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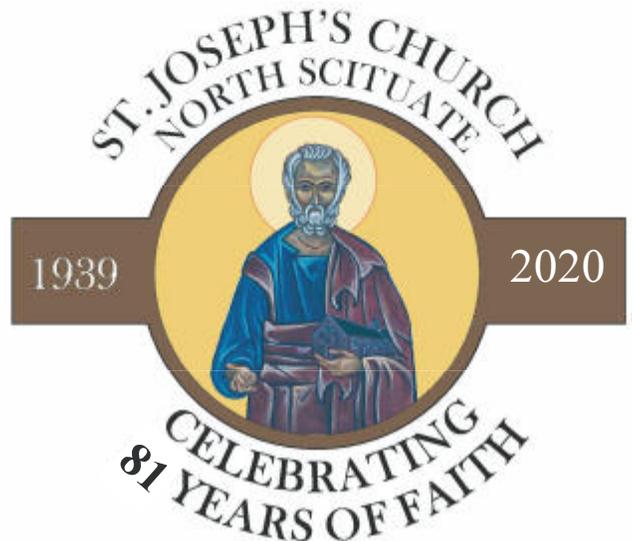
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#### CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM and at any other time by appointment. Please call the rectory.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least 9 months in advance. Attendance at Marriage Preparation Course is required.

#### BAPTISMS:

At 12:30 PM on the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory early in the pregnancy. Parents are reminded that the selection of sponsors must be made according to Canon Law.

#### CARE OF THE SICK:

Please advise us of anyone from your family who is sick or in the hospital or in a convalescent home that we may keep them in prayer and visit them. Anyone who is unable to celebrate Mass with us in church is asked to call so that we might share Communion with them at home.

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

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**SATURDAY, December 26**

5:00 PM Jennifer Rivera—Mem.

**SUNDAY, December 27**

8:00 AM Anthony Dionisi— 1st Anniversary

9:30 AM Helen Kilinski—5th Anniversary

11:00 AM Dennis McAuliffe—Mem.

**MONDAY, December 28**

8:30 AM Constance Mongeon, Paul Mongeon and D. Marie Lord—Mem.

**TUESDAY, December 29**

8:30 AM Ann Mongeon—6th Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, December 30**

8:30 AM Parishioners—Living and Deceased

**THURSDAY, December 31**

8:30 AM Robert Cormier—Birthday Rem.

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

**FRIDAY, January 1 (New Year's Day)**

10:00AM Marcel Richard—Mem.

**SATURDAY, January 2**

5:00 PM Intention Available

**SUNDAY, January 3**

8:00 AM Rita Gilman—Birthday Rem.

9:30 AM Angelina Vinagro—Mem.

11:00 AM Intention Available

**COLLECTION BREAKDOWN**

**For the week of December 12/13**

<b>From Budget Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 2373.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>\$ 83.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1327.55</b>
<b>Envelopes Mailed in</b>	<b>\$ 1875.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5658.55</b>

**There are no second collections this week or next week.**

**Figures for the week of 12/20 were not available at the time of publication.**



The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be a Zoom meeting on Monday, January 4th. Members will receive an e-mail with all the necessary information to join in the meeting at 7:30PM.

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**New Year's Day Masses  
Vigil Mass—5:30 on 12/31  
Morning Mass at 10:00 AM on Jan. 1**

Please remember to continue to make your reservations for weekend Masses between 9AM and 4PM, Monday through Friday.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

5:00 PM on Saturday, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

A Mass will be video streamed on our Website at 5PM Saturday Afternoons until further notice.

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## *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*

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### PASTORAL PONDERINGS

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis declared 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. As we enjoy a special relationship with St. Joseph as the patron of our parish, I thought that in this Christmas Season I would try to say excerpts from the Pope's Declaration in the hope that we can enrich our parish life through the special patronage that we have with him. Hope you enjoy!

#### 150<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

(Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis)

WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the Son of Joseph".

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter, betrothed to Mary. He was a "just man", ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law and through four dreams. After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no room for them" elsewhere. He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds and the Magi, who represented respectfully the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins". As we know, the ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or a thing, as Adam did in the account of the Book of Genesis, was to establish a relationship.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and His mother. To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt. After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple. Of Nazareth it was said, "no prophet is to rise and indeed, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth. When during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph lost track of the 12-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they found him in the temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law.

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph her spouse. My predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church". Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer" Saint Joseph is universally involved as the "patron of a happy death".

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX, I would like to share some personal reflections on the extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. My desire to do so increased during these months of the pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious and so many others. They understood that no one is saved spread does not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and interceding for the good of all. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden and, in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due them all.

(To be continued in coming weeks)

**December 27, 2020**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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!

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