

December 26, 2021



# SAINT PATRICK CLUSTER

Assumption & St. Patrick Charlotte Immaculate Conception Petersville St. Patrick Delmar  
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation/Toronto SS. Mary & Joseph Sugar Creek

St. Patrick Cluster Mission Statement—To become a synodal Church  
in our Cluster through Communion, Participation and Mission

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

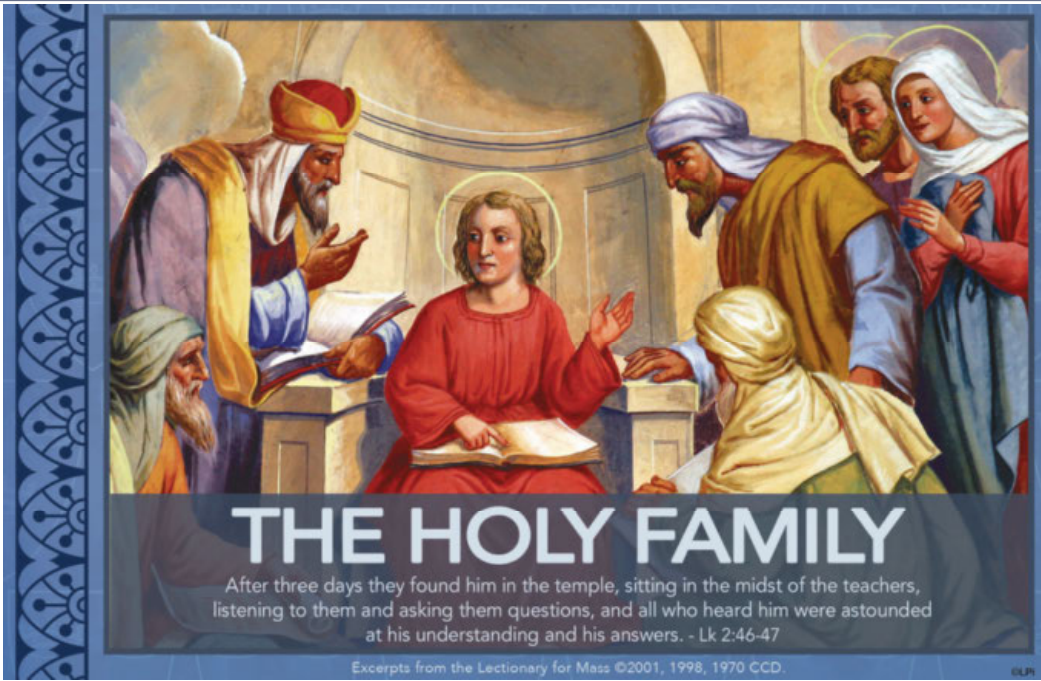
12/31— Mass Schedule Change-  
Petersville—5:00 pm –NO mass  
at 8:00 am

1/11 –6:00 pm-Assumption  
Church Cleaning, Faith Circle,

1/11 — 7:00 pm Assumption-St.  
Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Meeting

Beginning the first week of  
January, Petersville will have  
8:00 am mass on Thursdays  
and Sugar Creek will have 8:00  
am mass on Fridays.

St. Patrick Church in Delmar is  
looking for someone to shovel  
snow this season. Contact Gerry  
Farrell, 563-357-7329, Kent Ben-  
nis, 563-357-2625, or Doug  
Goodall, 563-503-0193 for details.



| Date             | Time                | Church                     | Intention  |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Saturday, 12/25  | 9:00 am<br>5:00 pm  | Delmar<br>Lost Nation      | For the people<br>Dennis Schroeder<br>(regular Sunday<br>obligation) |
| Sunday, 12/26    | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am | Petersville<br>Sugar Creek | Family of Darlene Burke<br>Bob Sterk                                 |
| Tuesday, 12/28   | 8:00 am             | Delmar                     | Ruth Gerlach   |
| Wednesday, 12/29 | 8:00 am             | Charlotte                  | Ben Duffy  |
| Thursday, 12/30  | 8:00 am<br>5:00 pm  | Sugar Creek<br>Lost Nation | Gerard Wanzek<br>Otto Benischek Sr.                                  |
| Friday, 12/31    | 5:00 pm             | Petersville                | Dennis Nus   |
| Saturday, 1/1    | 8:00 am<br>5:00 pm  | Delmar<br>Toronto          | Bernadette Hlas<br>For the People                                    |
| Sunday, 1/2      | 8:00 am<br>10:00am  | Charlotte<br>Delmar        | Darrell Bormann<br>The Spidle Family                                 |

