

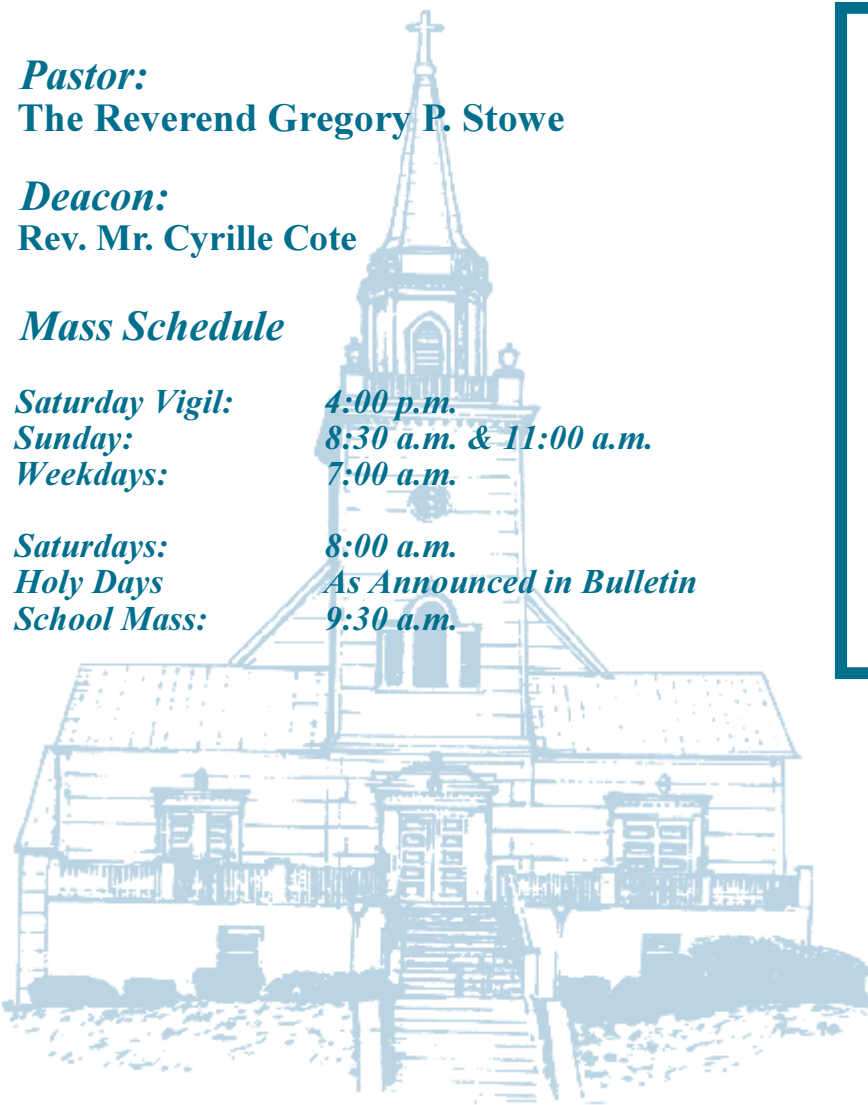
Pastor:
The Reverend Gregory P. Stowe

Deacon:
Rev. Mr. Cyrille Cote

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: As Announced in Bulletin
School Mass: 9:30 a.m.



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Sacraments

Baptism: Date to be determined by pastor and parents

Confirmation: One year program starts in September

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15PM-3:45PM

Matrimony: Contact the Rectory at least 10 months in advance.

Religious Education

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Nicole Knott
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Grades 1-8: TBD

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Music Ministry

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**FRIDAY, December 24** *Christmas Eve*

NO 7AM Mass on 12/24

4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass

10:00PM Christmas Mass at Night

SATURDAY, December 25 *Christmas*

8:30AM Mass for the People

For all parishioners living and deceased

11:00AM Mass for the People

For all parishioners living and deceased

NO 4PM VIGIL MASS for Holy Family Sunday

SUNDAY, December 26 *Holy Family*

8:30AM David Taft—1st Anniversary

By Family

11:00AM Deceased Members of the Bernard
& Horner Families

By Anne & Bob

MONDAY, December 27 *Saint John*

7:00AM Lynn Desforge—Memorial

By Ann Marie Jones

TUESDAY, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

7:00AM Donna & David Taft—Memorial

By Family

WEDNESDAY, December 29 *Octave of the Nativity*

7:00AM Christine LaMake—Memorial

By Family

THURSDAY, December 30 *Octave of the Nativity*

7:00AM Donald Elliott—Memorial

By Family

FRIDAY, December 31 *Octave of the Nativity*

7:00AM Living Intention

SATURDAY, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary*

9:00AM Elizabeth Petrarca—Birthday Memorial

By Family

4:00PM Richard & Jennie Martinelli
Memorial—By Daughters**SUNDAY, January 2** *Epiphany of the Lord*

