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Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8:00am
(Lower Church)

Saturday Evening:

4:00pm

Sunday Morning

8:00am, 9:30am &
11:00am

*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



*We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us,
and growing in kindness and charity toward one another.*

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-5, 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, 24-23/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 2:1-2, 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 1:5-22/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 36:1-2a, 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 57:2-3, 5, 8, 3 [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

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

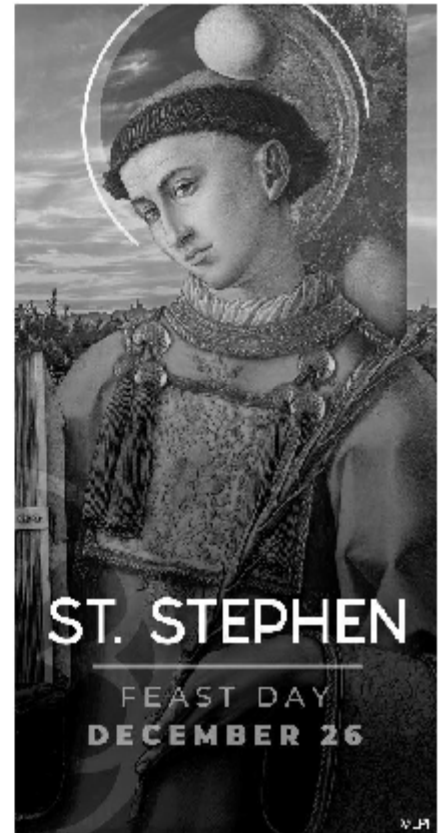
Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family staves to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective for our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the armatings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews offended with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population cemented that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient, despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

We remember in prayer this week....

December 26th

8:00am The Deceased Members of
The Caracuzzo Family
Marie D'Antuono
9:30am Edmond Arthur Bucci
11:00am Jose Duarte
Marie E. Bastia - **20th Anniversary**

December 28th

8:00am Josephine & Mary Mastrati
Anna DiSano

December 29th

8:00am More Vocations for
Priests & Religious Life

December 30th

8:00am William, Margaret & Billy Fusco

December 31st

8:00am All the Deceased Clergy of the
Providence Diocese
4:00pm Rita M. O'Shea - **Birthday**
Joseph Agostinelli

January 1st

9:30am Helen & Augustine Algieri
The Deceased Members of
The Lallo & Sisco Families
4:00pm Mary Nardolillo
Agnes Crudale

SANCTUARY CANDLES 12/27 – 1/2

The Upper Candle Sanctuary will burn in memory of:

Special Intention

Both Lower Sanctuary Candles will burn in memory of:

Special Intention

PARISH BAPTISMS

Please welcome:

*Siena Catherine DiSegna
Madelyn Grace McAtee
Kaiden Saldo Tigue
Vera Jo Villucci
Gabriella Jairis Abreu*

to our parish family. They received the sacrament of Baptism here at St. Mary's. May God continue to bless them and their families. ***Congratulations!***

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

The collection for the weekend of December 18th & December 19th will be posted in next weeks' bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support!

ADORATION

Adoration with Benediction every Friday from 8:30am-9:15am. Please note that confessions will also remain at this time.

HOLY NAME

The next Holy Name meeting will be January 5th. (Wednesday) at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

MASS RESERVATIONS

Mass reservations for loved ones will continue to be accepted by mail or drop off only. All intention requests may be dropped in the Mass Ticket Box or mailed to the rectory office (1525 Cranston Street, 02920).

Please remember each mass needs its own form and the donation and the form are both required at the time of booking. For your convenience Mass forms are available on the parish website:

www.saintmarycranston.org

or in the upper and lower church if you attend Mass. At your request we will also mail intention forms or leave them in the Mass Intention box for pickup. Please keep in mind at this time we will not book or reserve any Masses over the phone or in the office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Buon Natale! Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SCHOOL



St. Mary's School families wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to all the parishioners who came to support the school Sip & Shop event last Saturday. We appreciate your continued support!

Please call me (944-4107) or email me at llepore@stmaryschoolri.org to request the flag to be flown in someone's honor or memory.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

The 2021 Parish Annual Collection is underway. If you have not received a donation card and would like to donate, please call the Rectory Office (401) 942-1492. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU - To All Who Use Online Giving!

Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. For your convenience we are now accepting Visa, Mastercard and Discover Card. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency.

Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "I've given online," which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at www.saintmarycranston.org and select Online Giving.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHONERS

In the event of inclement weather and other unusual circumstances, going forward when there is a school closing in the Cranston School system and St. Mary's School is closed there will be no 8:00am morning Mass. Those who have booked intentions will be able to have their intentions added to the following day. Also, if the closing of school falls on a Monday there will be no Team counting. Counting will be on Tuesday.

2021 Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th
4:00pm, 5:30pm, 11:00pm

Concert of Sacred Music prior to Mass at 11:00pm.

Saturday, December 25th
9:30am & 11:00am

Sunday, December 26th
8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

Masses Friday and Saturday will be celebrated in the Upper Church.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31st
4:00pm

Saturday, January 1st
9:30am

**There will be a Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00pm on January 1st.

**Confessions will be heard on Thursday, December 23rd from 2:00pm-3:00pm and Friday, December 24th from 8:00am to 9:00am.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Mary's parish! We extend to you a warm invitation to join our parish community. We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one another. For your convenience, registration forms can be found at the entrance of the Church on the left or on the parish website www.saintmarycranston.org. We encourage new parishioners to introduce themselves to the parish Priests or Deacons so that we can meet and welcome you to our parish family. **To be eligible to be a Godparent for Baptism/Confirmation or to request a date for a Wedding you must be a registered member of the Parish and actively practicing your faith.**

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

If you have booked a weekend Mass in memory of a loved one and would like to participate in the Offertory procession and bring up the gifts, please let one of the ushers know at least ten minutes prior to Mass.

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