

JMJ

Dear Parishioners,

On this Sunday following the Nativity of the Lord we are joyfully celebrating the Holy Family of Nazareth. It is a most suitable context because Christmas is the Feast of the family par excellence. This is demonstrated by numerous traditions and social customs, especially the practice of gathering together as a family for festive meals and for greetings and the exchange of gifts; and how can the hardship and suffering caused by certain family wounds which on these occasions are amplified go unnoticed? Jesus willed to be born and to grow up in a human family; He had the Virgin Mary as His mother and Joseph who acted as His father; they raised and educated Him with immense love. Jesus' family truly deserves the title "Holy", for it was fully engaged in the desire to do the will of God, incarnate in the adorable presence of Jesus. On the one hand, it was a family like all others and as such, it is a model of conjugal love, collaboration, sacrifice and entrustment to divine Providence, hard work and solidarity in short, of all those values that the family safeguards and promotes, making an important contribution to forming the fabric of every society. At the same time, however, the Family of Nazareth was unique, different from all other families because of its singular vocation linked to the mission of the Son of God. With precisely this uniqueness it points out to every family and in the first place to Christian families God's horizon, the sweet and demanding primacy of his will, the prospect of Heaven to which we are all destined. For all this, today we thank God, but also the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, who with much faith and willingness cooperated in the Lord's plan of salvation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



PRAYER TO MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary, Mother of God my mother, Queen of Peace, ask your Son Jesus to give me the gift of peace. Pray for me for peace; peace in my heart, peace of mind and of soul, peace in my family, peace with all whom I meet, the peace of Jesus.

I put all my hopes in thee, all my salvation. Receive me as thy servant and cover me with the mantle of thy protection, thou the Mother of mercy!

Amen.

Wednesday, January 1st the Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses will be celebrated in the Church at 9am and at 7pm.

There will be First Friday Adoration from 12 noon until 8pm in the Chapel on January 3rd.

We now have Eucharistic Adoration cards available. For a donation, you can gift a card for birthdays, get well, etc. and spend time with our Lord. They are available in the parish office for an at will offering.



St. Mary's Church will be sponsoring a bus to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, Friday, January 24. Arrive by 3:45am for a prompt depart at 4am. \$45 per adult, Children under 12 FREE. Make your reservations now.

For more information call Nancy at 845-856-4610.



Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser

Help Little Lambs by ordering your favorite Pizza... Just in time for Lent!

Orders will start Jan. 15 and due by Feb. 10

Delivery/Pick at St. Mary's Little Lambs School-Feb. 26 in the afternoon, more information to follow

Orders are available on line:

Go to www.pizzakit.com click

on "Products" then "shop" Fundraiser **ID # 368645** is necessary for Little Lambs to get sales credit.

Mary Carver, Director of Little Lambs will also be in the Narthex the weekend of Feb. 1/2 to take orders.

Save the Date! Court Madonna #114 is hosting the 2nd annual Family Fun Day! Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, face painting, and snacks. Call Gina to RSVP or Rose Jarvies.

Fun for the whole family!

The collection for Dec. 21st/22nd was \$5,363.50. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Announced Masses

- Monday, December 30**
9:00am Sophia Grace Hadden, by the Legato family
- Tuesday, December 31 (Sylvester I, Pope)**
9:00am Edwin Greeves, by Dick and Barbara Drew
Alfred & Thomas Haering, by Hannelore Kucher
- Wednesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)**
9:00am Dr. David Warren, by Hagen family
7:00pm Margaret "Bink" Boyle, by Dick and Barbara Drew
- Thursday, January 2 (Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church)**
9:00am Thomas Cody Ryan, by Eleanor Brady
- Friday, January 3 (Holy Name of Jesus)**
11:30am Intentions of James Froehlich, by the Torres family
- Saturday, January 4**
4:00pm Deceased members of the Haering family, by Hannelore Kucher
- Sunday, January 5 (Epiphany of the Lord)**
8:30am Gloria F. Budakowski, by Alice Drew
11:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Donald Wolff, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Nancy Parsons, Debi Cotugno, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Carmella Balsamello, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, Catherine Simons, Brendan Carmody, Joe Formisano, Nico Nicolette, Jaryd Viserta, Steven Gaesser, Kacey Warner, Sandra Ramsey, Lorraine Mannarino, Antonino Mazzara, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Mary Lynn Beam, Jose Ramos, Carmen Ramos, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jose Brito, Michael Medaglia, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Cody Bain, Robert Witherow, Susan Upton, Theresa Fuller, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Carmella Balsamello, Barbara Lindsay, Robert Ackerman, Wayne DeMarco, Ryan O'Connor, Elizabeth Brennan, Jerri Kavanaugh, Allan Garcia, Christine Habertzettl, Eric Hildebrandt, Rose Gotthardt, Georgia Gotthardt, John Olenick, and John Hendrix.

We have various announced Mass Intentions available for the 2020 year. Stop by the parish office.

Everyone loves the gift of prayer.

Liturgical Ministers for January 4th/5th, 2020.

Mass	Lector	Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00pm	D. LEGATO	T. WEBB	J. LEGATO, A. WEBB
8:30am	J. HENDRICK	T. CALVARIO, S. RIORDAN	D. & E. GERARDO
11:30am	H. MARINARO	T. MARION	K. AND A. EPPS