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Becoming and Making Disciples, Welcoming all to Follow Jesus Christ.

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM

Sunday – 9:30AM

Monday – Thursday 9AM

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Monday-Thursday
9:30am – 4:30pm



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Sunday 9:30 AM

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Verizon Fios Channel 29, Comcast Channel 8
Thursdays & Sundays—8:30am & 10:30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

All people are welcome at Sacred Heart. Regardless of your experience of Church, regardless of your marital state, regardless of your personal history, back-ground or sexual orientation. Please know that you are invited, accepted and respected at Sacred Heart.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Tidings of Comfort and Joy to all who enter here this Christmas Season. And what a wonderful gift is comfort and joy. We have spent this Advent Season taking the time to examine the mountains we make out of the mole hills of our lives; the times we dig trenches and valleys between ourselves and others; examining the holes in our hearts from the hurts and wounds that come our way through the life journey.

In taking the time to look closely at the pit falls of life, we can then do the spiritual work encouraged by Isaiah and John the Baptist:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

As we stand on the threshold of a new calendar year may we make a straight and smooth path for the Lord to enter into our hearts and carry us through the challenges that will come our way in the year ahead. Let us also remember how important it is to be part of this faith community knowing that we have people who support us on the life journey.

The best present we can receive, and the best gift we can bestow is the gift of Christ Himself, the gift of faith; for that is why we have this Christmas Season in the first place. As we enter 2022 let us open our eyes to see the presence of Christ in the least, the last and the lost; remembering that sometimes we fit into those very categories; especially when we have lost our way. Let our New Years’ Resolution be drinking in the comfort and joy Christ came to being and pour forth that comfort and joy from our hearts to the hearts of all who journey with us in the year ahead.

Merry Christmas to all!

Fr. Bill



Rita Coffey
 Mary Bacon
 Edward Holland
 Nelson Clement
 Karen Walker
 Alberta Lachina
 Regina Espanet
 Henry Ruggiero
 Michael DeLoia Jr
 Joan Moss
 Virginia Larkin
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 Roger Beggs
 Joanne Andreotti
 Doreen Cote
 Marilyn Douglas
 Dorothy Grillo
 Carmella Cedrone
 Rita Gendreau
 Robyn Magliocca
 Michael Grider
 Florence DeLoia
 Alan Coffin



SANCTUARY LAMP
 Ryan Mancuso

MASS ATTENDANCE
Due to early bulletin
transmission dates the mass
attendance count for 12/19
will be in the 1/2 bulletin

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
12/12/21

Weekly
 \$4,674.00

Monthly
 \$1,820.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
 \$270.00

SH Endowment Fund
 \$205.00



Message Shaper's Corner
A Story to Tell

Most people start a family with the best intentions. Then life happens, things get messy, and hearts can get hurt. Often our attempts to make things better just make things worse. Instead of being overcome by defeat, discover God's power to change our imperfect families.

Jesus gave his mother and foster father such a glimpse. We, too, need a time to seek God's will, to take a peek at the future—a vision will lead to joy and to hope.

Reflection Questions

- ◆ Adults: How would you have reacted if you were Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple?
- ◆ Kids: What do you think it was like for Jesus to be in the Temple for three days without his parents?



Saturday, December 25th

8:30a AA Meeting, Hall
 9:30a Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 26th

No Faith Formation
 9:30a Mass: Timothy McMahon

Monday, December 27th

9:00a Mass:

Tuesday, December 28th

9:00a Mass:

Wednesday, December 29th

9:00a Mass:

Thursday, December 30th

9:00a Mass:
 7:00p Bible Study Group, DC

Friday, December 31st

6:00p Mass: New Years
 Solemnity of Mary
 7:30p AA Meeting, Hall

Saturday, January 1st

8:30a AA Meeting, Hall
 3:00p Reconciliation
 4:00p Mass: Paulo Rebelo

Sunday, January 2nd

No Faith Formation
 9:30a Mass: Mary Davis

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the office prior to your child's birth to begin preparation.

