

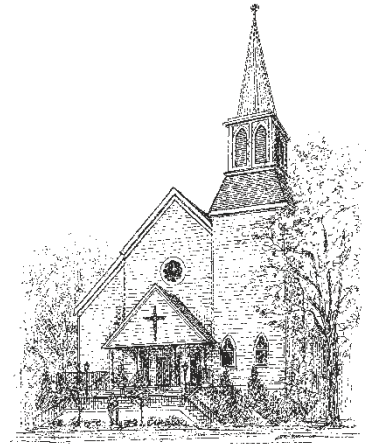


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**Our Parish Mission**

The parishioners of Saint Joseph Catholic Church yearn to joyfully:

- Deepen our love for Jesus Christ through prayer, sacrament and worship
- Enrich our knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church teachings
- Share our Christian faith daily with others
- Reach out and care for others as Jesus has taught us!

**Please Join Us!**

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Thomas C. Boudreau, **Pastor**

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*Please submit information for the bulletin to the parish office or by email [SJPHolbrookOffice@comcast.net](mailto:SJPHolbrookOffice@comcast.net) by Monday for the following weekend.*

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*Welcome To New Parishioners. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

**Sacramental Life**

**Baptisms**

*Congratulations!* Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Please call the Parish office in advance to schedule.

**Confirmation**

Please contact a priest if you are an adult or Director of Religious Education if you are a youth.

**Confessions**

*Welcome!* By appointment only. Please contact the Parish office for an appointment.

**Eucharist**

*Join us Weekends:*

Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 & 11:00 AM

*Join us Weekdays:*

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM

**Marriage**

*Congratulations!* Please make arrangements with a parish priest six months prior to wedding.

**Holy Orders**

*Great!* If you or someone you know is thinking about priesthood (or religious life) please contact a priest or religious sister.

**Anointing of the Sick**

*Anytime!* Please call the rectory if you or someone you know is sick, homebound, preparing for surgery, unable to participate in Sunday Eucharist, or would like a visit by a priest.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, HOLBROOK**



**Saturday, December 26th**  
4:00PM Lisa Fucile 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, December 27th**  
7:30AM Dukens Francois (Living)  
11:00AM Louis Signorine Birthday Remembrance  
Donna Signorine Memorial Mass

**Monday, November 28th**  
9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

**Tuesday, December 29th** No Mass either Church

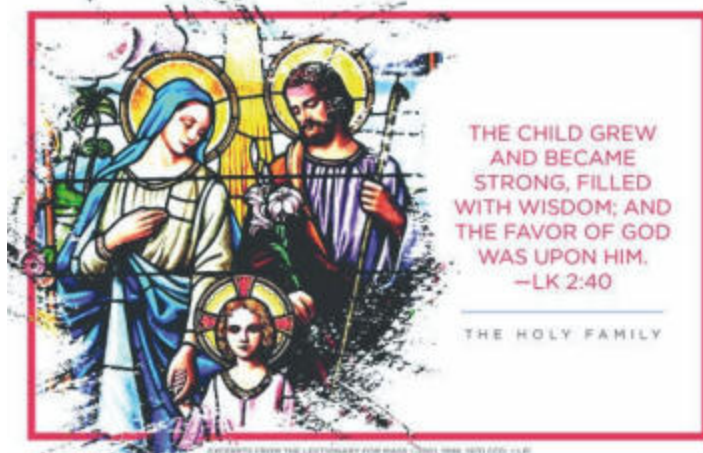
**Wednesday, December 30th**  
9:00AM Alejandro Partosan Memorial Mass

**Thursday, December 31st**  
9:00AM Alejandro Partosan Birthday Remembrance

**Friday, January 1st**  
9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Saturday, January 2nd**  
4:00PM The Ahern Family Memorial Mass  
The Lilley Family

**Sunday, January 3rd**  
7:30AM Charles O'Brien Memorial Mass  
11:00AM Karen Andrews 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Dorothy Steeves 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
William Steeves Memorial Mass



**December 27, 2020**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

In today's Gospel, Simeon and Anna make a startling prediction about Jesus and the life that awaits him, a life that would hold both joy and suffering. Mary and Joseph hold in their hearts all that they hear and still remain faithful to all that God has asked of them as parents. St. Paul gives us a strong recommendation for how to imitate the Holy Family – "Put on kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another." This is what Jesus, Mary and Joseph modeled for us. Pray for your family asking for the grace to help them grow in these beautiful virtues.

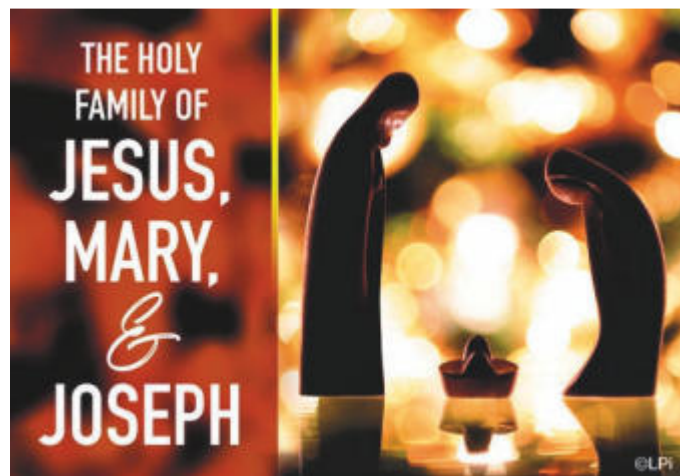
**PARISH GIVING**


For the weekend of **12/20/2020**, the **Offertory Collection** will be posted in the January 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletin.

**Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.**


**Clergy Health & Retirement Trust**



On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the Christmas collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. If you missed the collection, you can still make your donation.





**December 2020**

 The Altar Bread has been donated in memory of **Anna & Guido Silvestri** by The Silvestri Family for the month of December.

  The Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp have been donated in memory of **The Maffeo & DeDonato Families** by Theresa Maffeo for the month of December.

Memorial Offerings in memory of a deceased relative or friend are available monthly for the Altar Bread, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp. Please call the Parish Office for further information.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**  
**December 27, 2020**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



**2020 HOLBROOK SANTA GIVING TREE**

**Thank you!**

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the Holbrook Santa Giving Tree this year. Your kindness and generosity mean so much to those in need. Thank you!

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



***Wishing you and your family a Safe,  
 Healthy and Happy New Year!***



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