

DECEMBER 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MONDAY

8:30 Ceil O'Donnell Campbell req. by Ron & Jane Harrigan

TUESDAY – New Year's Eve

8:30 Special Intention of James Webber req. by Kathleen Fitzpatrick

5:30 Kathleen Nolan req. by Judy & Bill Bosworth

WEDNESDAY – Mary, Mother of God

8:30 People of the Parish

7:00 Peter Osusky req. by the Fitzpatrick Family

THURSDAY – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 Carmela Ryan req. by Donald & Elaine Walker

FRIDAY – Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 Michele Abbate req. by Michelle & Jean Pierre Abbate

SATURDAY – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 Eleanora Capra

5:30 Alex Foulds req. by Lori & John Krieger

**JANUARY 5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord**

7:45 People of the Parish

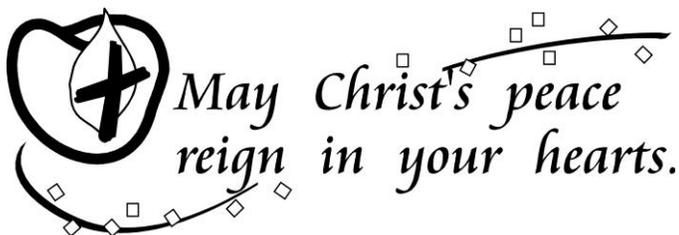
9:00 George Sax req. by his wife, Regina

10:30 Laurie DiCianni req. by John & June Flyntz

12:00 Special Intention of the Kelly Family req. by the Sensale Family

PARISH FINANCE

Due to an early print deadline, the collection will be published next week.



REFLECTION

The Holy Family

If you could name just one quality that makes a family holy, what would it be? You might say love, or any of the other virtues that St. Paul lists in today's second reading, and you may well be right. But what do you think *keeps* a family holy? What keeps them together for the long haul? Forgiveness.

Why? Because we are all fallen human beings. Even though we have Jesus living in us, we still commit sins. We are bound to hurt each other at times, even when we don't intend to. That's why forgiveness in a family is so important.



You might think that the only family that never needed to forgive one another was the Holy Family. After all, Mary was born without original sin, Joseph is a saint, and Jesus is the Son of God! But even without actually sinning against one another, there were still plenty of times when

mercy and forbearance were necessary. Maybe Mary forgot to let the bread rise one morning, so they had to go without it that day. Perhaps the boy Jesus accidentally broke the water pitcher. Or maybe Joseph felt hurt because he misunderstood something Mary had said to him. Each of these "innocent" events could have led to resentment if it wasn't dealt with right away.

The ability to forgive one another, even for the minor offenses that happen in daily life together, is the oil that makes family relationships run well. Saying, "I'm sorry, will you forgive me?" and "I forgive you" should roll off our tongues as readily as the words "I love you." Because without forgiveness, bitterness can grow and love can wither.

So make forgiveness a goal for your family for the coming year. Show your children and grandchildren how to forgive by modeling it yourself. It's not a concession to say you're sorry to another person; it's a grace – one that the Holy Family will give you for the asking!

From: *The Word Among Us*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH – 12/29/19 – 1/4/20

Sun.	No Religious Education Classes 1:00 pm Women's Social Group Cassidy Hall
Mon.	6:30 pm Youth Group Youth Room 7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group St. Jos.
Wed.	Mary Mother of God (Holyday of Obligation)
Thurs.	9:00 am Bible Study St. Joseph 7:00 pm RCIA St. Lucy
Fri.	7:00 pm Filipino Mass Church & YR 8:00 pm AA Cassidy Hall
Sat.	9:00 am Legion of Mary St. Benedict

****Godspell auditions offsite this week see next page.**

**LITURGY
DECEMBER 29, 2019**

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
January 5, 2020**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



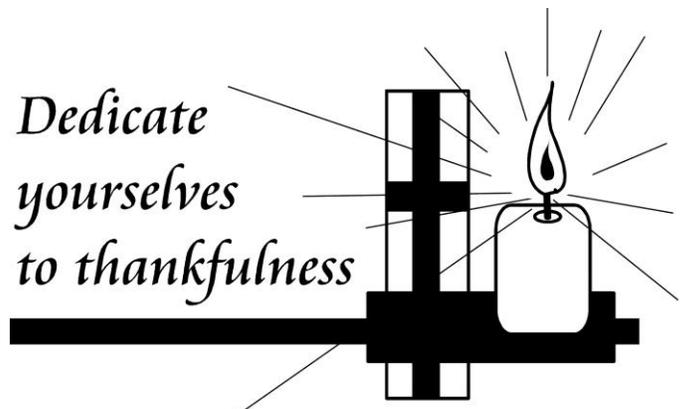
Eucharistic Adoration takes place on **Tuesdays**, beginning after the 8:30 Mass and closing at 6:45 p.m. with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Evening Prayer.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING
The Charismatic prayer group meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Saint Joseph Room. Meetings include prayer, praise, songs, worship and teachings, and an openness to living a *New Life in the Holy Spirit* - all with a focus on developing a more active faith life and in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For more info contact Jeff Tucker, 973-726-9011.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Merry Christmas from Mrs. Baszczij's Sunday morning Religious Education class



