

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Sacred Heart:

We put the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—in a very difficult position this year, which in a way seems fitting, since 2020 has been a very difficult year for all of us. Because of the flow of the liturgy this year, the commemoration of the Holy Family has been sandwiched between the Feast of St. Stephen (Dec. 26), the first martyr, who was stoned to death for preaching the Gospel of Jesus, Crucified and Risen; and the Feast of the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28), those children of Bethlehem who were killed by a jealous King Herod in his search for the child Jesus to destroy him. It seems as if the Cross and the Crib go together, at least in the plan of God. Indeed, the Holy Family had little time to “sleep in heavenly peace” as the famous Christmas carol “Silent Night” imagines them doing. No, they were almost always on the move—from Bethlehem, to Egypt, to Nazareth—mirroring the later ministry of Jesus who moved around from place as he preached about the Kingdom of God, healing those in need whether in body or in spirit, and in the process finding literally “no place to lay his head”. And yet Jesus never moved alone; rather, he was always surrounded by a family—first his natural family, and later on the spiritual family of his disciples, those dedicated men and women who would evolve through the power of Holy Spirit into the Church.

We stop today to remember and honor Jesus' natural family and to remember and honor our own family as well. Spiritual writers have stated that the Holy Family was an ideal family, a model family. In what sense is that true for us today when family life has changed so radically from past ages? If anything, we need the Holy Family more than ever to encourage us in our own efforts in the face of great challenges to build genuine family—in our own homes, in our parish, in our local community and beyond. It's interesting how the manger scene, which will appear in our church this coming week, gradually grows. Beginning with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, it comes to include the angels, the shepherds, and the wise men, all guided by the star of faith. And this week, this holy company is joined by St. Stephen, by the Holy Innocents, and today by two individuals grown old in age but not in hope: the Simeon and Anna of our Gospel (Lk. 2:22-40). The beauty of the manger and of true family life is that its doors are always open in welcome and in greeting, drawing others in through mutual respect, through a willingness to share,

to forgive and console in moments of sorrow and loss, and to watch out and care for each other (at this moment, of course, from a distance!). St. Augustine says that the family is the domestic church and that parents are the domestic clergy. May we truly reflect the new life promised and given in the Birth of Jesus by allowing him to be born in us and enable us to be instruments in creating anew that Holy Family where we will find acceptance, friendship, and lasting joy. According to the traditional song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” on this, the second day of Christmas, one offers one's true love two turtle doves. This was the very offering of Mary and Joseph as they went to the Temple to present the child Jesus—an offering of the poor. May we continue to share our gifts and most of all to share our faith in the loving God who sent his Son to be our Savior.

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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
Thursday, December 31,
2020
Vigil Mass – 5:30pm**

Friday, January 1st, 2021

8:30AM, 10:00AM Spanish, 11:30AM, and 1:00PM

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

2020 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2020 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2020 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 Thursday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God and reopen Monday, January 2nd. See the schedule for Jan. 4th.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 27

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29 –

Wednesday December 30 –

Thursday, December 31 Office closes at 2pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Friday, January 1 Happy New Year

Masses – 8:30, 10:00am (Spanish) 11:30 and 1:00pm

Saturday, January 12:00pm – Holy Rosary

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Since New Year's Day is the First Friday of the year there will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 9th & 10th

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

3rd Sunday of Advent - \$8,026.

Last Year's Collection - \$12,462.

Retired Religious - \$1,732.

Last Year's - \$4,577.

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



48th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH

This year due to the pandemic the March for Life will occur virtually. EWTN will be hosting events throughout the day. The Basilica can only accommodate 100 persons and due to that only 100 people will be able to attend and will be by invitation only. That being said, your personal participation is still very much needed and wanted. Please tune in and pray with us all!

- The **Thursday, January 28, Opening Mass of the Prayer Vigil for Life will be 8:30 p.m. EST / 7:30 p.m. CST**, to allow for greater participation by viewers from across the country.
- Mass will be followed by a series of **Holy Hours throughout the night** in various locations, taking advantage of different time zones.

The **Closing Mass at the Basilica on Friday, January 29, will begin at 8:00 a.m. EST / 7:00 a.m. CST.**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH

**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart
In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.**

Marking the 48th 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

**NATALIE ESMERALDA ATZ CHEX
AND
DAVID JOSE ATZ CHEX**
Children of Jose and Maria



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

Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Tyler Borenkoff, Angie Clifford, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Mirella Cosentino, The Cosentino Family, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Joseph Gilson, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Charles Lynch, D. Pat Lynch, Kathy Masserano, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Mary Lou Oldfield Napolitano, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Gerry Roemer, Daryl Pack, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing.

ALTAR MEMORIALS DECEMBER 27, 2020

Altar Candles In Memory of
ANGELO PERRONE

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
DONNA & RICHARD HALLET



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

Especially: **Eugene Flynn**

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK -15- ELIZABETH MC INTYRE

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**9:00AM DAILY – (MONDAY – FRIDAY)
SUNDAYS**

**8:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:00PM AND 5:30PM
10:00AM – (SPANISH)**

**LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Aline Hendrickson /
Harold "Hack" Gravius

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30am – Michael Califano /
Bukowski & Graff Families

10:00am – Spanish Mass

11:30am – Palma & Henry Heck

1:00pm – Ruth & Richard Miller

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00am – Spec. Intention Althea & Kenny Frank/
Romeo Hughes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00am – Margaret & Bruno Munzilla /
Carola Gumucio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am – Charles J. Lynch/
Eugene & Rose Magurno

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 Happy New Year

9:00am – Spec. Intention Eric Hendrickson /
Spec. Intention Bobby & Nina Frank

5:30pm – Vigil Mass – All Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021 Solemnity of Mary

8:30am – Spec. Intention Camilleri Family

10:00am – (Spanish)

11:30am – Michael Califano

1:00pm – Ramona Zuño

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

12:00pm – Holy Rosary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

5:30pm – **Vigil Mass** – Mary Lynch

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30am – Diane Messina / Kevin Bukowski

10:00am – Spanish

11:30am – John Priest

1:00pm – Mary Catherine Peterson

5:30pm – Parish Memorial / All Parishioners