Marriage: Call the parish office one year prior to your wedding date to begin preparation

Reconciliation: Saturday – 3PM or by appointment

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Loved One(s)

Albo Vitali
Alexander Oneschuk, Jr.
All the Murphys
Angela Moreci
Anna Vitali
Armand Gendreau
Bob Henning
Brenda Bonetti
Cleo Vitali
Daniel & Rose Hourihan
David Shaughnessy
Ed & Rose Miller
Elaine Miller
Elizabeth Gendreau
Family & Friends of Nellie Duprey
Fran, Roger & Jeanne Poudier
Frank & Eva Barsanti
Frank Moreci
Gerard Buckley
Gil & Normand Poudrier
Gregory Gendreau
Horace & Rose Fafard
Irene Demoura
James & Adel Hourihan
James Buckley
John R. Kennelly Jr.
John Sweet
Josephine Vitali
Keniston Family

By

Mrs. Lorraine Vitali
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Ms. Catherine Holmes
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Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rajcula
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Dr. & Mrs. James Morin
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Mrs. Pauline Henning
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Ms. Janet Hourihan
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Dr. & Mrs. James Morin
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sweet
Mrs. Lorraine Vitali
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rogers



Christmas Flower Memorials

Loved One(s)

Lena & Stephen Rajcula
Louis & Helen Picariello & Family
Madeline & Anthony Cicalese
Matthew Masnik
Meghan McGrath
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Henning
Mr. & Mrs. Onil Poudrier
Mr. Arne E. Johnson
Mr. Charles R. Adams
Mrs. Patricia Adams
Ms. Gail E. Roman
Patricia Barsanti
Patti Oneschuk
Paul & Mary Anne Coughlin
Paul C & Mary E Rogers
Pauline McHugh
Paulo & Manuel Rebelo
Phil & Betty Morin
Philip Vitali
Philip W. Morin Jr.
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Robert McHugh
Roseann Beland
Stefan & Stella Masnik
Susan Beckvold
Thomas McHugh
Tom & Lucille Welch
Virginia Oneschuk
William & Eileen Smith & Family
William & Mary Rosenberger
William Sweet

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Parish News



Our Catholic Community collected the following through the giving tree:

- * Monetary donations for replacing pews at **St. Gerard's** church in Haiti - \$830.00
- * Monetary donations to **St. Vincent DePaul** to assist Hopedale residents in need - \$240.00
- * Market Basket Gift Certificates for the **Milford Daily Food Pantry**. - \$460.00
- * Clothes for clients of the **Mustard Seed** and diapers for **Catholic Charities** who serve families in our town and surrounding towns -



- * **Santa's Porch**—Collected toys for families in need this Christmas Season -



Christmas Letter from Bishop McManus

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each year the celebration of Christmas, re-sounds with the glad tidings of great joy that brought awe, wonder and peace to the shepherds at Bethlehem. Each of us has treasured family traditions that surround and support our celebration of Christ's birth - a family gathering after Mass, delivering dinners, trimming trees, displaying creches, exchanging gifts or visiting friends.

For Many months, COVID precautions have disrupted, curtailed or postponed the traditions and practices of everyday life. We long for a return to normalcy. As we edge closer to normalcy, reports of COVID variants, breakthrough infections and rising hospitalizations can give us the jitters and make us skittish.

But even as we heed prudent precautions, that skittishness and those jitters should not shake us. We should not be shaken because the essence of Christmas, the source of our joy and the cause of our awe, wonder and peace remain the same - God so loved the world that He sent His Son to take on human flesh, to become one of us so that we might become children of God and share forever in His love. Because of that. No virus, no variant, not even death itself will keep the faithful from sharing the joy of God's love both here amidst earth's uncertainties or forever in Heaven where no threat, shadow or separation will vex us.

While the essence of Christmas remains the same, its message never becomes static or grows stale. When our prayer life deepens, our sacramental life is sustained, our holiness grows and we gain an ever more profound awareness of God's closeness to us and His love for us. That realization is grace, God Himself with us, Emmanuel dwelling in our souls. That grace frees us from fear, allows us to preserve with prudence and fills us with confidence and peace to face and overcome every challenge.

In the new year may our weekly communal worship at Mass continue to inspire us with the Word of God and nourish us in the Eucharist that we may grow ever more confident in our conviction and joy that the Savior born to us at Bethlehem remains with us now and forever.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

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