

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 29, 2019



Vigil - The Holy Family

5:00 PM - Christmas Memorial - Fay & Frank Spinard

Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family

7:00 AM - Christmas Memorial - Lillian & John Conca

9:30 AM - 5th Anniversary - Stella DiManna
 Birthday Memorial - Natalie Petrucci

11:30 AM Christmas/Birthday Memorial - Elvira Cambio
 5:30 PM

Monday, December 30 - Sixth Day Octave of Nativity

7:00 AM

5:30 PM - Birthday Memorial - Irene Martini

Tuesday, December 31 - Seventh Day Octave of Nativity

7:00 AM -

5:00 PM - **Vigil - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 AM -

12 noon - Intentions of Our Christmas Flower Donors

Thursday, January 2 - Saint Basil the Great

7:00 AM -

Friday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - Memorial - John Langdon

Saturday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM -

Vigil - Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM - Memorial - Anthony Arcaro

Sunday, January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - Intentions of the Annual Collection Donors

11:30 AM 6th Anniversary - Ronald M. Lombard

5:30 PM - 5th Anniversary - Barbara Monahan
 3rd Anniversary - Helen Lolio

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon & Tues @ 7AM - E. Brassard, L. Brassard

Thurs- Fri @ 7AM - B. Piccardi, O. Reall

Mon @ 5:30 PM - A. D'Artista, A. D'Artista

Fri @ 5:30 PM - G. Ellwanger, O. Ellwanger

Saturday @ 8 AM - A. Manion, A. Manion

December 22, 2019 collection is as follows:

Sunday Collection	\$11,220.24
Annual Collection	\$.....2,200.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
 TO SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH**



Dear Parishioners

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is in honor of the family unit comprised of Jesus, our brother and Savior, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, St. Joseph. Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1893 as a response to counterbalance the general breakdown of the family, in hopes that it might instill some of the faithful love and devoted attachment that characterize the Holy Family of Nazareth. Originally, the Feast was observed on the first Sunday after the Epiphany; however, in 1969 it was transferred to the Sunday after Christmas.

The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we create our own "domestic church" within our own homes. When families come together to read Scripture regularly, pray daily, attend Mass and participate in the Sacraments, the hopeful result will be that each of us will act out of love for one another, let peace rule in our hearts, and be ever more thankful for all the blessings we have.

In a beautiful address on December 28, 2011, at his Wednesday audience, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI spoke of the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Here is a short excerpt:

"The house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where we learn to listen, to meditate, to penetrate the deepest meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, drawing our example from Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic church which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to offer God thanks following the teaching and example of their parents. An authentically Christian education cannot neglect the experience of prayer. If we do not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill the gap later. I would then like to invite people to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family, following the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth."

Little is written about the life of the Holy Family in the Gospels. They speak only of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, their flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the temple after he had gone missing. Like all families, we do know they



faced challenges, difficulties, tense moments and opportunities for misunderstanding. They lived a real family life. This realization should bring us all great hope- we don't become holy despite the chaos of family life, but rather, in and through it!

Father Forcier



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL



First Honors with Distinction
(95 and above in all subjects)



Grade 4	Gabriella Andreozzi
Grade 5	Brooke Craven, Aila Rowland
Grade 6	Azure Dutchover-Tabares, Bella Piccardi, Sofia Benevides
Grade 8	Gabriella Lombardi, Allison Groves, Harrison Rhodes, Veronica Borrelli, Morgan Fontaine, Zachary Perullo, Corey Coughlin

First Honors
(90 – 94 in all subjects)

Grade 4	Brighton Champagne, Alanna Marulanda, Andre Smith, Ava D'Artista, James Parris, Ava O'Brien, Yarra Sousa-Medeiros, Greyson Diogo, Biagio Michelitti, Kylee Robidoux, Gabriel Ellwanger
Grade 5	Calla Fonseca, Peter Notargiacomo, Leah Brassard, Carlene Foster, Nicholas Natale, Keira Brennan, Luke Donnelly, John Raftery, Bronx DiScullio
Grade 7	Anthony Nassif
Grade 8	Lily Scampoli, Tyler Lee, Emma Rose, Zennia Sam, Andrew D'Artista

Second Honors
(85 – 89 in all subjects)

Grade 4	Sofia Delle Cave, Morgan Williams, Mary McNeil, Nicole Noviello, Sarah Donnelly, Isabella Dalton, Valentina Micheletti, Natalia Noviello, Morgan Lee,
Grade 5	Angelina Ferreira-Costa, Addyson Shields, Rhaylie Monte de Ramos
Grade 6	Aleecya Smith, Daniel Ayorinde, Mia Schaumberg, Andre Sharpe, Myles Hall
Grade 7	Elyse Brassard, Dillon Robidoux, Olivia Ellwanager
Grade 8	Natalie Biah, Jacob Weidinger, Samuel Dempsey, Jasmine Roberts, Andrew Mendes

Parish Records

Please help us to keep our parish records up to date. If you have moved recently, changed your phone number or are new to the parish, please let us know. Call 831-3503 during office hours or email at staugprov@verizon.net.



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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



A Holy Day of Obligation
December 31st
5:00 PM
January 1st
9 AM and 12 Noon



ALL Religious Education, Bible and RCIA Classes will resume on January 5th.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

From Sr. Dorothy and all the Religious Education teachers.



Our Lady of Providence Seminary is hosting its annual overnight retreat for men who are seniors in high school and older on January 10-11. The director will be Monsignor John Darcy, Pastor of St. Margaret Church in Rumford. If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, please contact Fr. Brian Morris at the Office of Vocations at 401-331-1316. or email rev.brian.morris@gmail.com.

DEAR LORD

As a new year begins,
we come to You and ask for Your blessing.
We pray that You would give us
joy to fill our days,
peace to fill our hearts,
and love to fill our lives.
Thank you for the plans You have for us.
We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!
"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Annual Collection: STATUS UPDATE

We are truly grateful to all who have already made their contribution to the Annual Collection. The total thus far is nearing **\$75,000** (Last year, the collection totaled approximately \$90,000). This is the single most important collection of the year as it helps us meet the many needs we have which are not funded by the regular Sunday collections. Please be as **GENEROUS** as your means allow. Many may want to use this as an end-of-year opportunity for a tax-deductible charitable contribution.

