

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



December 26th – January 2nd
(*Living +Deceased)

Saturday 26th, 4:00pm

**For a Blessed Feast Day for
Bishop Berg & Fr. Stephen ***

Sunday 27th, 8:00am

Cyndi Angel +

by Ruth & John Spaar

Tuesday 29th, 5:30pm

Viola & Pasquale Perno +

by Anne

Thursday 31st, 8:00pm

For a blessed and safe New Year for All

Friday 1st, 8:00am

**All Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Benedict Parish *+**

Saturday 2nd, 8:00am

Peace for the United States

Saturday 2nd, 4:00pm

Evie De Salvo +

by Tony & Liz DiMarino

(For a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office at 784-4879.
Date requests will be given as available, donations to be sent or
brought into the Parish Office.)



*Kenneth & Kevin Walters *Sean Miller *Dr Joseph
Hartman *Edson Kerrigan *The DeSalvo Family *Mrs. E
Reitmann * Massengale Family * Keiholz Family *Michael
Montoya *Joe & Anna Solano * Raley Family *Dora
Hernandez *Lindsey Aparicio *Barbara *Marjorie Herrera
*Fr. John Stearns *Fr Kevin Novack *Olivia Hill *Chuck
Causey *Randy & Family *Angie Giannetto Family *Barb
*Steve *Fuentes Family *Pat Rodriguez Family

Bulletin Prayer List Contact:

Joan DeSalvo (719) 372-3261



Parish Registration

St Benedict Parish extends a warm welcome to all who
are joining us for prayer, worship or instruction. If you
are new to the area or returning home to the Church,
we invite you to become a member of our parish by
registering with our Parish Office.



Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Baptism: Baptismal preparation classes are required
for all parents and godparents. Please contact Joyce
Archuletta for further information and requirements.

Marriage: Pre-marriage appointments are required of
the engaged couple. Please contact Joyce Archuletta to
schedule your first appointment 6 months prior to the
wedding date.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm in the church parking lot or by
appointment.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

December - Giving Goal: \$18,032



Council #1225



January Events:

5th Regular meeting; Rosary at 6:30pm,
Meeting at 7:00pm
19th Council Officers Meeting (all are
welcome to attend); Rosary at 6:30pm,
Meeting at 7:00pm

**Note: There will be only one full Council
meeting per month until Spring.

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC PARISH



December 27th, 2020
Feast of the Holy Family

Weekly Readings: Dec 27th – Jan 3rd

Sunday: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 *or* Sirach 3:2-14~
Psalm 1-5:1-9~ Hebrews 11:8-19 *or*
Colossians 3:12-21~ Luke 2:22-40
Monday: 1 John 1:5-2:2~ Psalm 124:2-8~
Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 John 2:3-11~ Psalm 96:1-6~
Luke 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 John 2:12-17~ Psalm 96:7-10~
Luke 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 John 2:18-21~ Psalm 96:1-13~
John 1:1-18
Friday: Numbers 6:22-27~ Psalm 67:2-8~
Galatians 4:4-7~ Luke 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 John 2:22-28~ Psalm 98:1-4~
John 1:19-28
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6~ Psalm 72:1-13~
Ephesians 3:2-6~ Matthew 2:1-12

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 5:30pm

Thursday: 5:30pm

**Friday: 8:00am – Solemnity of
Mary, Holy Mother of God**

Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

(Recitation of the Rosary one-half hour
prior to weekend Masses)

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday: 7:00am Saturday: 7:00am

Pastor: Fr. Stephen Injoalu

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After hours or emergency (719) 784-7192

Deacon: Richard Madison

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Office Hours:

Monday – Tuesday - Thursday – Friday

9:00am - 2:00pm

Closed: Wednesday

Website: www.stbenedictco.org

E-mail: stbenedicts_81226@yahoo.com

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facebook.com/groups/saintbenedictcommunityco

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate & Discipleship

Formation Coordinator: Joyce Archuletta

(719) 250-2816 joyce_stb@yahoo.com

Office Manager: Anne Sterling

Building/Grounds: Maria Torres

What's Happening

Joy of Life Prayer Group:

Meets every Monday at 10:30am in the Villa Maria.
Contact: Joan DeSalvo (719) 372-3261

Spanish Discipleship Ministry: Kerigma

Meets every Monday at 7:00pm in Kevin Hall.
Contact: Maria Torres (719)251-5988

Rosary Ministry:

Meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm in the Villa Maria. Contact: Patsy Causey (719) 251-4501

Ladies of Mary:

Will start meeting every other month, 2nd Thursday of the month, next meeting in February 2021; rosary at 10:30am, meeting at 11:00am (due to COVID gathering for lunch is on hold). Contact: Gina Wiseman 431-0311

Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer Group:

Meets every Thursday evening immediately following the 5:30pm Mass for recitation of the Chaplet

Prayer Blankets

are available in the narthex of the church for anyone needing comfort.

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Go to the parish Website for more information on how to register for this free app.

