



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH ✕ DECEMBER 31, 2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST – Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. Paula Dillon

12:00 P.M. Vincent Hicks

MONDAY, January 1ST-New Year's Day– Solemnity of Mary

9:00 A.M. Herman & Lenore Rech

11:00 AM Angela Fischbach

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

8:00 A.M. Fr. Jack Logan, Carmelite

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 A.M. Dominick Bocchino

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:00 A.M. Fr. Michael McKeown

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00 A.M. Patrick Connolly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH

9:00 A.M. Intention of Anne Naused

5:00 P.M. William Bolka

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 A.M. Maria Giamundo

10:30A.M. People of the Parish

12:00P.M. Mary D'Alessio

Scripture

Sun. January 7, 2018 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah speaks of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Second Reading: Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found Him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home. Matthew 2: 1-12

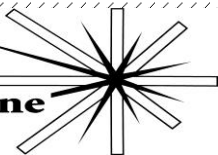
Stewardship by the Book – December 31, 2017

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts of the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit..."



Monday, January 1, 2018 is the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and 11:00 am this New Year's Day. Join us as we begin 2018 in service to the Lord. Alleluia!

God's Chosen One



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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A Week resumes January 7th
B Week resumes January 14th
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5
Sunday, January 7,2018- 8:45 AM A Week (Pre-K)
9:00AM 1st Penance Workshop 2A
10:30AM-CLOW
Sunday, January 14,2018- 8:45 AM B Week (Pre-K)
9:00AM 1st Penance Workshop 2B
MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8
Sunday, January 7th-6:30 – 8:00 PM – classes
HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10
Sunday, January 7th – 6:30-8pm classes



THANK YOU: Our festive sanctuary looks beautiful for this Christmas Season. It is the work of many people: Joan McGrady, Susan Mihok, Susan Lee, Susan Lavin, Linda Tedesco, and Deacon Alberto Totino, decorated. We thank you all for helping to make our Church look so glorious and inviting during this Christmas Season.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Deacon Alberto Totino for all that he does for our parish during the year, including his meaningful homilies and the evangelization series he leads, as well as for everything he takes care of during my vacation, and times I've been away from the parish this year. We are truly blessed and grateful, and ask the Lord to continue to bless Alberto as he walks his faith journey here with us at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. Thank you Alberto, Fr. Chris.



Please remember in prayer those who are sick: Delia Frank, Betty Gardner, Doris O'Rourke, Larry Stimpfel, Ray Kelly, Lorraine Brown, Benjamin Castles, Cindy & Natalia Telmosse, Melanie Didomizio, Carol Aulbach, Jack Gebhardt Jr., Sr. Elizabeth & Michael D'alessio, Christine Profaca & all who are ill at this time.

BAPTISMS
To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.

NOTE: FOR YOUR SAFETY, DURING BAD WEATHER WHEN WALKWAYS ARE SLIPPERY, PLEASE USE RECTORY BACK DOOR. It has no steps and is much safer.



THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY is a beautiful reminder of that First Christmas when Jesus was born in a stable. It was donated by Dennis Basso in memory of his parents. The figures are by Fontanini and are made in Italy. The figures are beautiful. Take a moment to pause and pray as you pass by the nativity during these days of Christmas.



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“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him... He came in the Spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regards to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God saying, ‘Now Master you can let your servant go in peace.’”

How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation ‘The Joy of Love’ provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, ‘Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.’

As we hear of all the new year’s resolutions, may we see this as our priority.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS