

December 26, 2021 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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# St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church

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#### HOLY EUCHARIST (THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS)

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 AM

Sunday and Holy Day Masses will continue to be livestreamed, along with the Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning Masses.

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced in Bulletin Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume soon.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM and by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month.

**MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education (410-208-2854) for information. Confirmation is conferred in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious.

**HOLY ORDERS:** If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a Catholic priest, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Director of Vocations (302-573-3113) or speak to the Pastor; if you believe you are being called to the Diaconate, please call Rev. John Grasing (302-573-2390).

**SACRAMENTALS:** For the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of homes, religious articles, automobiles, boats, and other appropriate items, please contact the Pastor.

Please take this bulletin home with you. Do not leave it in the pew. Thank You.



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Holy Days of Obligation have become mildly confusing in the United States, since our Bishops' Conference was given permission some years ago to abrogate certain observances under specific circumstances.

In the United States, the following are Holy Days of Obligation; keep in mind that all Sundays are Holy Days of Obligation, and so solemnities like the Epiphany, Easter, and Corpus Christi (all of which always take place on Sundays) are not included in the list.

- *Mary, Mother of God.* This is always celebrated January 1; if it occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, it remains a Holy Day but there is no obligation to go to Mass. This time it will fall on a Saturday, so *it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation*. Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM.
- The Assumption of Mary. This is always celebrated August 15; if it occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, it remains a Holy Day but there is no obligation to go to Mass. In 2022 *it falls on a Monday*, so *it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation*. Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM.
- *All Saints*. This is always celebrated November 1; if it occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, it remains a Holy Day but there is no obligation to go to Mass. In 2022 *it falls on a Tuesday, so it will be a Holy Day of Obligation*.
- *The Ascension of the Lord.* In the Diocese of Wilmington, this is always celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Easter. Since it is a Sunday, there is always the obligation to go to Mass on this day.
- *Christmas.* This is always celebrated December 25. There is always the obligation to go to Mass on this day.
- The Immaculate Conception of Mary. This one is a little tricky. It is celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on December 8, unless December 8 falls on a Sunday. When December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9, because Sundays in Advent take precedence over any other feasts. In that case, it remains a Solemnity but is not a Holy Day of Obligation. In 2022 it will fall on a Thursday, so it will be a Holy Day of Obligation.

God bless you, always!

To fre Course, KHK

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, KHS Pastor

# A Prayer for Vocations

O, God, we earnestly beseech you to bless this diocese with many Priests, Deacons, Brothers, and Sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved.

Bless our families; Bless our children. Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.



#### **Mass Schedule**



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) Saturday, 1 January 2022 9:00 AM

The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil: Saturday, 1 January 2022 4:00 PM Sunday, 2 January 2022 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

# PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> so that our staff may enjoy the holiday with their families.

Masses for the Week	
Sunday, 26 December	FEAST OF THE HOLY
	FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
	AND JOSEPH
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Joseph and Isabelle Velenovsky
Monday, 27 December	SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE,
	EVANGELIST
9:00 AM	Margaret Mazzilli
Tuesday, 28 December	THE HOLY INNOCENTS,
	MARTYRS
9:00 AM	Joseph Puser
Friday, 31 December	1
9:00 AM	Phillip Young
Saturday, 1 January	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE
	HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
9:00 AM	
	VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF
	THE LORD
4:00 PM	Rose Felty
Sunday, 2 January	THE EPIPHANY OF THE
,	LORD
9:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	Kathleen Vornlocker



Offertory Collection for December 11/12 Envelopes: \$10,275 Second Collection: \$1,743

Due to early submission of the bulletin, the Offertory Report for December 18/19 will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

# RAFFLE WINNER

We congratulate Pat Shahady of Ocean Pines, Maryland who was the winner of \$300 on December 20, 2021.



