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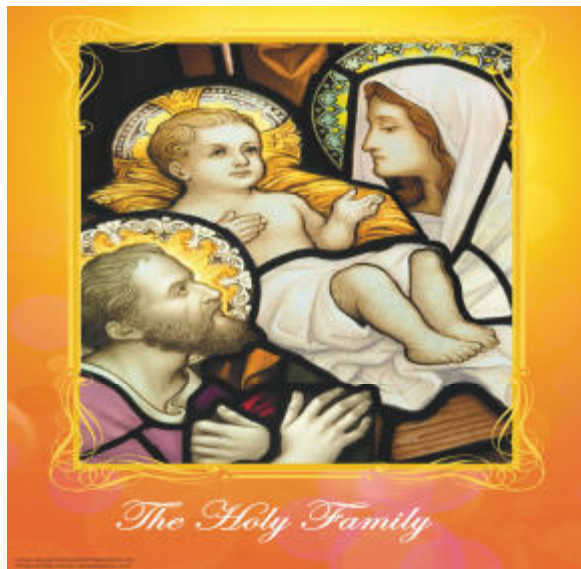
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Evening:** 4:30 PM  
**Sundays:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
**Daily:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**First Fridays:** 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays:** 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Wednesdays:** 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held 7:00 PM on the third Thursday each month. Please call to register.

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

### **CARE OF THE SICK**

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION**

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

**PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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***The week ahead...***

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH  
8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH  
8:00 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH  
7:00 MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST  
8:00 AM MASS  
7:00PM VIGIL MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST  
10:00AM MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND  
4:30 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

**Readings for the week of December 27, 2020**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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**Parish Office Will Be Closed**

Friday January 1, 2021 for  
The Solemnity of Mary and  
New Years Day





When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

## *The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

*Friday, January 1, 2021*



The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

The Vigil Mass is Thursday, December 31st at 7pm. Mass for Friday, January 1st,  
The Solemnity of Mary, is 10:00am.



### Stewardship



The Collection for **December 13th** was \$6,359.00 for general collection (119 envelopes) and \$979.00 (48 envelopes) for the Retired Religious Fund and \$1,092.00 (43 envelopes) for The Immaculate Conception.

**Online Giving** was \$2,502.30 (124 donors)



## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."  
(Gn 15:5)



### PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.  
(Ps 105)



### SECOND READING

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go.  
(Heb 11:8)



### GOSPEL

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday: December 26, 2020

4:30 PM Robert Rocca  
r/o *The Family*

### Sunday: December 27, 2020

8:00 AM Mary Beylickjian  
r/o *The Beylickjian Family*  
9:30 AM Samuel Schofield  
r/o *Bob and Dori Schofield*  
11:00 AM Chris Nelson  
r/o *Kathleen Elick*

### Monday: December 28, 2020

8:00 AM Tito Ranieri & Anthony Spironello  
r/o *Lisa Sforza & Family*

### Tuesday: December 29, 2020

8:00 AM John Feltovic  
r/o *Jennifer Pasculli*

### Wednesday: December 30, 2020

7:00PM Victoria & Anthony Natalizio  
r/o *Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio*

### Thursday: December 31, 2020

8:00 AM John Feltovic  
r/o *Sal & Janice Mauro*  
7:00PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine

### Friday: January 1, 2021

8:00 AM Blessings for the New Year

### Saturday: January 2, 2021

4:30 PM Knights of Columbus Council 15217

### Sunday: January 3, 2021

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine  
9:30 AM Lorraine D. Sgalia  
r/o *Stephen & Chrissy Kassebaum*  
11:00 AM Tom Smith  
r/o *The Young Family*

## From the Pastor's Desk

### The Holy Family


As we know our Christmas Season continues, and today we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family, the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the family that makes this Season possible. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has a great love for the family unit. He has challenged us to strive for spiritual unity and for the strengthening of families by following the example of the Holy Family.

He stated, "Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well. True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is merciful, and respectful towards all."... "But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It is the leaven of society as a whole. Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth."

As we begin the New Year, and as we celebrate on Friday the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we are invited to take to heart the words of Our Holy Father. At this time of the year, many of us make resolutions to renew or revitalize our lives in certain ways. We may resolve to lose weight, or exercise more frequently, or be more punctual. But if we are honest with ourselves, many of us have to admit that we fail to reflect on ways that we can renew or revitalize our lives spiritually. One way we can embrace spiritual renewal is by praying each day as a family. It may be before meals. It may be at a certain time in the day. We are busy people, with different schedules, often going in different directions within our family unit. So it may require some discipline and structure to make the time to pray together, but hopefully, it will be spiritually beneficial.

The New Year provides us with a great opportunity to meet the challenge presented to us by Pope Francis. It is the challenge to more effectively live our faith and set a good example for those families we encounter in the course of our daily lives. We pray that families will embrace the call of Our Holy Father for spiritual unity as we begin the New Year.

Fr. Chester



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are here!**

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