Parish Potluck

Every 3rd Saturday of the month in the Parish Center after the 4:00pm Mass. Contact: Maria Torres (719) 251-5988. On Hold

St. Benedict's Hospitality Ministry of Sunday Coffee & Dessert:

Come and join us each Sunday morning after Mass. If you would like to bring a treat to share, the sign-up sheet is in the Parish Center. On Hold

Prayer to the Holy Family



“Mérode Altarpiece,” by Robert Campin

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

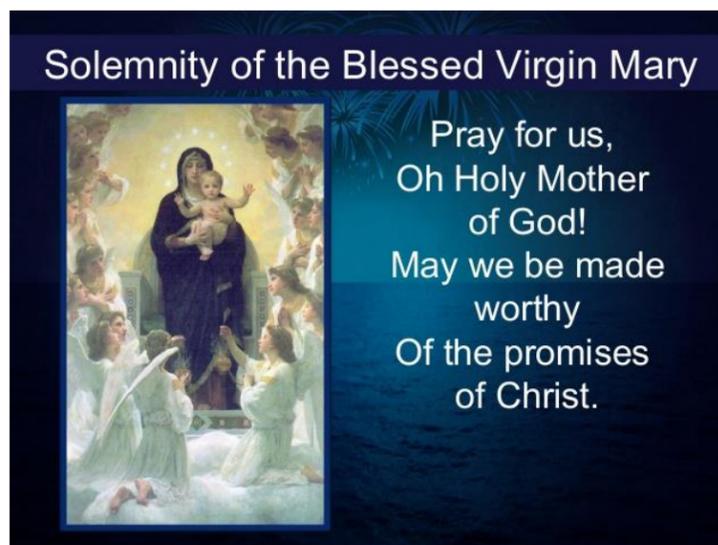
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
Amen. *--Pope Francis*

January 1st



FR. STEPHEN'S CORNER

What Does the Holy Family Teach Us?

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York houses a beautiful triptych of the Holy Family called the “Mérode Altarpiece,” painted by Robert Campin. The left of the three-paneled piece of art captures an open door of two bystanders peering into the main panel of the Annunciation, while the far-right panel depicts St. Joseph in his carpentry shop. This artistic masterpiece captures who the Christian is as they examine the life of the Holy Family and the extraordinary events surrounding their life and calling from God. Catching a glimpse of that home in Nazareth, where the Christ Child grew in age and wisdom into his adult years, we experience how the Holy Family informs family life in the third millennium. In the biblical stories of Jesus, Mary and Joseph we see their example of virtuous living.

They Follow God's Lead

The Scriptures paint the early life of the Holy Family as God calls them to a special mission. With the angel Gabriel, we greet Mary and learn of her calling to become the Mother of God. Our introduction to St. Joseph consists of him deciding to divorce Mary quietly, believing she brought shame and dishonor upon him and his family. But an angel invites Joseph to change his mind and take Mary into his home, to become the guardian of Mary and Jesus, the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus.

In that home at Nazareth we meet a couple who shows an openness to allowing God to lead their life together. Mary surely had other plans for her life; as many believe, she took a vow of virginity at an early age, so becoming a physical mother was something she did not anticipate. Yet, she heard God's invitation, and knew that His plans were better for her life; therefore, she gives her fiat — that is, her “yes” to God.

St. Joseph opens his heart to the messenger sent by God and takes Mary into his home. This would not be the first or last time that St. Joseph followed God's lead in his life as he protected the Holy Family. After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, they follow the prompting of an angel to flee into Egypt for safety and wait there until another angelic message leads them back home. The Holy Family is a great example for families everywhere to always be open to whatever God's will might be and to always be listening for God to speak. He might speak his will in prayer or through another person. By our own prayer and discernment, we too can follow God's lead for our life.

A Teacher of Virtue

The home should be the principal place of catechesis. Unfortunately, many families today allow the Church to fill that role alone. The home of Nazareth, in addition to the local synagogue, would have been the place of instruction for the Christ Child. The Holy Family taught Jesus how to read, and at the start of his public ministry Jesus would read from the scroll and declare the passage to

be fulfilled in their hearing (see Lk 4:21). Mary and Joseph would have taught the Christ Child how to pray, especially the Shema, and years later Jesus would teach his disciples how to pray with the Our Father. Joseph would have handed on his trade to his son, who later would die on the wood of a cross. Jesus had a great concern for the poor and the marginalized. In the home of Nazareth, he learned generosity and kindness. The home of Nazareth reminds us that families have the responsibility of teaching their children the Faith and to model the virtues. Jesus had most excellent parents; Mary was without sin and Joseph is described as a just and prudent man. Parents today can learn from Joseph and Mary on how to teach their children.

A Call to Chastity

The Catholic tradition upholds the belief that Mary remained ever-virgin. St. Joseph often is referred to as Mary's most chaste spouse, and in the Litany of St. Joseph is recognized as the chaste guardian of the Virgin. Perhaps this is yet another way the Holy Family provides an example to our modern world, often assaulted by sexual promiscuity and fleeting lustful thoughts. The chaste relationship of Joseph and Mary reminds all Christian faithful that, even in marriage, chastity is to be observed. The practice of natural family planning (NFP) is one way a couple observes chastity in their marriage. The fidelity of Joseph and Mary to each other also gives great example and encourages couples in their fidelity to one another, even in difficult circumstances. The chaste relationship between Joseph and Mary means they experienced intimacy in different ways through their common life together. Their purity of mind and heart of mutual love for each other and the Son of God is indeed worthy of imitation by all families.

Devotion to the Holy Family

Devotion to the Holy Family of Nazareth emerges in times when the family becomes weakened because of political and societal pressures. In the medieval period, Jean Gerson, theologian at the Council of Constance (1414-18), encouraged devotion to the Holy Family, and Pope Leo XIII said that imitation of the Holy Family would be a means to revitalize and strengthen family life. In the third millennium the institution of the family once again suffers attacks politically and socially. Perhaps now is the time for us to knock on the door of the Holy Family's home in Nazareth and move from being an onlooker peering in, to a guest in their home. From them we will learn many virtues for Christian family life and, through their inspiration, to practice them in our homes and among our own families.

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