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Reunion of Hearts

Reunion of Hearts support group for families dealing with issues of estrangement. Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm, January 9 – March 12, 2020 at St. Thomas Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Rd., Oak Ridge, NJ. To register or for more information, call or text Janet at (201) 213-8499; email Janet@PfeifferPowerSeminars.com

March for Life

This year O.L. Queen of Peace Parish, Branchville will be running two buses: the first trip to Washington, DC will leave the day before and will be providing a special opportunity for families to have an overnight trip which provides the opportunity to attend the Youth Rally for Life and the Mass for Life with numerous Cardinals. Bishops and hundreds of priests joined by contemporary Christian musicians and youth evangelists giving witness talks before the March. The second bus will be our traditional one-day trip to the March for Life, leaving in the early morning of the march. For more information please contact Our Lady Queen of Peace parish office at (973) 948-3185x1.

YOUTH GROUP



OLL Parishioner and ShopRite Dietician Samantha Cifelli gave a presentation to the Youth Group on faith and nutrition. She even explained the history of the pretzel and its Catholic origin. Students were taught a recipe and then enjoyed a delicious tasting.

Next Youth Group is Monday, December 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Youth Group Room for a Christmas party! Bring a small gift of \$2 or less wrapped for a silly game and a canned food item for the pantry. Bring an instrument to play Christmas carols! We will also decorate our own Christmas tree.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER February 8, 7:00 pm NJ Devils vs. LA Kings



Join Our Lady of the Lake and other churches for Faith and Family Night at Prudential Center in Newark when the New Jersey Devils take on the LA Kings! The event will feature Christian bands before and during the game, and an opportunity to bond with fellow parishioners. We have reserved a block of tickets where we can sit

together as a parish. Tickets are \$49, which includes a draw string bag, t-shirt, group photo on the ice, our Church name on the jumbotron, and a FUN TIME! Bring the family and cheer on the team! This could be a great Christmas or Confirmation present.

<https://fevo.me/ollfaithandfamilynight>.

GODSPELL AUDITIONS: Our Lady of the Lake is

teaming up with North Star Theater Company for the musical, "Godspell." Auditions will be held on Thursday, January 2, and Friday, January 3, from 6:30 to 9 pm, at the North Star Theater Company Studio, 21 Kennedy Avenue in Ogdensburg. (It is the basement of the First Presbyterian Church.) High School to adults are welcome to audition.

Audition Notice
North Star
Theater Company
in collaboration with
Our Lady of the Lake Church
GODSPELL
Auditions: January 2 + 3 @ 6:30-9pm
Performances: March 13, 14, 15 + 18
Auditions will be held at
21 Kennedy Ave
Ogdensburg, NJ 07439
Producer: Jodi Halteman | Director: Allison Ognibene | Stage Manager: Chrissy Fulmer
Tech Director: John Kollar | Music Director: Dr. Deborah Gianuzzi | Choreographer: Kelly Dacus-Smith
www.northstartheater.org

The auditions will run as follows: 6:30 pm singing audition. Please prepare a song from Godspell and bring either a karaoke track or sheet music.

7:30 pm there will be a dance audition, followed by reading from the script at 8:15 pm.

If you only are interested in singing in the ensemble, you will only need to be at the singing portion of it. We will have a "Godspell Choir" for the show.

Godspell will take place at the altar of Our Lady of the Lake on March 13, 14, 15 and 18. The show will be directed by Allison Ognibene, music direction by Dr. Deborah Gianuzzi and technical direction by John Kollar. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for helping to support funding for Godspell.

Looking for a way to help our parish community?

Come join our Offertory Counting Team! We need help from parishioners with this essential task. About once a month, you would be scheduled to count the weekly offertory or special collections with 2-5 other team members. The bonus is a few hours of fellowship! If interested, please call Lori at the parish office for details, and we can begin scheduling you for January. (973) 729-6107. Thank you in advance!



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Mr. James McGovern	Deacon
Elizabeth Heldak	Director of Religious Education
Allison Ognibene	Youth Minister
Warren Helms	Music Director
Lori Kelly	Secretary/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.

Novena
Miraculous Medal Devotions: Saturday 8:30 A.M.

Eucharist Adoration:
Tuesday 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, 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



May 2020 be your best year ever!
Best wishes for Good Health,
Happiness, and Prosperity in the
New Year from
Father David
Father Kamil
Deacon Jim
Deacon Sonny
and the
Parish Staff.

