

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## DECEMBER 29, 2019

### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Sacred Heart:

On this fifth day of the Octave of Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church invites us to step back from the manger of the new-born Savior to reflect upon the context of family in which Jesus was born and grew to adulthood. In a certain sense we know very little about the Holy Family. In an age before the camera and video recorder there are no photographs to show us what this family looked like, although there is certainly no lack of artistic portrayals down through the centuries of these remarkable people. We know, however, that without models, the artists' conceptions are purely imaginary, even if they are inspired by faith. We often say that these pious conceptions of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph tell us more about the artists—their culture, personal devotion, and artistic abilities—rather than about the Holy Family as historical individuals. Nor do the Scriptures provide us with much biographical information about this most influential of all human families. After the cycle of Christmas stories, Joseph disappears entirely from the Gospels, while Mary appears only occasionally at significant moments in Jesus' life—at the wedding feast at Cana, at the foot of the Cross, and in the upper room when the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. Indeed, the time when Jesus was growing up is known as “the hidden years” since almost nothing is mentioned—from the time of today's scripture comment that the family returned to their home town of Nazareth (other than a seemingly brief visit to the Jerusalem temple when Jesus was 12)—until the time Jesus began his public life around the age of 30.

Perhaps the best way to know Jesus' attitude toward family life is not through the few descriptions of the Holy Family we are provided in the Gospels but rather through his words and especially his actions: his concern for a husband and wife as he worked his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana . . . his love for children as he urged his disciples to let them come to him, while referring to them as models for those who would inherit the kingdom of heaven . . . to his reverence for his mother when, while hanging in agony from the Cross, he entrusted her to John, the beloved disciple. It is very clear from the Gospels that Jesus regards marriage and family as a sacred bond involving not just husband and wife but God as well. Marriage from the beginning, as Scripture tells us, was intended to be an enduring union meant to overcome the loneliness chronically present in the human heart; to foster respect and love between the couple, who are now not two but one flesh; and to have children in order to multiply and be fruitful. Jesus felt very strongly that these values

could only prevail if marriage was permanent and forever: What God has joined together, let no one separate.

Sirach in the Old Testament and St. Paul in the New Testament (in today's first and second readings) pick up on the theme of marriage and the family, describing it at its best as a dynamic series of relationships between husband and wife, parents and children, in which authority and respect, patience and forgiveness act together to bring about a partnership between family members, who can identify with each other and help each other to find security and happiness, and whose lives are enriched because they don't stand alone, but rather because they have at their side others who care and who, in spite of very human weakness and failures, understand and love them. We can be inspired today by the many beautiful examples of families who are truly practicing, sometimes in the face of great difficulties, the art and the gift of living together in mutual support and appreciation of each other.

Continued Christmas blessings on all of you!

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

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***O' God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity.***

***We humbly ask that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and St. Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.***

***Happy New Year!***



**Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God  
Tuesday, December 31,  
2019  
Vigil Mass – 5:30pm**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM, and 1:00PM**

**NO 7:00AM OR 5:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**2019 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS**

The year-end reports for 2019 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2019 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

The Rectory will close at 2pm New Year's Eve and be closed all day Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God and reopen Thursday, January 2nd. See the schedule for Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be No 7:00am Mass.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Sunday, December 29**
- Monday, December 30**
- Tuesday, December 31 – Office closes at 2pm**
- Wednesday, January 1 – Happy New Year**
- All Closed**
- Thursday, January 2**
- Office Opened / School Opens**
- CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm**
- Friday, January 3 First Friday**
- SH School Mass – 9:45am**
- Exposition – 1:00pm**
- Holy Hour – 7:00pm**
- Saturday, January 4 First Saturday**
- St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory**
- Rosary during Confessions – 4:00pm to 5:00pm**
- Sunday, January 5**

**FIRST FRIDAY**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Please join us this Friday, January 3, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1:00pm and Holy Hour from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary and Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC  
BEGINS JANUARY 5, 2020**

**BASKETBALL CLINIC**

The Clinic runs for 8 weeks: January 5th thru February 23rd, 2020. Please come 15 minutes prior to 1st session to register. Cost per child is \$125.00.

**Grades – K and 1<sup>st</sup> – 1:30pm to 2:30pm**

**Grade 2 – 2:30pm to 3:30pm**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY  
NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America (and Catholic Communications).

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - \$\$12,462.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$12,782.**

**Retired Religious - \$4,577.**

**Last Year's - \$5,172.**

**Due to Early printing of bulletins further collection  
Totals will be in future bulletins**



**WASHINGTON D.C.  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020**

On the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 18, 2020. Buses leave from St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack @ 6am. Adults \$30 / Students \$15

**For reservations call 735-5238, 735-4379, or  
420-1226 (para Español). For more info, visit**

**[www.RocklandRTL.org](http://www.RocklandRTL.org)**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart for  
An End To Abortion and a Greater Respect for  
Human Life**

**In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.**

**Marking the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 9:30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction beginning at 3:00pm.

## ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 18 de enero 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Faith and our Parish Community, the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

### LUCIANA ANAELLE OISHI-CARRENO

Daughter of Luis and Nohelia



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Jenna**

**Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasullo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**

## ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 29, 2019

Altar Candles In Memory of  
**JIM & DAVID REECE**

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of  
**DONNA & RICHARD HALLET**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially: **Silvio Zucatti**

**BOOSTER CLUB**  
**WEEK 20- FLO OPULENCIA**  
**WEEK 21- ZAIDEE LODER**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Nancy, John & Christopher Cashman

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 HOLY FAMILY

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Charles J. Lynch

10:00am – Special Intention Kenneth & Althea Frank

11:30am – Palma M. & Henry J. Heck

1:00pm – Harold Gravius

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00am – Karen Hitchcock

9:00am – Eugene & Rose Magurno

5:30pm – David Clifford

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00am – Matthew Bibbo, Sr.

9:00am – Special Intention Nina & Bobby Frank

5:30pm – Vigil Mass- Special Intentions of the  
Staff of Sacred Heart

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

8:30am – The Kasperski Family

10:00am – The Foster Family

11:30am – Special Intention of Natalie Vignier

1:00pm – The Zimmerman Family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00am – No Mass

9:00am – Joseph Varano

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 First Friday

7:00am – The Diebner Family

9:00am – Marianne DeRosa

9:45am – SH School Mass

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00am – In Thanksgiving for

Schiller Christopher Joseph

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Joseph B. Varano

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 THE EPIPHANY

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Maria & Angelo Camillieri

10:00am – Gary Kelchlin

11:30am – Peter Marconi

1:00pm – Special Intention of Anna Kasperska

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society