Veterans services, to helping youth at risk, to providing support to those struggling with addiction, Catholic Charities, truly does it all. Visit: <https://ccpaterson.org/tree> to give and make a difference in the lives of many.

March for Life Bus Trip to Washington DC

Friday, January 18, 2019

Come join us for our annual pilgrimage to give witness to the Beauty of Life. The cost is only \$10.00. Children and students are free. Bus leaves after the 6:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville and leaves Washington for return trip around 3:30 p.m. The bus will make a food stop along the way and on the way back. Call Our Lady Queen of Peace office at 973-948-3185.



NJ Tax Amnesty 2018

Under a new law signed in July, the NJ Division of Taxation has been authorized to implement a tax amnesty program, providing taxpayers with the opportunity to file past tax returns and/or pay back taxes along with only half of the interest due as of November 1, 2018. The 2018 New Jersey Tax Amnesty began November 15, 2018 and ends January 15, 2019. Amnesty will only apply to outstanding tax filings or payments that are reportable on a tax return due on or after February 1, 2009, and prior to September 1, 2017. For additional information on the Tax Amnesty program, including downloadable documents in both English and Spanish, please visit TaxAmnesty.nj.gov.

NORDIC KNIGHTS OCEANIC CRUISE



Join Father David and Our Lady of the Lake parishioners on a cruise on the Nordic Knights of Oceanic Cruises from July 22nd

to August 4th 2019 -visiting Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark, and London. Contact Dan Scully at Daniel.scully@scullytravel.com or 973-534-6462.



Samaritan Inn

Keeping a Door Open and a Light On for the Homeless...

December 14, 2018

Our Lady Of the Lake RC Church
294 Sparta, Avenue
Sparta, NJ 07871
Attention: Father David McDonnell

To the Children and Families at Our Lady of the Lake Church,

On behalf of the parents and children who are residents of our shelter, Samaritan Inn sends a tremendous thank you for your donation of more than 18 boxes containing 216 bears that the children made to share with children who are in need of comfort and a safe and secure home.

We are so thankful that you have continued to join in making and donating these bears each year. We hope that you had fun making the bears and sharing in the preparations for Christmas with your family and friends.

Special thanks, also, to the volunteers who helped organize and plan this happy event and to the mentors who made bears in the past and have returned to help again this year.

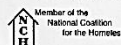
It is such a wonderful thing that Katherine and Michael Kokidis have initiated and continue to coordinate this special day so that you can participate in the spirit of giving and sharing that is the true message of Christmas. We understand that there are plans to extend this activity to retirement and rehabilitation homes so that frail or elderly residents can make bears to share or keep for their own.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a warm and peaceful New Year.

Very truly yours,

Dawn Metzger, LSW, MPA
Director

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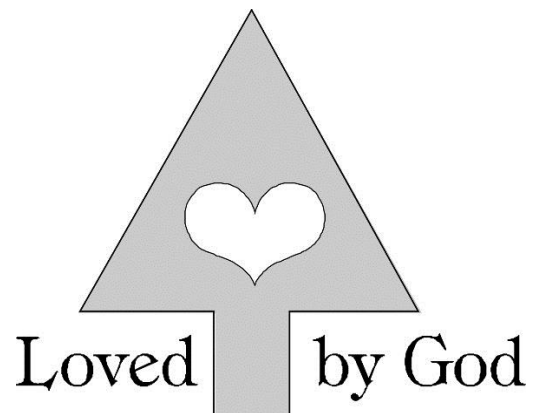


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United Way Member Agency



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



Monday December 31	New Year's Eve Regular Morning Mass - 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Tuesday January 1, 2019	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day) 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Parish office will be closed	



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

*To all our Parishioners
and their families:*

Father David

Father Marcin

Deacon Anthony (Sonny) Curcio

Deacon Jim McGovern

and the entire parish staff

wish you all a

Safe and Happy New Year!

May you be blessed with good

health and happiness through

the new year!

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Deacon

Mr. James McGovern

Deacon

Elizabeth Heldak

Director of Religious Education

Allison Ognibene

Confirmation/Youth Minister

Krzysztof Kowalewski

Music Director

Lori Kelly

Bookkeeper

Joanna Mattos

Secretary

Denise Aldana

Social Ministries

Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Sunday

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

8:30, 9:30 a.m. (except August 15th), and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday

4:00 to 5:00 and at 6:30 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday

8:30 a.m.

Eucharist Adoration:

Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For information on Baptisms, Marriages, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Visitation of the Sick, or Parish Membership, please call the parish office at (973) 729-6107.

New Parishioners - Welcome!

Won't you please register at the Parish Office

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Or find our registration form on our webpage

www.ourladyofthelake.org

