



December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
 9:30 AM Thomas Gallo, Anna Gallo/healing

Sunday, December 26 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus
 9:30 AM Bill Pitt, Stiano Family

Monday, December 27
 9:00 AM Maria, Joseph Maria

Wednesday, December 29
 9:00 AM Cecilia, Mary (*Thanks Be to God*)

Friday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve
 9:00 AM Peter Phero, Maria Phung

Saturday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day
 9:30 AM Thomas Gallo, Anna Gallo/healing
 5:30 PM Gift of Family/Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord
 9:30 AM Rich Hutchings, Lenny Marino

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day
 9:30 AM Janet Murphy
 5:30 PM Beth Texter

Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord
 9:30 AM Al Ceriale

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day
 9:30 AM Seema Cristallo(A), Sue Schmaus(C)
 5:30 PM Volunteers

Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord
 9:30 AM Lisa Dyer(A), Sue Schmaus(C)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*)

Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)

Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)

Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Anthony Pagano (*Navy*)

Joseph Ruize (*Navy*) Carissa Tironi (*Army*)

Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Joanne Bach, Judy Bennett, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale, Patty Ann Cox, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Christian DeMott, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Michael Gallo, Diane Hriniaak, Anthony Pagano, Sr., Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, Chris Strobl, Gary Texter, Elissa Zahn

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every Saturday by Appointment (9 AM start)
 Closed through 1/7/22 — Reopens Jan. 8, 2022

NO Religious Education on December 28

Saturday, January 1, 2021
 Mary, Mother of God ~ Mass at 9:30 AM
 Regular Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM

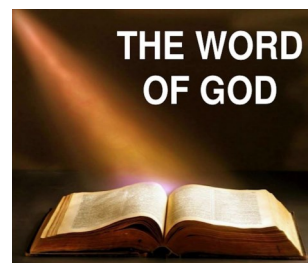
Sunday, January 2
 Mass at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, January 4
 Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Friday, January 7
 First Friday Holy Hour with Exposition ~ 7 PM

Monday, January 10
 Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Today's Scripture Readings



The Holy Family of Jesus

1 Samuel 1:20-22 24-26
 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24
 Luke 2: 41-52

The Lord has bestowed upon us an incredible dignity. We are not slaves or servants, we are children of God.

God treats us with the same respect and honor that he treats Jesus, his only begotten Son. He calls us to share in his love and his mission here upon the earth, and in his glory in heaven.

The promise of heaven is that we will be like the one whom we love. We will not only share in the likeness and image of God, we will truly be one with him. The way we know we are God's children is that we keep his commandments. We must live moral and giving lives.

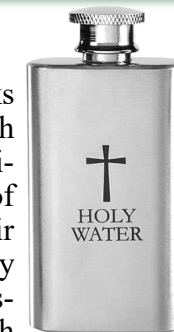
Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 18 & 19: 103
 Weekend Collection: \$1,565.00



Holy Water

For many months folks from the parish shared with me the loss they experienced from the absence of holy water. I feel their pain. We can't simply shrug our shoulders, dismissing the issue with lamentations. I believe the answer to this concern is to be found in the traditional piety of a previous generation.



Folks used to keep and use holy water in their homes, so this form of piety needs to be brought back to our times and homes once again. Our parish churches may not be allowed to have holy water within them at this time, but that does not mean our domestic churches (our homes) can't again embrace the use of holy water.

On the Feast of Epiphany at our parish (Sunday, January 2), we invite people to bring containers filled with water to the Mass. At the end of Mass, the water will be

blessed. As the prayer for the blessing of water reads, "Grant that, when we are sprinkled with this water or make use of it, we will be refreshed inwardly by the power of the Holy Spirit ...". May the use of holy water in our homes help to cultivate an awareness in our hearts and minds that God desires to dwell with our families in our homes!

Pax Christi,

Fr. Nicholas Blackwell, O. Carm.

Outstanding Service



On Sunday, December 12 at their annual Christmas dinner, the Mama-kating Knights of Columbus presented **Ann-Marie Troy** with a certificate of recognition for her outstanding service to Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Kathleen Labuda received the same certificate on behalf of St. Joseph's Church in Wurtsboro.

Congratulations, ladies, on receiving what is absolutely a well-deserved honor.

More Kudos

A little bird told us that **Lyndsay Fairchild**, daughter of Pat Fairchild and a former OLA parishioner, recently received her Doctorate in Philosophy and has been working in the field of pediatrics with young children who have eating disorders. She is currently on the staff of Johns Hopkins Hospital. Congratulations, Lyndsay!

A Prayer for Christmas

Blessed Lord, On this day may we not only unwrap gifts, But may we also know more about your love. Today may we not only eat on festive meals, but may we also feast on your faith. On this day may we not only treasure happy times with family and friends, but may we bring you into our lives. Today may we not only sing Christmas carols that commemorate your birth, but may we reside upon the resurrected Christ alive at this time. Living Lord, we wait to know your love, feast on your truth, invite you into our lives and praise you for your sacrifice. Among the gifts, food and family we long to celebrate Christmas with you. Amen.

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