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The Nativity of the Lord

For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and
Lord. Lk 2:11

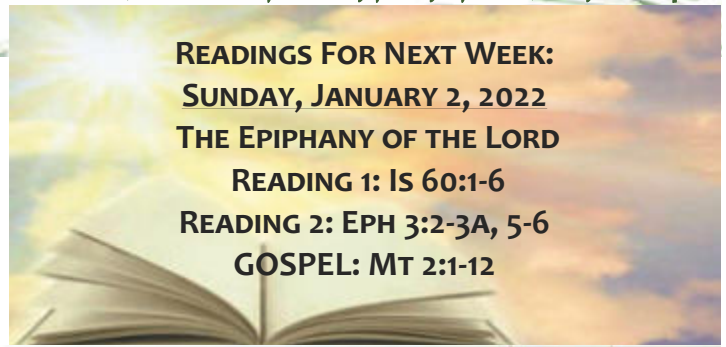
Merry Christmas!


December 25, 2021-The Nativity of the Lord

December 26, 2021-Feast of the Holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mass Intentions

Monday December 27th
9:00 am † James Murphy by The Murphy Family
Tuesday December 28th
9:00 am † Scott Troll by the Murphy family
Wednesday December 29th
9:00 am † Rose Maguire by the family
Thursday December 30th
9:00 am † Arlene Callahan by Donald & Patricia Morgenstern
Friday December 31st
9:00 am † Fr. Lawrence Wroblewski by the Griffin Family
4:00 pm † Sylvester Klejna by the family
Saturday January 1st
4:00 pm † Marie & Adrian Lumelleau by the family
Sunday January 2nd
7:30 am † Hunter Lopez by the Godbout family
9:00 am † Frank Demarco by Christina Dercole
11:00 am † Arlene Callahan by Nancy Scanlon
5:15 pm † Joseph Vila, Sr. by the family



 **For the Week of December 26, 2021~**
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for † Donald McLeod requested by the See family

The Chapel Lamp will burn for † Earl Eakin requested by the family.

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Live the Liturgy

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPi



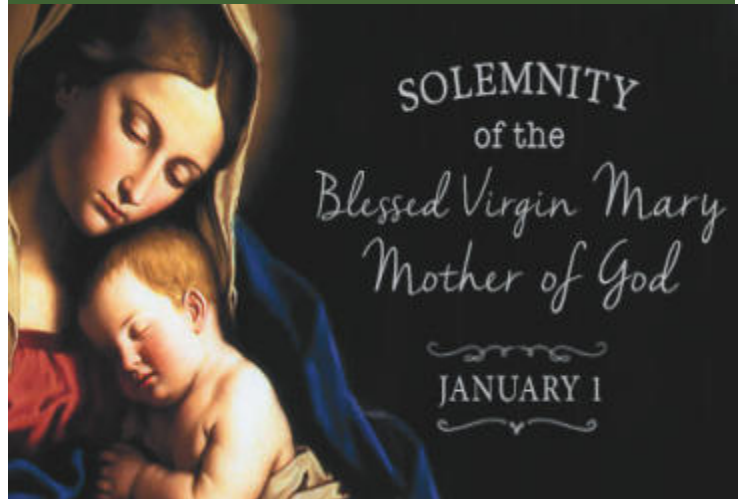
Please pray for Fr. Nick Lord, restore his health in mind, body & spirit.

Prayer List

If you, or a loved one is sick and would like to be on our prayer list please contact the parish office at 203-746-2200.

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| Cheryl | Vincent Daniello | Marvin Nash |
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| Dayna | John Coppola | Terry Michinko |
| Robert Martini | James Nielson | Lawrence Skelly |
| Madeline DeMayo | Tom & Kelly | Michael |
| Bob | Patricia Tompkins | Julie French |
| Jacob & Jaxson | Linda | John DiGirolamo |

New Year's Mass IN HONOR OF OUR LADY



The Solemnity of Mary

This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but many do like to begin the year with this Mass in honor of Our Lady. Mass will be held on Fri., Dec. 31st at 4:00pm

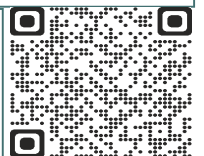
We will host the regular Mass Schedule for the weekend of Jan. 1st & 2nd.
4:00pm Vigil on Saturday
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 & 5:15 on Sunday



Offertory

The December 12th was \$16,334.00 for an average of \$17,378.50. The December 19th offertory will be displayed in next weeks bulletin. Thank you for all your support!

Using your smartphone's camera, scan this QR code to access our parish website.





Prayer for Families

Loving God,
 During this holy season of Christmas,
 we ask for your blessing on all
 families.


Let Mary's openness to your
 wondrous ways be an inspiration
 to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope
 during times of anxiety and
 uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
 a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the
 Holy Family widen to embrace all
 families.

For this we pray.
 Amen.




LECTIO: MARY
 Begins January 4, 2022
 Tuesday evenings on ZOOM 7:00 pm
 Dr. Brant Pitre, video presenter

*Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why
 have so many people been devoted to her over
 the centuries?
 What can we learn about her from
 Sacred Scripture?*

Find out the answers in this Lectio series on Mary.

*Jan 4 – The New Eve
 Jan 11 – The New Ark
 Jan 18 – Mother of the Messiah
 Jan 25 – The Queen Mother
 Feb 1 - The Perpetual Virgin
 Feb 8 – Mother of Sorrows
 Feb 15 - The New Rachel
 Feb 22 - Question & Answer*

*Carol Zinser, facilitator czinser@saintedwardchurch.org
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MARY- Tues evenings on Zoom -
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Incident WEATHER POLICY



If New Fairfield Schools are delayed or closed, there will be no 9:00am Mass. If schools are closed, the parish office will be closed as the roads are not safe to travel on.

Last one! Covid Vaccine CLINIC

Griffin Health Clinic will be here from 11:30am to 6:30pm in the church hall on Wednesday December 29th (Last one!) No appointment necessary. (Free of charge) Please bring your vaccination card, photo ID and insurance card.

1st & 2nd dose Vaccinations are available to everyone over the age of 12, however those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pfizer, Moderna and J & J vaccines are available. **Boosters shots are available. Must be at least 6 months after the second dose for Moderna & Pfizer and 2 months from the J&J shot.**

Synod 2022

Pope Francis wants to hear from Us- All of Us!
Pope Francis has invited all Catholics from around the world to come together to reflect on their experiences and share input on how the Church can best fulfill her mission in these current times. We invite you to join one of our listening sessions below:
~Thursday, January 6th at 7 p.m.
~Saturday, January 8th after the 4 p.m. mass
~Sunday, January 9th after the 11 a.m. mass
All sessions will be conducted in the hall and will run from 1 to 1 ½ hours. Light refreshments will be provided.



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- *For more information, call Mike Cohen at 914-661-2848

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of



any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able

to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

I Said a Christmas Prayer for You

because the season's near.

*I didn't ask for riches
but for gifts so much more dear.*

*I asked for joyful gatherings
with your family all around,
And for carols to inspire you
with their old familiar sound.*

*I asked for quiet moments
in your heart on Christmas morn,
For a special time to celebrate
the Savior who was born . . .*



MERRY
Christmas



MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass
Mon. - Fri.: 9:00am
Saturdays: 4:00pm
Sundays: 7:30am,
9:00am - Children's
Mass, 11:00am
& 5:15pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Fridays
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

CONFESSIONS:

Thursdays
9:30-10:15am
Saturdays
3:15-3:45pm

ADORATION:

Second Sunday of the
month 6:30-7:30pm

For unto us a child is born



Unto us a Son is given

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