8:30AM Anthony Vessella—Memorial

By Charlie & Michael Cunha

11:00AM Karen DiChiera—Memorial

By Anne & Bob

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, Governor McKee instituted a mask mandate for indoor public spaces with a capacity of more than 250 people. Although our seating capacity at Saint Joseph Church is below that threshold, Bishop Tobin has responded by encouraging Catholics to wear a mask when attending Holy Mass or other church services. He did state that no individual should be turned away from Mass or singled out if they choose not to wear a mask. As an act of charity, I invite parishioners to wear a mask if they are able for Mass attendance.

On the following page, please take a moment to read a letter I received this week. With the Giving Tree donations, our parish provided over \$7,500 in gift cards to 70 boys, girls and their parents. Beyond that, we provided St. Vincent de Paul with \$1,000 to assist families this holiday season and assisted several more families connected to our community with another \$1,000. That's almost \$10,000 of Christmas joy made possible by your generosity. Please know, your sacrificial giving truly makes a difference.

Finally, please note that January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Because it falls on a Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation. We will have Mass at 9AM on January 1st to honor our Lady. There will not be a vigil Mass on Friday evening. I hope you're able to join us.

Have a blessed week and Happy New Year!

God Bless,

December 19, 2021

Weekly Collection.....\$5,429.00

Retired Religious Collection.....\$1,454.00

*We appreciate your mailing of budgets
to the rectory during this time*

Dear Father Stowe and the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church:

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your generous gift card donations to our school community. I cannot thank you enough for entrusting me with the honor of distributing these gifts. With the help of a team of social workers and school administrators we designated the population that we felt were in the most need. Fortunately because of your generosity, we were able to assist over 70 young boys, girls and their parents this Christmas.

These people represent our neighbors, co-workers, and oftentimes the invisible who live and walk within our community. I was given the privilege of contacting these families and I wanted to share the genuine gratitude shown by some of the people who have experienced the worst of 2021.

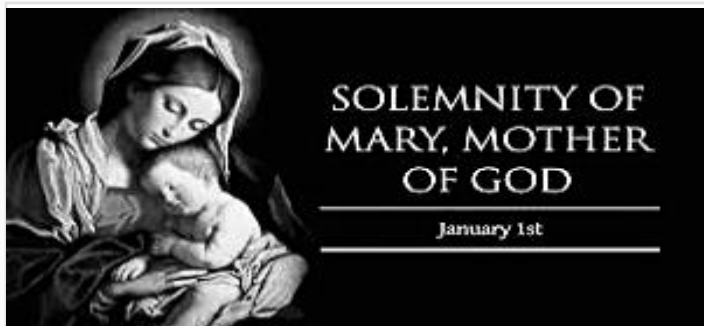
Even before the events of this second year of the pandemic, many of our families struggled. They are used to doing without, but this year, where there may have been hope in the past, they found themselves isolated and in despair. Some of these families have been afflicted by COVID not only economically, but emotionally and physically. Several have lost loved ones to the virus. The lingering effects of COVID-19 has forced them to remain out of work.

Upon receiving the gift cards, a sense of hope swept literally swept across their faces. As they humbly accepted the gifts, there were smiles where just moments earlier there had been tears. There was the realization that through your support, they would be able to bring joy to their children this holiday season.

There was a sermon you preached last year about how Christmas lights represent Jesus. That sermon resonated with me and I now find myself with a whole new perspective on Christmas lights. I drive down the street and enjoy the displays but I am mindful of giving thanks for the "light" that your Parishioners have showered on these truly deserving people.

Merry Christmas,

A Grateful Soul



Because January 1st falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation.

There will be no Vigil Mass on Friday, December 31st.

Saturday, January 1st

Holy Day Mass: 9AM

Epiphany of the Lord

January 1 & 2, 2022

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule



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