# GOING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

Please notify the parish office if you will be traveling over the winter months and will not be at your local address. The post office will not forward your envelopes and they are returned to the parish office resulting in an extra expense for returned postage. We ask that you contact us to let us know that you will be away. Thanks.

> Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

# WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 Or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1 -18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

# remind

PLEASE, if you have not signed up for our "remind. com" information service, send an email to *sjnremind@gmail.com* to do that now. You'll need to give your name with either your CELL phone (not your land line) and/or email address. Then, watch your text messages and emails. You will receive either a text or an email from remind.com that will give instructions on how to complete your registration. If you HAVE signed up but are not getting notices from Fr. Cocucci, that means that you did not respond to the text or email sent by remind.com. Please check your emails and texts (including your junk mail folders) from around the time you sent in your information and respond to what ever remind.com sent you. This program allows Fr. Cocucci to get important and sometimes urgent information to you efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation.

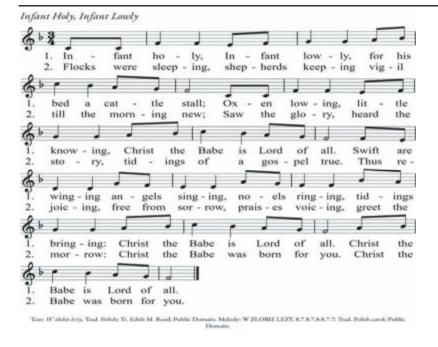
### **ONGOING HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS**

Please remember that if you feel ill staying home is perfectly acceptable and, in fact, can be an act of charity towards our other parishioners. In that same spirit, please cover your mouth while coughing or sneezing. Thank you.

# Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; on the path of life direct me.





#### **Prelude Carol**

What Child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

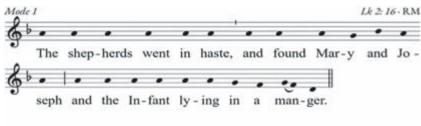
This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here. The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

#### **Entrance Antiphon**



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#### Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **First Reading:** Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

#### Second Reading: Col 3: 12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

#### Second Reading: Col 3: 12-17

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

#### Gospel: Lk 2: 41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. 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.

#### The Profession of Faith:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

#### **Communion Antiphon:**



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#### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



#### Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



# 2022 50/50 RAFFLE

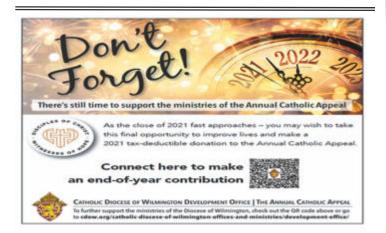
52 Chances to Win in 2022!

Our **50/50 Raffle** fundraiser has kicked off! We will not be selling tickets after

Masses this year due to Covid restrictions; however, there are packets (12 tickets/packet) and individual tickets with return envelopes available in the gathering area. Please take as many as you need, the more we sell the more you win! Just fill out the ticket stub and return it with your check to the Parish Office.

#### Tickets are 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100 or 12 for \$150.

Drawings take place every Monday throughout the year. All proceeds benefit Parish Religious Education Programs. We are grateful for your support!





**Religious Education:** There will no religious education classes Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**First Reconciliation**: There will be no meeting in January since it falls on January  $2^{nd}$ .

**Confirmation**: Next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 AM Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament School Library.

#### COLLEGE -AGE RETREAT, JANUART 7-9, 2022

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May, NJ 08212

This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college age (17-22). Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! **Cost:** \$140 per person. Register at ww.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid available . High School Seniors are welcomed.



#### REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Anthony Cagle, Frank Schaffer, Joanann Jackson-Swift, Jim Ward, Darlene Ward, Mary Weber, Mary Whitcomb and all those whose names appear on the *Parish List of the Sick*. If you would like someone added to the *Parish List of the Sick*, send your request to **sjnprayforus@gmail.com**. Privacy protocols require you to obtain permission before submitting a name other than your own.

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