



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

DECEMBER 27, 2020
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- Sat. Dec. 26th**
4:00 PM *St. Stephen*
 Donna Konyar
 (Husband, Jim)
- Sun. Dec. 27th**
8:00 AM *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
 and Joseph*
 Catherine Buehler
- 11:00 AM** Rudy Muscarella
 (Muscarella Family)
- Mon. Dec. 28th**
9:00 AM *The Holy Innocents*
 Charles Berkheimer
- Tues. Dec. 29th**
9:00AM *St. Thomas Becket*
 Ed Wilhour
- Wed. Dec. 30th**
9:00 AM Mark Andrews
- Thurs. Dec. 31st**
7:00 PM **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy
 Mother of God Vigil**
 Peace on Earth
- Fri. Jan. 1st**
12:00PM **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy
 Mother of God**
 Blessings Upon our Families
- Sat. Jan. 2nd**
9:00 AM **First Saturday**
 Claire Wendt
- 4:00 PM** Nellie Brown
 (Tom & Marian Lang)
- Sun. Jan. 3rd**
8:00 AM *Epiphany of the Lord*
 Jacqueline Read Zerbe
 (Joe & Vickie Youmans)
- 11:00 AM** People of the Parish

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS

Mass on December 31st at 7:00PM at Parish Church
 Mass on January 1, 2021 at Noon at Parish Church
This is a Holy Day of Obligation

ST. JOSEPH IS A TITHING PARISH

God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to God the following:

Sunday Offerings:	\$4,950.00
Repair & Maint.:	\$ 524.00
Last Year:	\$3,859.00

The above are bank deposit amounts

FIRST READING: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

Second Collections

Dec.-Christmas Flowers
 Jan. 3-Our Faith Our Future
 Jan. 10-Aid to the Catholic
 Jan.17-Repair & Maintenance

From your Pastor,

On this feast of the Holy family, may all our families be blessed by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Thank you for all the love and support you give me, your pastor and your fellow parishioners. Enclosed is a Christmas note from Patty Mousley.



Dear Father Hoke, Parish Council, All the members of our wonderful parish:

Thank you all so much for your kindness, compassion, care and prayers for Matt and me throughout this difficult time. Matt was uplifted by the flurry of cards for his recovery and all those prayers for him.

I and his family members are comforted by your care and condolences, we are certain Matt is benefiting from all those Masses and Prayers for the happy repose of his soul. I want to send a warm and special Thank you to our 2nd grade CCD class too. To: Antonino, Luca, Cora and Jackson-Your beautiful Christmas card truly lightened my heart and brightened my day.

I am happy to be a part of our caring, giving, loving church family.

Thank you all again,

Patty Mousley

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

For your convenience, mass intention envelope requests have been placed in the back of the church or you may call the church office. If you take an envelope, please fill out and place in offertory basket. A staff member will be in touch with you regarding your request. Thank you for helping cut back on foot traffic in the church office during this time.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:

Jack Wasilewski	Vickie Youman
Joan Bittler	Kurt Livingston
Evelyn Young	Dr. Mike Weisner
Tresha Sudol	George Sudol
Rita Patynski	Rita Prentiss
Anna Lee Fagnano	Abram Koons
Connie Buehler	Charlotte Farrell
Jackie Rando	Marie Lindner
Harriet Moore	Vicki Howell
Donald Reigel	Ed Zerrenner
Dolores Caicco	Sister Laura
Beth Onesci	William Cameron
Ed Arndt	

PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The decree said that Pope Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope.

CCD SCHEDULE

December 27, 2020- No CCD: Christmas Break
January 3, 2021- No CCD: Christmas Break
January 10, 2021- CCD Classes Resume

Christmas Blessings to all of our students and their family

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the many parishioners who have completed their pledges for the Diocesan Annual Campaign 2020.

There is yet \$4,200 in pledges left to be paid.

Please see that any remaining payments are made to the Diocese prior to December 31st.

LOTTERY TICKETS

A few tickets remain! If you have had tickets to sell and are unable, please return as soon as possible. We would like to get these tickets back out in circulation. Tickets will be available after each Mass until we are sold out. We will keep you posted on the progress.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

No Room at the Inn- We will be collecting monetary donations for No Room at the Inn. ***To date, we have collected \$6719.00.***

The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger-This year, due to the pandemic they have paused the sale of cookie trays. However, the need to feed starving people in Haiti and the US has grown during the pandemic, so a collection will be taken instead. ***To date, we have collected \$1030.00.***

Thank you so much for your generous giving, especially during a time where there is a lot of giving and gifting.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

In Pennsylvania, thousands of children in foster care are in desperate need of a safe and nurturing home. A caring adult can make a huge difference in a child's life forever. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. To find out how to become a foster parent, please contact Catholic Charities Adoption and Specialized

Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or

gpfeifer@cchbg.org.

SAVE THE DATE - DIOCESAN MEN'S

CONFERENCE!

Please mark March 20, 2021 on your calendar for the Annual Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference.

Theme: Catholic Men: Called to be Defenders of the Faith!

Speakers: Dr. William Donohue - President of the Catholic League, The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Fr. Frederick Miller, Fr. John Szada, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, and Mr. Tony Devlin.

There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction led by Bishop Gainer, as well as outstanding music. This conference is one of the largest annual events in the Diocese every year. *The cost this year is just \$10 per man.* It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you are not able to watch it livestreamed on March 20, you'll still want to register since all registrants receive a link to the conference several days after its completion. Online registration will be available on the Diocesan website shortly. If you are a man in the Diocese of Harrisburg, you do not want to miss this conference! ***All registered participants may view the conference at our Parish Center Multi-Purpose room. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$10.00 per person and you need to register at the Church Office.***

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we continue to dig out and recover from the snowfall last week, we are reminded winter is upon us, therefore we must make every effort to maintain our health and safety.

Mass Locations may change due to the weather, and at times these changes may occur at the last minute. Please be sure to check your e-mail, facebook and our parish website for change notices. Mass will be available via livestream as well.