



Sunday ~ December 30, 2012

Feast of the Holy Family



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 29
5:30 PM Sophie Miller

Sunday, December 30
8:30 AM The Victims in Newtown, Barry Quartarone
10:30 AM John Alteio

Monday, December 31—New Year's Eve
9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary
9:00 AM Thomas E. Murphy, Patricia (Sr. Aimée) Franklin

Wednesday, January 2
9:00 AM

Friday, January 4
9:00 AM

Saturday, January 5
5:30 PM Joann Lecara

Sunday, January 6 — Epiphany
8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Tuesday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary
9:00 AM *Volunteers*

Saturday, January 5
5:30 PM Jarod & Zachary Zupetz

Sunday, January 6 — Epiphany
8:30 AM Cameron Hayes
10:30 AM Courtney & Corinne DeBeauvernet

Ministers of the Word

Tuesday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary
9:00AM Maryann Malamas

Saturday, January 5
5:30 PM Jen Zupetz

Sunday, January 6 — Epiphany
8:30 AM Roseann Zimmerman
10:30 AM Alice Cross

Eucharistic Ministers

Tuesday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary
9:00AM *Maggie Horne, *Volunteer*

Saturday, January 5
5:30 PM Maryann Malamas, Maggie Horne,
*Harry Malamas

Sunday, January 6 — Epiphany
8:30 AM Mary Donnelly, Sue Schmaus, *Sherri Rufer
10:30 AM Ann Clouse, Kathleen Harris, *Lisa Dyer

Religious Education Crossing Guard Duty

Tuesday, January 1
6:30 PM NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 2
6:30 PM *Volunteer*

Please Pray for the Sick

Judy Abatangelo, Sherri Brunner, Kevin Crowley,
Mary Elizabeth Fama, Jack Hayes, Joann MacKinnon,
Ada Robinson, Frances Salewski, Teresa Troy, Angel Wood

To have a person added to our prayers, please call the office at 733-1477. Names will be kept on the list for 2 bulletins. If you would like the time extended, please let us know.

Please Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Anne Dempsey, Pat O'Donnell, Josephine Wise,
Robert Wise

THE CALENDAR ~ LOOKING AHEAD

A.A. - Sundays 3:00 PM
Food Pantry - *Most* Saturdays 9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary ~ Mass at 9:00 AM
NO Religious Education

Wednesday, January 2
Religious Education, Levels 6-9 ~ 6:30-8:00 PM
"In From the Storm" Contemplative Hour ~ 6:45-7:45 PM

Friday, January 4
Mass at Godfrey Meadow ~ 10:30 AM
1st Friday Holy Hour ~ 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 5 & Sunday, January 6
2nd collection to offset cost of heating the church/center

Tuesday, January 8
Religious Education, Levels K-4 ~ 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, January 9
Religious Education, Levels 6-9 ~ 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Thursday, January 10
Centennial Committee Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 12
Helping Hands Meeting—all volunteers—11:00 AM

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Reflection on Today's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

May the Word of God dwell in our families.

In our families, we are called to live out the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. The family is God's holy ground in which we strengthen each individual born in his image and likeness. May all in families always strive to live lives of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness as children of God.

Mass Attendance & Receipts

Christmas Eve & Christmas

Mass Attendance: 434 Collections: \$2,524.00

December 22 & 23

Mass Attendance: 232 Weekend Collection: \$2,729.22

A Christmas Thank You!

It takes many volunteers and many hours to bring Christmas to Our Lady of the Assumption — the musicians, the lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, those who clean and beautify the Church, the pageant coordinators and participants, the counters who tally collections (each and every week). Thank you, one and all, for everything you do — not just at Christmas but throughout the year — to serve God and the parishioners at OLA with your dedication and commitment to His Church. We are truly blessed by and appreciate all of your efforts.

How Do We LIVE as Disciples of Christ? . . .



. . . by participating in the Discovering Christ series we can explore all of the different ways we can manifest our love for Christ by living our love every day. Come and exchange ideas so that we may all grow in His love! The series will be presented in April 2013. Let's strengthen ourselves, our community and our church. For information contact Susan Garcia at 386-4878.

Rest in Peace

Angela Colella

Husband of Gloria Colello

Fr. Stephan and the Faith Community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church will continue to pray for the soul of the departed and the comfort of her family.

Feast of the Holy Family



Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general

breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*,
Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

Collect: O God, who was 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, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Solemnity of Mary

On **January 1** the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas **and is a Holy Day of Obligation**. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Solemnity of Circumcision of Our Lord. "Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721



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