

DECEMBER 30, 2018

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Third Friday of the Month 10:00 am
(At Liberty Village Nursing Home)



Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. — Lk 2:45-47

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Schedule



Monday, December 31st

8:00 am + Deacon Steve Tamburini

**Tuesday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

8:30 am + Berlin Sargent

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, January 2nd

8:00 am + Merribeth Koyak

Thursday, January 3rd

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Friday, January 4th, First Friday

12:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, January 5th, The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm + Rev. Michael Glastetter

Sunday, January 6th, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am + Dr. Tom Larkin

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

New Year's Mass

Monday, December 31st
NO Vigil Masses

Tuesday, January 1st
8:30am at St. John's
10:30am at Sacred Heart

New Year's Day, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass attendance is required.

Collection Counters this week are
Nancy Wikoff and Mike Rakers.
Thank you for serving in this way.

**Saturday, December 22nd 4:00pm
and
Sunday, December 23rd 8:30am
and
Christmas Collections**

unavailable at time of publication

CCD K-7 Classes - NO Classes today. Classes will resume Sunday, January 6th following the 8:30am Mass.

Confirmation Class - Confirmation Class does not meet today. Class will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Topic will be "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

RCIA - NO Class this week. Class will resume on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the Library.

Choir Practice - Choir does not meet this week. Weekly practice will resume on Thursday, January 10th at 6:30pm in the Church.

Please note that our guest presider, Fr. Paul Schneider, OFM, Conv., will be at St. John's and Sacred Heart from thru January 6th. Welcome Fr. Paul!

Parish Office Closed

Please make note that St. John's and Sacred Heart Parish Office will close on Monday afternoon, December 24th and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd. Thank you for your patience and understanding and Have a Very Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year!

Thank You to Our Church Cleaning Crew

Thank you to the following people who volunteered their time on Wednesday, December 19th to clean our church for the Christmas season. You made the church sparkle for our Christmas Celebrations and for our many visitors. Thank you so much for giving of your time to beautify our church for Christmas.

Mike & Lyn Corrigan, Mary K Dulany, Donna Hall, Tom & Nancy Horsley, Jerry Ishmael, Jim & Linda Kilgarriff, Denny Madix, Paul & Marcia Nothnagel, Allen & Susan Cooper, Jim Falbe, Bob Sarver, Don Schlesinger.

2019 Church Calendars

2019 Church Calendars are now available at the church entrances. The calendars are provided courtesy of Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home in Farmer City.



William Bryan Smith
Born: November 3, 1924
Died: December 1, 2018

Bill Smith was an active member of St. John's Parish for many years. He was instrumental in helping our Parish Hall to be built. Bill was buried from our parish earlier this month. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep his family in your prayers.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's loving peace.



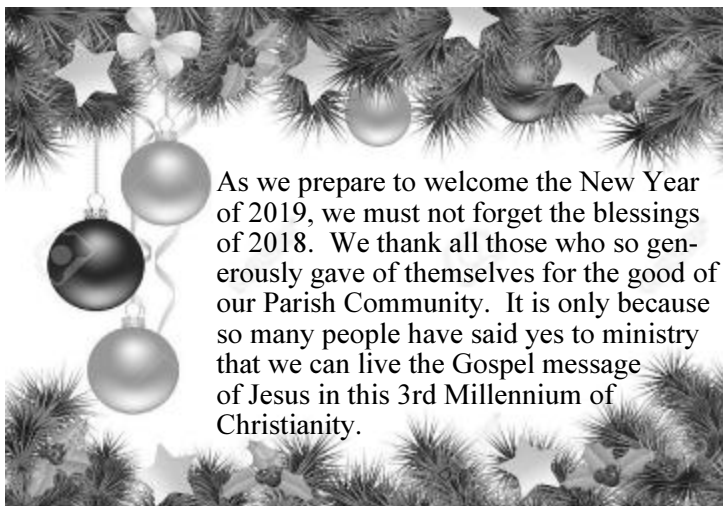
At first, the Romans celebrated the beginning of the new year on March 1, not January 1. Julius Caesar instituted New Year's Day on January 1 to honor Janus, the two-faced god who looks backwards into the old year and forwards into the new. The custom of "New Years resolutions" began in this earliest period, as the Romans made resolutions with a moral flavor: mostly to be good to others.

When Rome took on Christianity as its official faith, the Christians kept New Year's Day. Only they traded the vaguely moral emphasis for a practice of fasting and prayer aimed at living the New Year in the New Life of Christ. Soon, however, the new year celebration reverted to March 1, and this early emphasis on spiritual things dissolved.

Pope Francis' List of New Year's Resolutions

1. Don't Gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy. Live the Joy of the Gospel.

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As we prepare to welcome the New Year of 2019, we must not forget the blessings of 2018. We thank all those who so generously gave of themselves for the good of our Parish Community. It is only because so many people have said yes to ministry that we can live the Gospel message of Jesus in this 3rd Millennium of Christianity.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

What is a family? The classical definition of a family would be mother, father, children. How does this definition look today in our 21st Century world? Simply stated, it doesn't hold up. So how do we define family and what it looks like in today's family?

Contemporary families would include single parent homes. Families (right or wrong) may include single gender parent homes. Today families would also count those households where grandparents are assuming many of the traditional roles of "classical" families. There may homes where one parent is the primary source of income. We have to count two income households as almost the norm for our contemporary society. With all this being said, how do we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph?

No matter what a family may look like today, we can model the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph by stressing the HOLY. All families can look to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for how each can be holy. The Holy Family are holy because of their relationship with God.

As we read in Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Jesus, the Son of God did not deem equality with God something to be taken for granted. Paul tells us in chapter 2, verse 6 and following that these are the qualities we need to develop and foster: humility, obedience, no grumbling, to be blameless and innocent in the sight of God and to always REJOICE. Imagine what family life would be like if these qualities were part of every home. We need the example of the Holy Family because each in their own way lived these qualities. Each were obedient to God's Will. Each were humble before God the Father. Each were innocent and blameless before God.

No matter how difficult the mission given by God, each rejoiced to do what God asked. Each lived their calling. Mary as mother and heart of the home at Nazareth. Joseph, as parent, taught his son what would be important to know as a Jew living in the first century. Jesus, as we hear in the Gospel, learned obedience to both the Father and to Mary and Joseph as his parents on this earth. We all have much to learn from the Holy Family. May we follow each as best we can.

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