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## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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### We Are All a Part of God's Family

When I reflect on the Holy Family, it makes me think of newborn babies. I believe for all of us, when we think about the birth of a child, we get a sense of pure amazing love that fills us up as we look into the precious face of our little one. We find it pure joy to watch them as they grow and learn. They begin to coo and smile, then comes laughter and interactions. We watch in anticipation as they begin to crawl and then walk and start to talk. Each milestone is exciting, and we document it with pictures and videos. We can't help ourselves in sharing it all with the people in our lives. As they become more independent, they begin to make their own choices, be they good or bad. We set boundaries and teach them right from wrong in hopes that they will make "good choices" as they continue to grow and learn. We discipline them to cause them to think about the choices they make. Sometimes they learn, and other times they do what they want to do regardless of the consequences. We try to spare them the same mistakes we have made with our own lives; but ultimately, it is a choice that each of us has to make for ourselves. Such is the love of our Father in heaven. He looks upon his children in our infancy with a love which is steadfast and enduring. He finds it pure joy to watch us as we grow in faith and in His Spirit. He smiles as we begin to interact with Him. He watches with anticipation as we take steps toward Him and learn from His word. In each milestone, He takes us to another level of faith. He allows us to make our own choices, be they good or bad. He also lets us suffer the consequences to teach us right from wrong. He wants us to let Him lead us through His Holy Spirit so we will hold on to the hope He has promised. We each have a choice to let Him lead us. When we accept Him into our lives, we become His precious children. We, as children, then feel a need to share His love with everyone, just as He commands it.

Deacon Jim  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS, THE UNBORN & ALL AFFECTED BY THE VIRUS**

### A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for giving me a brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread.  
Give me wisdom that I might help family or a friend.  
Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty; help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings.  
Amen.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please call Deacon Gary - 315-730-2770.**

**Stay up-to-date by visiting the diocesan website: [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org)**

**Most Holy Rosary's website: [mostholyroary-maineny.org](http://mostholyroary-maineny.org)**

**Email: [mhrmaine@syrdio.org](mailto:mhrmaine@syrdio.org)**

**Daily Mass:** EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm

Bishop Lucia live streamed/recorded at 12pm on [www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio)

**Sunday Mass:** EWTN: 12am, 8am, 12pm, 7pm / WBNG Channel 12: 6am

Pre-recorded diocesan Mass on [www.youtube.com/syrdio](http://www.youtube.com/syrdio)

MHR by 2pm on <https://www.youtube.com/c/MostHolyRosaryMaineNY>

**Parish Liturgies for the Week of December 26, 2021 (+ indicates deceased)**

**Monday - 12/27 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday - 12/28 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday - 12/29**

9:00 AM - +Theresa Tokos / Req. by the Human Development Committee

+Father Angelo L. Morbito

**Thursday - 12/30 - 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer**

**Friday - 12/31**

9:00 AM - +Theresa Tokos / Req. by the Deacon Community of Syracuse Diocese

+Michael McKilligan / Req. by AOH Division I Broome County

**Sunday - 1/2 - Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30 AM - +Edward G. Chicuorka - Birthday Remem. / Req. by Virginia Chicuorka

For the People of Most Holy Rosary Church and the Unborn

**New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places effective December 13 to January 15. It is being done as a safety precaution. Bishop Lucia expects that all parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse will cooperate with this important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate.**

Therefore, Bishop Lucia expects us to wear masks during Mass and during any indoor, church-related event.

TRUST IN GOD ~ DON'T BE AFRAID

**As always, if you do not feel well, please do not enter the Church.**

**We continue to offer the right side of the Church for those who wish to continue to observe safe distancing.**

Inside the Church, the holy water dispenser is on the right, and hand sanitizer is available on the left.

**You may attend in your car.** Tune your FM radio to 93.5 to hear the Mass (or bring portable radio). Communion will be brought to you.

Please come to **9am daily Mass or Morning Prayer.**

There is plenty of room.

**Confession:** Fridays, 9:30am (or by appt in the Church)

**Church of the Holy Family's schedule:**

Mass: Tues. - Fri. - 9am (cancelled on the day of a funeral)

Saturday Vigil: 4pm / Sunday Mass: 8am & 11am

Confession: Saturday, 3pm

**Regarding the Holy Day of obligation - The Solemnity of Mary on January 1:** Since it falls on a Saturday, it is not obligatory.

There is no Mass that morning in our PCA, but Our Lady of Sorrows on Main St. in Vestal is having Mass at 9am.

**Thank you** to our amazing Human Development Committee for their hard work this holiday season preparing food baskets and organizing gifts for the 16 families we assisted!

A big *hats-off* to Dar Voltz, our fearless leader, who always goes above & beyond the call of duty to make this happen.



