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MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. Philip Battaglia †
**Sunday, December 29: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
 And Joseph**
 7:30 a.m. Gilda & Hobart Bach, Jr. †
 9:30 a.m. David A. Blakely †
 11:30 a.m. Jennifer Rakov †
 5:00 p.m. Stephen & Catherine Keane †

**Monday, December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave
 of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Daniel F. Beberwyk (Burns) †

**Tuesday, December 31: Seventh Day within the Octave
 of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 a.m. James Demeglio †
 9:00 a.m. Smith & Donnelly Families †
 5:00 p.m. Jean Marie & Nancy L. Fox †

Wednesday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30 a.m. Emmett Ernenwein †
 9:30 a.m. Josephine Spinosa †
 11:30 a.m. Frank Roudis †

**Thursday, January 2: Sts. Basil the
 Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

7:00 a.m. John Machung †
 9:00 a.m. Donald Bach †

Friday, January 3: Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Marc J. Reilly †
 9:00 a.m. O'Halloran Family †

**Saturday, January 4: St. Elizabeth
 Ann Seton, Religious**

8:00 a.m. Carmen Kassler †
 5:00 p.m. Hon. Ted Feeney †

**Sunday, January 5: Epiphany of the
 Lord**

7:30 a.m. Deacon Richard & Jane
 Rioux †
 9:30 a.m. George & Julia Letus †
 11:30 a.m. Joseph Nalepa †
 5:00 p.m. Theresa Palladino †

PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

December 15--Total Collection \$5,549.38
 Retired Religious \$2,058.00
 Votive Shrines \$187.00
Your generosity is appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS JANUARY 5

First Reading—Isaiah 60:1-6.
 Responsorial—Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.
 Second Reading—Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6.
 Gospel—Matthew 2:1-12.

JANUARY 4 & 5, 2019 LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Cantor	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Fr. Cyprien	Dorothy Winrow	Jeanne & Mark Davin		Rose DiDonna, Andrew DiDonna, Mary E. Baker
Sunday 7:30 a.m. Fr. Cyprien	Rich Kelly	Rose Kelly, Ellen Cooney		Dylan Watzka, TBD
9:30 a.m. Msgr. Sullivan	Paul Hammerl	Carole & Ed Reyman		Max Moughan, Michael Moughan, Lila Freeman
11:30 a.m. Msgr. Sullivan	Anna Brett	Ann Burns, Nora Gagnon		Charisse Ejanda, Federic Ejanda, TBD
5:00 p.m. Fr. George	Ron Ridolph	Augustus Guarente, Dorothy McHugh		Andrew Contrady, Paul Contrady, Grace Uhl



TO THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S—I am writing in this Advent Season to wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas Season. Christmas can be a time for individuals and families to come together in friendship and love, recognizing all that our faith in Jesus means to us. Unfortunately, it can also be a hectic time consumed by all we have to do and accomplish before Christmas. This is an especially hectic time for St. Joseph's Parish as we experience the loss of some buildings that meant so much to us and the changes to our Parish Center which will hopefully allow us to expand the ways we can, deepen and live out our faith both now and in the future. For all of us, this is a busy time.

For me, besides the parish concerns, there is, also, the family. Coming from a large family, there is always the need to get gifts for my many nieces and nephews and now grand-nieces and nephews and other family members. I hate shopping so fulfilling this list is tedious. We can say, "It's the thought that counts," but we all know kids are going to rank which was their "best" gift.

What about us—what do we consider our "best" gifts? Most of us will go beyond material things and mention family, significant people in our lives, our gift of God's love. You know I love reading about the early Church history and how they lived out the faith during times of dreadful persecution. One thing is apparent for the writers of that time—living a Life of Faith in Jesus leading to an eternal life of joy, happiness, fulfillment and love—was considered the supreme gift. In light of this supreme gift, they defined some things very differently from how we would today. For example:

Marriage: The greatest love is shown by leading a life of faith to ensure your spouse is with you in love for all eternity.

Role of Parent: Your greatest obligation is to form a home life in the Christian faith so that your children will embrace that faith and, therefore, strive to achieve joy, happiness, fulfillment, and perfect love in Christ. Then you get to love them for all time.

Role of All Baptized Christians: Live the faith with such fervor that others want to be members of the Christian community.