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Office hours—Tuesday/Friday from 9:00 to 1:00

**Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday at Noon.** Please send items to the office email.

**Mass Intentions**— Send your massintentions to the office email or by mail. Checks should be made to Mass Stipend.

**Baptism**—Parents wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism need to attend Baptismal Class in the month prior to scheduling the Baptism. Please call Father Francis Odoom.

**Marriage**—Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must complete an approved course of training.

**Confessions**—One half hour before all scheduled Holy Masses or call Father Francis Odoom for appointment

**Ministry of Care**—Parishioners unable to attend mass can receive Holy Eucharist at home by contacting the office to arrange a convenient time for a visit.

**Homebound**—Please send names to the office email or call to help us make a list of all our homebound parishioners.

## The Holy Family

At Christmas, we celebrate God becoming man, entering the world as a baby, dependent and vulnerable. That baby, that son of God, grew up and spent most of his life in a family, which should be an indication to us of the importance of family in God's eyes. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, not the feast of the "perfect family" but of the "holy family." They are an example of what a family should be, but we may wonder, how can we possibly be a family as holy as that?

When asked to describe our family, we might begin by telling people about our parents, grandparents, or siblings. We might even describe what we have learned from researching our family tree. But no matter how wonderful our family may be, we are probably unlikely to describe our family as "holy." And yet, that is God's will for us. Every family, no matter what its circumstances, is called to be a holy family. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials, and yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God's will, and were assured of His love through it all.

God provides the grace for our families to be holy, but it is up to each one of us to do everything in our power to give His grace the opportunity to flow into our homes and into our hearts. Family is the place where we learn to love by first being loved by our parents and then by our brothers and sisters. It is also where we first learn to show love to others. The family where love is found is a

holy family. Holiness is being like God, and God is love. When we are loved, and when we love, God is in our lives.

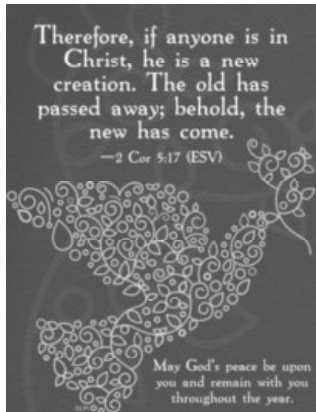
Our families are to be reflections of our relationship with God. Listen to what we're told in today's first two readings. Hannah, who entrusted her family to the service of God, reminds us that the first job of parents is to entrust their children to God. And in the second reading, we're told to love one another and keep God's commandments because that's what's best for us. God will give us the grace we need to love Him and love one another because being holy is a lifelong process, a process of looking and acting less and less like the things of this world and acting and looking more and more like Jesus.

This year, as one of our New Year's resolutions, we should all strive to be holy families, not perfect families, holy families. The Church encourages us to look to the Holy Family for inspiration, example, and encouragement. Their love for God and their desire to be faithful to Him and to please Him in all things was what strengthened their love for each other. On this Feast of the Holy Family, we need to pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families. May God bless all our families in the New Year!

Colleen Burke  
Evangelization Team

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| <p><b>Charlotte/Sugar Creek Religious Ed</b><br/>Classes will be held on January 19 &amp; 26.<br/>Class times are 5:45 to 7:00. Contact Erin Meyermann with any questions eberhart19@yahoo.com<br/>Children's Christmas Mass in Charlotte on Dec. 19.</p> | <p><b>OLHR Religious Ed</b><br/>Friends of Faith classes are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.<br/>Class times are from 5:45 to 7:15. Supper is provided.<br/>Contact Trish Hadden with any questions walrus_garden@yahoo.com</p> | <p><b>Delmar/Petersville Religious Ed</b><br/>Confirmation &amp; 4th/5th grade classes will be held on Jan. 5, 12 &amp; 19.<br/>Contact Melinda Hackman for more details about Confirmation classes—melinda.hackman@gmail.com<br/>Contact Karla Watters about 4th-5th grade classes—skw1200@hotmail.com</p> |
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As we enter into our winter months, please note that all cancellations of mass or any church related activities will be on KWQC channel 6 and on KMAQ. We will also send a message to our bulletin email lists. If you do not have access to one of these and would like for us to text or call you, please let us know. Also, if you would like to be added to the bulletin email list, send your email to the Cluster email.



### News from Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat -

Tues. Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 | 9:00-10:30am  
Online: How to embrace fear in our life and discover hope and courage! By Sr. Linda Greenwood This program will attempt to name the small and big fears we encounter in our life. There will be weekly teachings on how to learn from these experiences and to notice the opportunities they can provide: lessons of hope and courage. Choose either the January Fee: \$40 for the four sessions.

Wed. Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6:30-8:00pm Online: Enneagram by Audrey Lucier and Steve Spilde  
The Enneagram is a powerful tool for understanding ourselves and others, and refers to nine different personality styles. The style we favor affects what we see as important and how we act in our relationships. Fee: \$75 for entire month and includes online assessment. RSVP by Dec 29.



If you were at one of the Eucharistic Commissioning ceremonies, please check the list below for your name and parais. If you are not on the list or if your name is spelled incorrectly or if the wrong parish is listed, please contact the office to make corrections. We will be printing your certificate this week.

Charlotte—David Roling

Delmar- Ryan Hackman, Melinda Hackman, Doug Goodall, Teri Taylor, Kent Bennis, Wayne Crist, Rita Crist, Paul McDermott, Dawn McDermott

OLHR—Colleen Burke, Linda Sander, Jim Schroeder, Priscilla Roling, Sally VandeWalle, Peg Kedley, Pat Kedley, Rosanne Wisor

Petersville -Jim Mc Dermott, Deanna Mc Dermott, Todd Brusven, Larry Banowetz, Karla Watters, Terry Spain

Sugar Creek- Elaine Burken, Roberta Naevem, Rita Bott, Janet Roling

**OUR SHEPHERDS -**

Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Zinkula, and Father Francis Odoom

**THE AGED & INFIRM -**

Boone Blanchard, Dee Colli, Malee Crider-Jensen, Sandy David, Donnie DeHeve, Tanner Dell, Melvin Duwa, Paul Eads, Bill Edwards, John Frett, Brandi Gloeckner, Brian Hoffmann, Natalie Irwin, Jonathon, Gerald Koos, Linda Laban, Dick Nodurft, Mary Lund, Joan Reeser, Dean Ruel, Payce Reynolds, Fred Rieser, Connie Roling, Margaret Roling, Theresa Roling & Jonathon, Kayla Fuegen Sellers, Kale Schmidt, Bob Schroeder, Peg Schroeder, Hunter Sterk, Darrell Stortz, “Stump”, Teri Swanton, Leo Trenkamp, Marietta Trenkamp, Eldona Turney, Jose Walker, Eymard Wanzek Jr., John Worrell

Let's update the Prayer List. Are there any people that should be added or taken off the list? Send names to the cluster email.

**Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 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

**Observances for the week of December 26, 2021**

Sunday: The Holy Family  
 Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
 Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
 Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
 Thursday:  
 Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve  
 Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace  
 Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**The Pope's Intention for December**

**Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**We Need Help!**

We would like to feature pictures of our beautiful churches as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Please send your pictures to the cluster email. We will include as many as space allows.

**Bulletin deadline**

Bulletin for Jan. 2 - deadline Mon., Dec. 27

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