**Thank you** to all who work so hard to keep MHR an active parish: our priests & deacons, pastoral ministers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers/greeters, sacristans, choir & musicians, videographers, catechists and especially Jesus for another year of grace! *God Bless You*



**READ YOUR BIBLE AND  
HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**



*Our Giving*

Weekly Goal: \$4,950.00

December 19: Unknown at time of publication

***Thank you for your generosity!  
charity, and sacrifice!***

**Mass & Candle intentions:**

Please email or call the office with your 2022 requests. Offerings can be dropped in the lockbox, in the Church collection or mailed. Thank you!

Bulletins and Holy Water are in the literature boxes hung on the rectory.

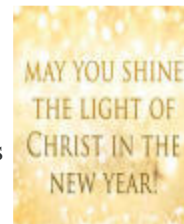
**OFFICE HOURS**

The office will be closed this week - reopening on Monday, January 3.

Ministry Schedule for next weekend

Sunday, 9:30am, January 2

- Sacristan - Doris Rovente
- Videographer - Anna Alfarano
- Altar Server - Isabelle Alfarano
- Ushers - Jim Bishop, Bryan Takacs
- Lector - Barbara Dessel
- EM - Dc. Gary, Chris Stastny



**CATECHESIS:**

There are no classes on 12/26 or 1/2. Enjoy your holiday break!



**The Rosary** is prayed before Mass each Sunday at 9am. Please join us! Group prayer is powerful!

**A Wonderful New Year's Resolution**

**Please Consider an Hour a Month of Adoration:**

*"God is the friend of silence. We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness.*

*The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life." ~ Mother Teresa*

**Please join us for the next Holy Hour/Benediction & Reflection on Tues, 1/18 at 6pm. A Rosary will also be prayed for the United States.**

MHR has raised **\$21,150** toward our **2021 HOPE Appeal** goal of **\$24,135**. Thank you to all who have pledged their support to the ministries, programs and services that benefit so many throughout our diocese. **We have one week to raise the remaining \$2,985. Campaign ends Dec. 31. Thank You for prayerfully considering a gift~ you are the salt of the earth!**



**2021 CHURCH COLLECTION:**  
Please drop your last 2021 donations at MHR by Fri., 12/31. After we close out 2021, any donations that are in 2021 envelopes will be applied to 2022. Thank you for your understanding.



Immanuel, God with us, help me experience your presence through the ups and downs of this new year. Fill me to overflowing with the fruit of your Spirit so my friends, family and even strangers become aware of your love for them. When I feel weak, may your joy be my strength. When I feel anxious, may you give me your peace. When I feel unloved, surround me with your love. As I approach each day, give me eyes to see, ears to hear your voice and courage to follow wherever you lead. Amen.



**JANUARY 1st**  
**World Day**  
**of Prayer**  
**For Peace**



**NEW YEAR'S BLESSINGS TO ALL!**  
Remember, God is the author, producer and director – IT'S HIS SHOW!  
**LET'S TRUST IN HIM IN EVERYTHING.**

Thank you to all the parishioners who made donations towards the beautiful **Christmas flowers** in memory of loved ones. A special *Thank you* to our Altar Care Crew for their hours of preparation and setup throughout Advent. You have truly transformed our Church into a beautiful sanctuary for us to reflect on the beauty of the season!



**A BIG Thank You** to all of our bulletin sponsors for making this publication possible! God bless them in the coming year. Please patronize them when you can.



**Regarding the monthly Prayer Warrior List:**  
In January, we are starting over with "those who need our prayers". If you want an existing name to remain on the monthly list, please contact the office.



**St. Joseph and Prayer:** In her autobiography St. Teresa of Avila said: "Those who give themselves to prayer should in a special manner have always a devotion to St. Joseph . . . He who cannot find anyone to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious Saint for his master, and he will not wander out of the way."  
*This is the 13<sup>th</sup> article in our series.*

**CARMELITE STUDY GROUP:**  
The inaugural gathering of the Carmelite Study Group will be on Sat., 1/8/22 at 10AM in St. Joseph's hall, Endicott. The Group's first study will be Lectio Divina and the Practice of Teresian Prayer by Sam Anthony Morello, OCD. For questions and book orders, please call 729-5982 and leave a message with best time to call.



**On Our Knees Prayer and Fasting Campaign for the Dobbs Supreme Court Case**

On January 22nd each year, the Catholic Church in the United States observes a day of Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children to mark the Supreme Court decision, Roe v Wade, on January 22, 1973, that legalized abortion throughout the United States. In 2018, Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after fifteen weeks of gestation. This law was challenged in a case known as Dobbs v Jackson's Women's Health Organization. Oral arguments for the case were heard on December 1 by the Supreme Court. A decision is expected in June 2022. This a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe v Wade. Please join the *On Our Knees* campaign in prayer and fasting for the Dobbs Supreme Court Case on the 22nd of each month through June 2022. To join in prayer and fasting, we have attached a flier for posting and social media, which includes a prayer for the Supreme Court and ways to participate. More information and resources can be found at: <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/events-2/pray-for-dobbs/>



**A Family Perspective from the Office of Family Life Education:**  
Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?  
January 1, 2022: Mary, Mother of God: The gospel tells us "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution. Instead of criticizing let's "keep it in our hearts." Criticism isn't productive or well received anyway!

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