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DECEMBER 26, 2021

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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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MASS TIMES

Saturday

7:30am, 4:00pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am (Family Mass) & 12 Noon

Weekdays

7:30am

Holy Days

Vigil 7:00pm

7:30am & 7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm



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MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday December 26, 2021 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8am Special Intention requested by Carmelo Greco
10am For Peace in the World requested by Fred Gartner
12Noon DiGiambattista and Debellis Families requested by Julia DiGiambattista

Monday December 27, 2021

7:30am Maria Imbrogno & family requested by Carmelo Greco

Tuesday December 28, 2021

7:30am Maximo Chiulli requested by Carmelo Greco

Wednesday December 29, 2021

7:30am Anlu Payla requested by Nory Florencio

Thursday December 30, 2021

7:30 am Trinidad Alqueza requested by Fe & Melvin Alqueza

Friday, December 31, 2021

7:30 am Michael Manniello requested by Catherine Manniello

5pm For the People of St. Francis Xavier & St. Clare

Saturday January 1, 2022 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30am Josef Schneider & Deceased members of the Schneider Family requested by Fred Gartner

4pm ++

Sunday January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord

8am ++
10am Larry Nannery requested by Richard & Dorothy Jennings
12Noon Anlu Payla requested by The Tinawin Family

Our Gifts back to the Lord
December 12, 2021 \$3,973.00
Religious Retirement 750.00
Thank you and May God Bless You!



From the Desk of our Pastor, Father Salvatore DeStefano

Merry Christmas, Brothers and Sisters

As I said in a homily a few weeks ago, Christmas time is definitely the best time in the world for kids. Between the presents, the music, lights and decorations and just the sheer excitement of the season, there can be no better time during the year.



But when we get older and we experience more of the bumps and bruises life gives us, sometimes the holidays can be a mixed bag. The suicide rates are at their highest at this time annually, and many people experience a “funk” or depression.

Maybe this is because so many of the people we love and associate with the joy of the holidays leave us over time, for one reason or another. This time of year dredges up old memories and they can be bittersweet. The holidays seem to magnify and intensify our emotions.

But none of this has anything to do with the reality of Christmas, which is this: Christ had a plan to save us. He had to die for us to cancel our sins. He began this mission in Bethlehem as a baby, being born under the most depressing conditions possible. Mary gave birth in a cave, with no heat or hot water, no one to help, and just animals to witness the greatest event in history. But Joseph and Mary accomplished what they set out to do—to make sure the Savior of all mankind was safely born.

That’s it. No music, no lights, no great emotion. And that’s what we’re celebrating.

If you’re struggling this year with something—anything—know that Jesus is suffering with you. If this season is hard on you, know that Jesus wants you to ask Him to help you through. And He will do that by helping you remember what we’re really happy about this Christmas—that the Savior was born, and that darkness and pain can be overcome through Him.

Merry Christmas!!
Father Sal

Father DeStefano, Father Kwan, Father Duru and the Staff at Saint Francis Xavier/ Saint Clare of Assisi would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. Thank you for all your thoughtfulness and support throughout the year. Be Safe.



It's not too late to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations. You can memorialize in honor of a loved one. The envelopes are

available in the vestibule of the church and included in your church envelopes. You can leave these envelopes at the Rectory or drop them in the collection basket. For every \$25.00 donation you can memorialize up to three names.



I would like to thank all the parishioners who donated Christmas Gifts both for the Nursing Home and to the needy children in Harlem. The people here are very generous in answering this need in our parish. I'm sure the children and the seniors were very thankful on Christmas morning for their gifts.



**God Bless You.
Father Sal**

A special Thank You to Joseph A. Lucchese Funeral Home and John Dormi & Sons Funeral Home for donating our 2022 calendars. Also for their ongoing support to our Parish throughout the year. The 2022 Calendars are available in the vestibule of the Church.

Thank You

**I would like to thank the Holy Name Society for all the work they do to help the church throughout the year.
God Bless You! Father Sal**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will resume at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday January 8, 2022.



St. Francis Xavier School News:

Ms. Marie O'Shea and staff would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. School will resume January 3, 2022.

The rectory will be closed on December 31, 2021.

Just a reminder the 2022 Mass Intention Book is opened. Please write down your requested mass intentions and bring it to the Rectory. Each announced Mass is \$20.00.

Year-End Contribution Statements

We wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generous support throughout this past year. If you would like a statement for your envelope contributions for tax year end 2020, please call the Rectory, starting on January 12, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: That a statement will be sent to you only if you request one.

The governor has mandated the wearing of masks in all indoor facilities. If you need a mask, please see the ushers as you enter the church.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

Elissa Antice, Julia Ayala, Betty Barbagallo, Minnie Bell, Lorraine Capozzi, Lee Cerchiara, Mary Cullen, James B. Dowling, Cheryl Espinoza, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Mike Fitzsimons, Santa Fumo, Sandy Gionta, Maria Gibbons, Rosemarie Leo, Laura Lifrieri Hernandez, Christian Maier, Anna Manfredi, Patricia Mazzarelli, Suzanne Millner, Marsha Morgan, Carmela Nigro, Maria Pia Paladino, Louis G. Paone, Jr. Immaculate Palazzo, Evelyn Parks, James Prendergast, Mary Reardon, Dolores Rivera, Silvestre Rivera, Carole Shavel, Daniela Saglimbeni, Denise Siracusa, Theresa Smith, Brian Stephenson, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Annmarie Vayda, Marlyn Villanueva, Antonio Vito (a young boy), Lucy Vogel



REMEMBER ALL THE MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:

Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Captain Christopher Antony, Carlos E. Blanco, Anthony Vincent Boccia, Anthony Thomas Candito, Captain Nicholas T. Cardiello Christopher C. Cannata, Anthony Hart, Emmanuel Martinez, Captain Brian Pascuzzi, Joseph Serpe, Jr.



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