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MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. Antoinette Faluotico †
Sunday, January 3: Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 a.m. William Greenfeld †
9:30 a.m. Robert DePippo †
11:30 a.m. Leslie Banks & Mary Pugliese †
5:00 p.m. Msgr. Desmond O'Connor

**Monday, January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious**

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Family of John N. Cordts †

**Tuesday, January 5: Saint John Neumann,
Bishop**

7:00 a.m. Orelia Joseph †
9:00 a.m. Keely DeKoskie †

Wednesday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Helen Diamond †
9:00 a.m. Sr. Mary Christiana Wojciehowski †

Thursday, January 7: Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Catherine Nerestant †
9:00 a.m. Bill Leonard

Friday, January 8: Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Katharine D. Cordts †
9:00 a.m. George Habernig III †

Saturday, January 9: Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Henry Rowe †
5:00 p.m. Walter & Theresa "Terri" Pilz †

Sunday, January 10: Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Msgr. Desmond O'Connor
9:30 a.m. Maria, Andres & Rosaura Rodriguez
& All Souls in Purgatory †
11:30 a.m. Abel Garraghan †
5:00 p.m. J. Franklin & Margaret Connor &
Ann Connor-Keller †

SCRIPTURE READINGS JANUARY 10

First Reading—Isaiah 55:1-11
Psalm—Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3).
Second Reading—1 John 5:1-9.
Gospel—Mark 1:7-11.
Familiarize yourself with the readings before you come to Mass next weekend and see the difference it makes as you listen to the readings at Mass.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish, especially for Angela "Jean" Diacovo, John Regan, and for all our parishioners who are homebound, in healthcare facilities or who are seriously sick.



In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Griffith and all who have died recently.

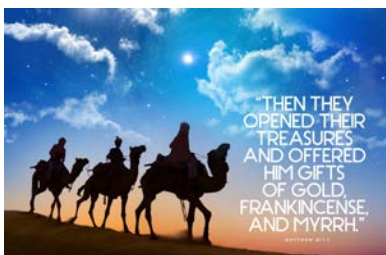
PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Donations Received \$5,606.00
Retired Religious \$750.00
Votive Shrines \$45.00
Christmas Flowers \$250.00
Christmas \$910.00

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE—we have surpassed our goal of \$51,500. The amount pledged is now \$54,300. Thank you to all who helped make this campaign successful for our parish!!

Did you know??

It costs our parish about **\$8,100.00** per year to send out the donation envelopes. Please consider using **WeShare**.



JANUARY 9 & 10, 2021

Mass	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Fr. Cyprien	Anna Brett	TBD
Sunday 7:30 a.m. Msgr. Desmond	Rose Rahilly	TBD
9:30 a.m. Msgr. Sullivan	Sue Miniter	Banbury Family
11:30 a.m. Msgr. Desmond	TBD	TBD
5:00 p.m. Fr. Cyprien	Kevin McHugh	TBD



A SPECIAL THANKS—to our ushers, choir members, cantors, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, our Religious Education catechists, classroom assistants and hall monitors, altar servers, our garden helpers, and all who pray with us—you help to enhance our parish life. Thank you!!

CHRISTMAS DECORATORS—many thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent to help us decorate our church!!

PRISON MINISTRY—Deacon Doherty would like to thank everyone who donated 2021 calendars for the prisoners. The calendar drive was a resounding success!!

