



# December 27, 2020

## Feast of the Holy Family

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 26 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family**  
**5:30 PM** Stiano Family, Ed Devine,  
**Sunday, December 27 ~ The Holy Family**  
**9:30 AM** Gail Arsenault &  
 Bill Skennion ~ wedding today  
**Monday, December 28**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Wednesday, December 30**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Friday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Saturday, January 2 ~ Vigil/Epiphany of the Lord**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Sunday, January 3 ~ Epiphany of the Lord**  
**9:30 AM**

*Mass Intentions—Having a Mass said for a deceased family member or friend is a way of saying they are not forgotten by their loved ones. Traditionally, a Mass is offered for a deceased person on the anniversary of their death. Masses can also be offered to honor birthdays and anniversaries, as well as special intentions for both living and deceased. To have a Mass said, please contact the Parish Office at 733-1477, or see Fr. .*


### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**Saturday, January 2 ~ Vigil/Epiphany of the Lord**  
**5:30 PM** Jen Zupetz  
**Sunday, January 3 ~ Epiphany of the Lord**  
**9:30 AM** AnnMarie Minerly

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, January 2 ~ Vigil/Epiphany of the Lord**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Sunday, January 3 ~ Epiphany of the Lord**  
**9:30 AM**

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

 Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy)  
 Dylan Bonitz (Navy) Chase Bowen (Navy)  
 Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)  
 Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)  
 Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)  
 Elliott Weidel (Marines)

*We would like to pray for any of your loved ones who are serving our country in a branch of the military. Please call the office (733-1477) with their name and service branch, or e-mail the office at: [assumptionchurch@frontiernet.net](mailto:assumptionchurch@frontiernet.net)*

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joanne Bach, Hank Bodendorf, Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C., Barbara Ceriale, Charles Clark, Bob Cross, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Lucy D'Amato, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Maggie Horne, Anthony Pagano, Sr., Kevin Reardon, Helen Ryan, Sadie, Frances Salewski, Pam Sibley, Chris Strobl, Gary Texter, Katylynn Auer Weidel

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Rosella McKane, Regina Parthesius, Virginia Steinbeck, Robert Wise

### LOOKING AHEAD

**FOOD PANTRY – 9:00 AM by appointment**  
*(Every Saturday Unless Announced)*

**NO Religious Education Classes**  
**on Tuesday, December 29**

**Friday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day**  
*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*  
**Mass at 9:30 AM**

**Tuesday, January 5**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
*(Offered On Line)*

**Friday, January 8**  
 Holy Hour with Exposition  
 of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00 PM

**Monday, January 12**  
 Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, January 13**  
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM  
*(Offered On Line)*



### Today's Scripture

#### The Holy Family

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
 Colossians 3:12-21  
 Luke 2:22-40

**While God revealed many words to Israel throughout history, He revealed the one Word of God in the birth of his only Son.**

While Mary knew that her Son was the Messiah, it was quite another thing to believe that her Son was God. This was all but impossible to believe.

Yet the fact that Luke pictures Mary as being present at the descent of the Holy Spirit means that Luke affirms that she did believe what seemed to be impossible—that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

### Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 19 & 20: **80**  
 Weekend's Collection: **\$1,343.00**

### Twelve Hidden Meanings

Ask most people to recite “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” and chances are you’ll find a great number of people can actually name most, if not all, 12 verses. A frequently played Christmas song, it’s been heard by nearly everyone several hundred times. But though many of us can quote the lyrics, far fewer people are likely to know the meaning behind the 12 days.

To begin, the 12 days of Christmas have to do with the difference in the days various cultures celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Though many assume the 12 days refers to the days prior to December 25 (when those in the Western hemisphere celebrate), it actually refers to the beginning of Epiphany on January 6. The Epiphany (also known as “Little Christmas”) is recognized as the day the Three Magi arrived with

gifts for Baby Jesus.

As for each individual day and what each gift symbolizes, the large cryptic connotation of each gift dates back to the times when Catholics were not allowed to openly or even privately celebrate their religious in England. Therefore, as a means to both celebrate and pass on their religious beliefs to their children, Catholics began singing “The 12 Days of Christmas,” with each gift bearing some religious significance.

According to Catholic Online, a website devoted to providing Catholics with information pertaining to the origins, practices, and issues regarding their faith, the song is a reflection of the love between Catholics and God, with “my true love” referring to God and “me” being all practicing, baptized Catholics. The rest of the song, Catholic history suggests, can be interpreted as follows:

- ◆ **A Partridge in a Pear Tree:** Jesus Christ, the Son of God
  - ◆ **Two Turtle Doves:** the Old & New Testaments
  - ◆ **Three French Hens:** the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity
  - ◆ **Four Calling Birds:** the four Gospels
  - ◆ **Five Golden Rings:** the Pentateuch, or the first 5 books of the Old Testament, all of which dealt with man's fall from grace
  - ◆ **Six Geese a-Laying:** the six days of creation
  - ◆ **Seven Swans A-swimming:** the seven Sacraments
  - ◆ **Eight Maids A-milking:** the 8 Beatitudes
  - ◆ **Nine Ladies Dancing:** the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit
  - ◆ **Ten Lords A-leaping:** The 10 Commandments
  - ◆ **Eleven Pipers Piping:** the 11 faithful apostles (excluding Judas)
  - ◆ **Twelve Drummers Drumming:** the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed
- But those who prefer to continue looking at the song as just a quirky holiday hit, enjoy your rousing chorus of “Five Golden Rings.”



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