Role of a Priest: He is called to serve the people by making available to them the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, which will strengthen them in the faith they need in the face of persecution.

Now maybe these definitions were given in light of the persecution they faced, but they did something right because their numbers grew and the constant remark of non-Christians was, "See how these Christians love one another." Our own times are somewhat unique, and maybe we have to learn from the past.

Let us realize this Christmas season the wonderful gifts we have. Let us continue to build up our faith, and let us strive to be a community and parish where others will say, "See how they love one another."

On behalf of the staff, Deacon Joe, Fr. Cyprien Emile, Msgr. James Sullivan and myself, I want to thank you for the wonderful gift you have been to us. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless us with His love and make us a people of hope in this Christmas Season and through the New Year.

Yours in Christ,
Msgr. Desmond O'Connor

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 30

2:00 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena, Church

7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Parish Center

Thursday, January 2

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour, Church

Saturday, January 4

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Parish Center

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession, Church

WORLD YOUTH DAY THEME SONG
COMPOSER

Join Fr. Cyprien Emile as he welcomes Fr. Robert Lebel, Songwriter and Composer of *Light of the World* to St. Joseph's Church, on Monday, January 6, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fr. Lebel's harmonies and lyrics are simple yet profound and are firmly rooted in Scripture. He was ordained in 1979 and is a member of the Institute Voluntas Dei. A free will offering will be appreciated.

PICKLE BALL

St. Joseph's Mens' Group is pleased to announce the start of Pickle Ball at our Parish Center, 235 Wall Street. *All* parishioners are invited to join us on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. For more information please contact Kevin McHugh at (845)338-2315 or travelingtools@aol.com

MUSIC NOTES—St. Joseph's Parish will again host a Mass Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. This joyous celebration will include singing 4 part carols, several Christmas anthems (including Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus", Vivaldi's "Gloria", "Mary, Did You Know?", "Do you Hear What I hear?" and more) The bell choir from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kingston, will join us. Additionally, Greene County resident, Alison Davy, will be our guest soloist!

If you have never sung with a mass choir, consider joining us. We will have one evening rehearsal on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. On the day of the performance, singers will report to our new parish center, 235 Wall Street (just up the street from the church on the corner of Pearl and Wall Streets), at 12:30 for a run-through. If you cannot make it on Tuesday, come for the run through on Sunday. We do need to know your name and email so please reach out to Bob Gaus at music.saintjoseph@gmail.com or call him at (845)389-1503.

MILITARY SERVICE

Army—Lt. Col. Kevin Doherty, Fort Knox, KY
Army—SPC Joseph Tanksley, Deployed
Army—CW2 Justin Wanat, D.C.
Army—Pvt. 1st Class Todd Caswell, Afghanistan
Navy—SA Tyler C. Petro, Groton, CT
Marines—Lance Corporal Baily Emerton
Air Force—CPT David R. Beberwyk, Deployed
Air Force—1st LT Jacqueline Beberwyk, Alaska
Air Force MAJ Blaine Stewart, D.C.



Thank you for your service to our country.

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Joseph McGrane and for all our parishioners who are homebound, in healthcare facilities or who are seriously sick.

IN LOVING MEMORY...Jacqueline Scholar and all who have died recently.

PLEASE NOTE—as of January 2, 2020, **all groups and meetings** will take place in the Parish Center.

Adorers are needed at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Please call Betty (845)338-2235.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

From all of us here at the St. Joseph's Religious Education Program to all of our parishioners, we wish you a blessed Merry Christmas and a joyous, Blessed New Year!!

January 8, 2020—Classes Resume

January 15, 2020—Sacraments Class for all
7 and 8 graders who
did not attend last year

January 29—Progress Reports

CATHOLIC WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

Pat Merck would like to invite all widows/widowers to join the Catholic Widows/Widowers group. The group meets monthly at different restaurants in the area. For more information, please call Pat at (845)658-9247.

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE
CHANGES

In 2020, First Friday Masses will be at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. There will no longer be a Mass on the First Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Confession will be on Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and on Monday after the Novena. There will no longer be confession on Thursdays.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CONTEST

Kingston council #275 Knights of Columbus Free throw Championship Contest will take place on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., CYO gym, 6 Adams Street, Kingston. Boys and girls age 9-14 are welcome, and pizza will be served after. Questions or for more information, please call John Weber (845)416-3397.