MILITARY SERVICE



- Army—Lt. Col. Kevin Doherty, Fort Gordon, GA
- Army—SPC Joseph Tanksley, Deployed
- Army—CW2 Justin Wanat, D.C.
- Army—Sgt. 1st Class, Kristin Chandler, Ft. Hood
- Army—Staff Sgt. Wm. Alex Anderson, Alaska
- Navy—NT 3rd Class Tyler C. Petro, Deployed
- Marines—Lance Corporal Baily Emerton
- Air Force—CPT David R. Beberwyk, Deployed
- Air Force—1st LT Jacqueline Beberwyk, Alaska

SATURDAY BIBLE GROUP

Ralph Mitchell (845-594-9487) would like to invite you to the Olympic Diner, Washington Avenue, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. every Saturday. The group will read and discuss our Bible readings for Sunday’s Mass. Due to the ongoing pandemic, you can join the group in person or you can join the group by phone conference from the safety of your own home. Give Ralph a call today or stop by on Saturday.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Adult Education RCIA class will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

CHRISTMAS 2020

We want to wish all of you and your family members a blessed, holy, peace filled Christmas Day and Season. We obviously are going through challenging times, and it is difficult for families to get together as they usually do., Many of you are, also, not comfortable coming to Christmas Mass and celebrating the Birth of the Lord Jesus in the usual manner. I always point out that the word “Christmas” is an abbreviation of “Christ’s Mass”. It was called that because early Christians knew the best way to celebrate the Birth of Christ was to be physically present with Him at the Mass- since the same Jesus Christ born in Bethlehem is physically present to us in the Eucharist at Mass. Unfortunately, many are recommended because of health concerns not to be in gatherings of people. Others are uncomfortable with gatherings of people during this virus. We understand this fully and send you our prayers and thoughts. Please celebrate Christmas with personal and family prayer- and try to view one of the many Masses that are available on-line or on TV.

For all of you who wish to celebrate Christmas in the traditional manner by attending Mass, we welcome you and want to assure you that we are taking all steps to ensure your safety. The Masses on Christmas Eve are at 2pm, 4pm, 6pm and 10pm, are all admittance by ticket only. All the spots for the 2pm and 4pm are filled as this is being written. Please call the Parish Office for tickets to the 6pm and 10pm. The Masses on Christmas Day are 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am. Tickets are not needed for these Masses, but we will have to limit the numbers for social distancing. We can only accommodate 125 per Mass- instead of the usual 450. Sitting is only allowed on the blue spots so that social distancing is maintained. Masks are mandatory in the Church, and we ask everybody to wear them properly, covering both mouth and nose. This is for everyone’s safety, and we really want everyone to feel safe and comfortable attending Mass.

The Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family. If anyone is apprehensive about the Christmas Masses being too crowded, consider attending a Mass over the weekend and counting it as your time being present to Jesus as He is physically present in the Eucharist. It is a wonderful Feast Day. It also reminds us the Holy Family, especially Mary, would face challenges as a result of Jesus birth. Doing God’s Will got them through these challenges, and the same can be said for us and our families. We need to be assured of God’s Presence and Love during difficult times, but God is always there for us. Jesus was born into the world to make manifest God’s great Love and Mercy for us. He doesn’t promise it is always going to be easy, but He does promise He is always there for us.

I, also, have to say THANK YOU. Thank you for your continual prayers and words of encouragement. Thank you for your financial support of our parish during these difficult times. Thank You for exceeding the Cardinal’s Appeal this year. Thank You for the numerous gifts given to the needy from the Giving Tree. Thank You for the numerous ways you volunteer to our Parish Family. Saint Joseph’s is blessed by the enthusiasm and dedication of so many. We look forward to the day when all of our ministries and groups can resume ‘normal’ service and meetings. Let’s pray that next year will be less challenging, but above all, may it be a year when we draw ever closer to Christ and make that known by our Love and service of all those around us.

God Bless You,
Msgr. Desmond, Fr. Cyprian, Msgr. Sullivan, Deacon Doherty and all of us on the staff of St. Joseph’s Parish Family.

ATTEND DAILY MASS??

PLEASE NOTE

Replacement of the roof on our church continues weather permitting. Daily Masses held on Monday through Friday at 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. will be held in the Parish Center's Chapel. The 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings will, also, be held in the Parish Center until the roof work is finished.

While this work is ongoing, our church will be locked during work hours. Please call us at (845)481-4560 or ring the doorbell on the Rectory door located on the porch if we can be of any assistance. Thanks for your patience!!

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen