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DECEMBER 26, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

7:30 AM

Tuesday and Friday 5:30 PM

Confessions

Tuesday 4:45-5:15 PM

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Baptism

By appointment only. Please call the rectory office for scheduling

Marriage

Arrangements 6 mos.-1 year in advance.

Pre-Cana is required prior to marriage

RCIA

Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church and those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, please contact Deacon Jeffrey Kingsley at 203-305-6607.

Rev. Joseph Cervero, Pastor
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Deacon David Sochacki

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**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

DECEMBER 26, 2021 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

READINGS: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 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

- 8:30 AM** John Francik r/b Daughter, MaryAnn
- 10:00 AM** Bruno Strazzi r/b Michael & Melanie Lovisa
- 11:30 AM** Madeline Walsh r/b Marge Chulak

MON. DEC. 27

7:30 AM Intentions of Richard & Carol Aimone r/b Bob & Joyce Zaleski

TUES. DEC. 28

5:30 PM All babies at risk for abortion r/b Respect Life Ministry

WED. DEC. 29

7:30 AM Donald Kondor r/b Bob & Joyce Zaleski

THUR. DEC. 30

7:30 AM Respect for all human life r/b Respect Life Ministry

FRI DEC. 31 New Year's Eve

5:30 PM SAT. JAN. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

- 10:00 AM** Enzalee Hogan r/b Daughter, Rose
- 4:00 PM** Living & deceased members of St Margaret Mary
- 5:30 PM** Warren & Catherine Bosley r/b Deacon Dave & Kathy Sochacki



The Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Christ, burns this week in memory of Michael Wieziolowski

The flowers in the Sanctuary this week are in memory of Robert Mancini



JANUARY 2, 2022 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

READINGS: 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

- 8:30 AM** Dorothy Middlebrook r/b Dennis Salzer
- 10:00 AM** Joanne Jones r/b Ralph & Sandra Lyden
- 11:30 AM** Karen Belotti r/b The Belotti family

READERS

- JAN 1 10:00 AM** Frank Princevalli
- 4:00 PM** T. Minotti **5:30 PM** P.Hames
- JAN 2 8:30 AM** C. Lea **10:00 AM** T. Wiencko
- 11:30** M. Cummings



**From the Desk
of Fr. Joe**

The Holy Family

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let us look to the Blessed Virgin Mary the wife of Joseph and mother of Jesus and see in her an example of a true disciple.

Mary, I am sure, was shocked by the angel Gabriel's visit. I am sure that from that day forward her plans for what her life with Joseph would be went up in smoke. And yet, her response "I am the maid servant of the Lord, let it be done to me as He wills", continued to be the pattern of her life. As her family with Joseph moved forward and her son grew and began his mission of bringing the Good News to the world, Mary followed silently with faith in God. She was overjoyed at finding him in the temple, she was present at his first Miracle; she was there at the last supper; she was at the Cross when he died for our sins, and she celebrated in his resurrection. She never lost faith, she trusted that the will of God was being fulfilled.

We are called to do the same, in our journey of faith with our family and friends.

Let us ask God, on this feast of the Holy Family, to fill us with the same grace that filled Mary and Joseph in their lives and so bring us to the joy that is found in serving God.



Parish Support

Due to early transmission of this bulletin, offertory figures are not available

Weekly Schedule

- Sunday:** NO Religious Education– Grade 8
- Monday:** No Religious Education– Grades 1-7
- Tuesday:** 5:30pm Mass followed by the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- Wednesday:** Prayer Group 10-11am in the church
- Friday :** New Year's Eve
Mass - 5:30 pm
- Saturday:** New Year's Day (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
10:00am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
4:00pm and 5:30pm Vigil Mass for Sunday





The Religious Education Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday—9:00 am - 2:00pm If you have any questions please call the office at 203-924-2679 or you can email stmmreled@gmail.com.

NO Religious Education Grade 8 Sunday Dec 26
NO Religious Education Grades 1-7 Monday Dec 27

Prayer Group on Wednesday

Do you feel a desire to pray for your family and for the church? Then please join us in the Church on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00am.



The Milford Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the following trips for 2022:

- Lancaster** April 11-13 to see "David". \$365 double occupancy \$440 single.
 - Chicago** May 15-21. \$685 double occupancy \$910 single.
 - Myrtle Beach** Sept. 12-17 \$655 double occupancy 854 single.
- Call John Benard 203-877-2737 for fliers and information.

SICK/HOMEBOUND/IN THE HOSPITAL: Please inform us if you or any family member is homebound, sick or in the hospital and would like Anointing, Confession or Holy Communion. Please call the office at 203-924-4929 between 9 and 2 on weekdays, so an appointment can be made for Father to visit.

Mask Mandates, As per Bishop Frank Caggiano: Parishioners that are **not** vaccinated are required to wear masks when inside the church or any parish facilities. Those who **are** vaccinated are not required to wear masks but it is strongly encouraged during this rise in Covid cases.

BINGO NEWS

NO BINGO TUESDAY DECEMBER 29, 2021

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Friday, December 31st, New Year's Eve

Mass 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 1, 2022, New Year's Day
(Solemnity of Mary, Not Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Masses 10:00 AM
4:00 PM
5:30 PM



A big Thank You to all who either donated or purchased advent candles and other advent articles sold by the **Respect Life Committee**. Your generous purchases and donations allowed us to donate 4 large boxes of diapers to Hopeline in Bridgeport; a check was presented to St. Gianna pregnancy crisis center in New Haven and another check was mailed to Family Institute of CT; a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization that conducts political lobbying in defense of marriage, family and religious liberty. We will also schedule some pro life Masses. Again, thank you for your participation. "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places." Ephesians 6:12



Please call the office to schedule your 2022 Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Flowers.



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