



CHRISTMAS

A Savior Is Born

*Christmas Blessings from the
Church of the Holy Spirit*

Christmas Reading: #892

**Psalm Response: "Today is born our savior,
Christ the Lord."**

See our website for this week's daily readings:
www.holyspiritchurcheg.org

Reflection Questions for the Week

- Our Christmas Season doesn't end until January 13th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. How can you celebrate the *entire* Christmas Season?
- Think about how Jesus came to us as a vulnerable infant; to ordinary parents in very humble circumstances. Why would God send Jesus to us as an infant?

**Christmas Masses****Monday 12/24—4^{PM}**

Joseph Palasz & Joseph Zeller—by Betty Palasz
Richard Crist—by his family
Albert & John Blevins—by Mary Blevins

Monday 12/24—6^{PM}

Helen Ray Young—by the Horan family
The Hicks, Ellis & Pizzola families—by Shirley Hicks
Stephanie Fribourg—by Charles & Catherine Fribourg

Monday 12/24—8:30^{PM}

Tom Horan—by Rosemary, Jason, Courtney, Lucas & Alex
Al Hirt—by Shirley Hirt
William Belschwinder—by Margaret Belschwinder's
coworkers in Pennsylvania

Tuesday 12/25—10^{AM}

Tyler Coyne —by Ruth & Jack Coyne
Frank Chiffolo—by Rose & Children
Massimo Bernardo, John Caruso & Beatrice Wong
—by their family

Holiday Mass Schedule**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:**

Saturday, December 29th - 4^{PM}
Sunday, December 30th -8:30 and 11^{AM}

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Monday, December 31st - 4^{PM}
Tuesday, January 1st - 10^{AM}

A letter from your parish staff...

Merry Christmas! Over 2,000 years ago a baby was born that would change the world. He was born to parents who were traveling away from home. There was not a place for them to stay, and Mary would soon be in labor. Jesus became a part of our world as a helpless infant who would save all of us, by showing us how to live as children of God. Jesus grew and lived in a very small community and seemed ordinary to most of the people he grew up with. Maybe they just weren't paying attention. Were there hints for his neighbors about who he would become?

In Pope Francis' *Rejoice and Be Glad*, we are all called to holiness. Most of us feel that we are just ordinary people. What can I do? How am I supposed to be holy? Pope Francis tells us that we are *all* born to be holy. Parents are holy when they soothe a crying child, feed them, read to them and all the other myriad of ordinary things that parents do. Mary and Joseph did all of that. We don't have a problem thinking about them as holy.

Jesus came to us as an infant to show that what seems impossible *is* possible. We are born to be holy. Jesus shows us the way. Love, mercy and caring. Care for those in your life. Show mercy to those who challenge you. Christmas is a time to celebrate the little ways that we are holy, as families and as parish family. Share the joy, peace and love of the season with everyone this year. You are called to holiness. We all are. God bless us everyone!

*Peace Be With You,
Laura, Pam and Meaghan*

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Prayer Lists—To add names to the prayer lists for the health of parishioners or those parishioners who are in the armed services, please call 518-477-7925 or email names to: info@holyspiritchurcheg.org.

Please Pray for the Health of... Philip Agcaoili, Sandra Battisto, Joe Belschwinder, Jennifer Bobersky, Linda Cambareri, Louise Carpentier, Catherine Coates, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBiasio, Chris Edwards, Fred Endres, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, Rose Helms, Mary Hoffman, Carol Langdon, Margaret Leahy, Jeff Lichiello, Daniel Lockhart, Daniel Mancino, Jeff McAuley, Carole McDowell, Joan Mineau, Zygmunt Palasz, Lynn Pupello, John Orsino, Patricia Reilly, Joan & Lou Roher, Paul Schell, Mary Lou Seger, Teena Sleasman, Jeff Werther & Mary Whitford.

Please Pray for Parishioners in the Armed Forces... James Conlon, Jason Dringus, Dan Farley, Casey Frankoski, Luke Horvath, Anthony Hunt, Davis Kakely, Arthur Murphy, Brian L. Murphy, and Erin Walraven.



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Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Tu 12/25	Christmas Day	Offices	Closed
Mo 12/31	New Year's Eve	Offices	Closed
Tu 1/1	New Year's Day	Offices	Closed

Weekly Events...

- The Rosary—Tuesdays at 11^{AM} in the Church.
- Bible Study—Wednesdays at 10:30^{AM} in the Church.
- Choir Practice—1st Wednesday at 7^{PM} in the Church.

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