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## PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday  
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Please register in the parish and use envelopes for your contributions.

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**Feast of the Holy Family  
December 30, 2018**

## **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM April through October

**4:00 PM November through March**

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM in English & 12:30 PM Spanish

Holydays: Vigil: 6:30 PM English

Noon, 6:30 PM English., 7:30 PM Spanish

Check the bulletin for Christmas & Easter Schedules

Weekdays: Mon. – Fri.: Noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Monday - Friday after the noon Mass, **3:00 PM Saturday** and call the priest for an appointment

**Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Marriage:** A year in advance, Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact a priest at any time.

**Communion calls:** For anyone confined to their home, arrange with the office.

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## **Devotions:**

***First Friday:*** Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 11:00 AM

***First Saturday:*** MORNINGS WITH MARY, begins with 9:00 AM Mass

***Divine Mercy Chaplet and reading diary of St. Faustina:*** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month before Vigil Mass

***Miraculous Medal Novena:*** Monday after Mass

***St. Jude Novena:*** Thursday after Mass

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## **Societies of the Parish:**

***Bukas Loob sa Diyos - BLD:*** Fri. 7:30 PM - Parish Center

***Filipino Choir – 3rd Sunday,*** 5:00 to 6:30 PM Church

***Worship Apostolate,*** in Room 104

## **Reuniones Hispanas**

Eucaristía Dominical: 12:30 PM

Bautismos: Porfavor llamar la oficina de lunes a viernes.

Matrimonio: Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación: Confesiones cada Domingo 12 hasta 12:30 PM

Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor llamar la oficina para visitas a las casa o hospital.

Educación Religiosa: 732-382-0004

Coro: Miércoles 7:30 PM

Movimiento Juan XXIII: – Jueves 8:00 PM – Parish Center, Aula 201

Grupo Guadalupano -Martes 7:00 PM - Iglesia

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" - Sábado 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Aula 208

Grupo de Oración - Sábado 7:00 PM Connell Hall

Escuela "Jesus el Buen Pastor" Todos los Lunes, 7:30 PM, clases de Biblia, Connell Hall

**December 30, 2018**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

*“There is a charm in making a stew, to the unaccustomed cook, from the excitement of wondering what the result will be, and whether any flavor save that of onions will survive the competition in the mixture.”* So wrote Annie Besant, the British philosopher, socialist writer and activist who died in 1933. For her, it was certainly a down to earth topic.

Recently I took on the challenge of cooking up a good beef stew of my own with the help of a good online recipe and a long-shelved slow cooker. I must say that the aroma from the kitchen lasted most of the day and did its part assisting the furnace in providing an overall warmth on a gray and drizzly day.

By now you are probably wondering what all this talking about stew has to do with talking about today's feast of the Holy Family. To begin, just as a hearty stew brings together a mix of vegetables, so our families gather together a group of differing personalities with their gifts and quirks, to blend into a contribution that graces our whole human society.

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Colossians read today makes another kind of “stew” by naming the gifts that blend together and make Christian family life possible. It is good for us to pay attention to his ideas, as this beautiful feast occurs amid the celebration of Christmas. Like no other time of year, this season brings the family together, often enough these days from far flung places, to rekindle relationships or perhaps heal them, and then to place knees under the one table for meals.

There are enough somewhat nasty jokes and cynical comments out there avowing that all families are in some way dysfunctional. Yes, and most of us laugh as we view the Chevy Chase classic Christmas movie about the messy holiday happenings with the Griswold's. We may feel an unspoken relief that as crazy as our own extended family may be, we're not that bad by comparison.

Our Church would rather ask us today to look at the very special model we call the Holy Family. This is not that we are to be frustrated by their perfection as much as we can be inspired by their virtues.

Above all this stands the marvelous truth that when God Himself came from His heaven to our earth for a life-saving visit, He did it as member of a family. When He preached His revelatory message, it was to tell us that we have a loving Father who wants us to be united as a family. At the end of His life, while hanging ignominiously on a cross, He capped off His mission by giving us all a perfect spiritual Mother to complement our earthly one.

Asking if family life is threatened today is something like asking if the sky is blue. There are a host of sociological pathologies to blame for this. No doubt, technology has a share in the blame game, if you just consider how even our cell phones ring for attention at

some family dining tables, not to omit what sometimes happens at the Eucharistic Meal itself.

In terms of priorities, the old adage of “Family first” is still valid. In terms of holiness and expertise in responding to God's love, the real “First Family” for us is that of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is so important to note that their holiness was not some dreary parody of the same, featuring folded hands and lowered eyelids. Rather it was based on humility and unwavering obedience despite very real challenges such as a lost boy and His strange explanation.

So this is a meaningful feast, placed right where it should be on the Church calendar. Coming at the end of the old year and right before the new one, it offers all of us the opportunity to amend our past faults and resolve to change in the future. That may be the best way to part as everybody heads for their planes, trains, or automobiles without being (dare I say it?) “in a stew.”

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

**NEW ELECTRONIC BELLS**

New electronic bells have been installed to call us to worship. The pricetag was \$12,507.00. Anyone wishing to donate a portion of the cost is welcome to contact the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A potluck Christmas Party will be held in our Parish Auditorium Sunday afternoon, December 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00 Noon. All are welcome. Please bring your favorite dish to share.”

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31**  
Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM

**New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2016**  
12:00 Noon  
6:30 PM, 7:30 PM (Spanish)



**BLESSINGS OF THE NEW YEAR**

On behalf of Fr. Robert, Fr. Jose and myself, I want to take this time to wish all of you a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year!

Father Alex

<b>SANCTUARY GIFTS</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>SUNDAY READINGS</b>
Tabernacle Lamp	Fr. Myers	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Altar Bread	Fr. Hermanns	Psalm 84:2-3, 5-[6, 9-10
Altar Wine	Msgr. Buttner	1 John 3:1-[2, 21-24
Altar Candles	Fr. Kasper	Gospel: Luke 2:41-[52

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 29

4:00 PM Victor Krivitski

### Sunday, December 30

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph & Mary*

8:00 AM Dorothy Staubach  
9:30 AM Vincent Badalis, Jr.  
11:00 AM Richard Tobin  
12:30 PM Paulina Maria Rivas

### Monday, December 31

Noon People of the Parish

### New Year's Eve

6:30 PM Maria Suarez

### Tuesday, January 1, 2019

*Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

12:00 PM Antonio Rodrigues  
6:30 PM Nilo Du  
7:30 PM Restituto & Lelita Du

### Wednesday, January 2

*St. Basis the Great*

Noon Albert F. Reitemeyer

### Thursday, January 3

Noon Albert F. Reitemeyer

### Friday, January 4

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

Noon Albert F. Reitemeyer

### Saturday, January 5

9:00 AM Albert F. Reitemeyer  
4:00 PM Mary Pileggi

### Sunday, January 6

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM Joan Brunt  
9:30 AM Judith A. Evans  
11:00 AM Marjorie Linton  
12:30 PM Juan Banos Blanco



Please remember the souls of those who have recently died.

**Jamie Heath**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them.

## LORD, PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US



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As we look forward to Christmas, we are in need of funds to continue our mission. We are open every Sunday to serve the needy of our community. Your generosity helps us help the hungry. Thank you for all you have done so far to make this a success. Please help us to continue.

Thank you.



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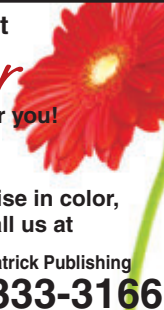


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