

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

"Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You"

December 26, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - *As Announced* Wednesday - 12:00PM Thursday - 12:00PM Friday - 12:00PM Saturday - 4:00PM Sunday - 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Sunday 10:00AM Mass is livestreamed on our website and on YouTube

Eucharistic Holy Hour Thursdays 11:00AM -12:00PM

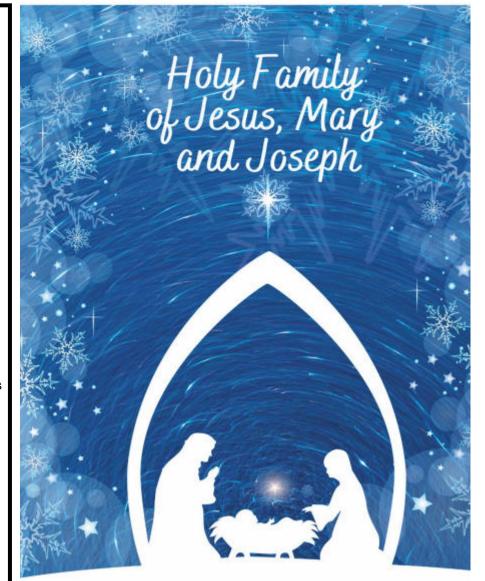
<u>Confessions</u> Saturdays at 3:00 PM and by appointment

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Feast of the Holy Family

December 26, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note that there will be no masses on these days: Friday, December 31 at Noon & Saturday, January 1 at 4pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31. The office will re-open on Monday, January 3 at 9:00AM.



BAPTISM

God bless Miles Pasco Tomaino who was baptized on Sunday, December 12. We celebrate his precious life along with his parents, Pasco and Lauren Tomaino and his godparents, John Smolko and Olesya Craven.

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH

During the Christmas season, as we shower one another with gifts, we respectfully ask that you remember your church in your generosity. The parish finances depend heavily on our Christmas and Easter collections. Thank you and God bless you as only He can.

SUPPORTING SACRED HEART IS EASY ONLINE

Save Time and Donate Online!

Online giving is available with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your cash, checkbook and envelopes at home on Sundays. If you would like to enroll in Online giving, please visit:

https://sacredheartpeckville.weshareonline.org If you have any questions, please call our parish office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Collection reports for the weekends of December 19, 26 and January 2, will be included in the bulletin on the weekend of January 8-9.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 29 12:00PM Deceased members of the Serafini family (Sue Serafini) Thomas Mallas (1 year anniversary given by the parish)

Thursday, December 30

12:00PM Intentions of the Parish

Friday, December 31 No Mass

Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary 10:00AM Intentions of the Celebrant

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany 8:00AM Deceased members of the parish 10:00AM This Mass is Live-Streamed John and Esther Scagliotti (family) Kevin O'Hara (Darlene Ferraro and family)

ALTAR CANDLE

Offering the altar candle for a loved one is a beautiful way to place your intention before Our Lord. If you would like to offer the altar candle in memory of a loved one, simply call or email the parish office. A monetary donation is appreciated.



"This mass is being offered for...."

An individual may ask a priest to offer a mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We no longer "open the book" in January. The book is always open. You can schedule a mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus parish for a loved one at any time. Mass intentions may be scheduled as early as one year before the requested date and are subject to the availability of the date, on both weekdays and weekends. A monetary donation for each scheduled mass is appreciated.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING/REFRESHER WORKSHOP: SAVE THE DATE

An Extraordinary Minister of Communion has the important role of distributing communion, taking communion to persons who are sick, homebound or in prison, and may expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. If you feel called to this ministry, or simply want to learn more before making a commitment, we invite you to the upcoming training on Wednesday, January 26. <u>All current Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend</u>. To confirm your attendance, please email Ann O'Brien at outreach@shjpeck.org or call 570-383-3244.

"The Round Church ...where there's room for everyone"

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

-from the Missionaries of the Holy Family

THERE'S A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR <u>YOU</u>!!!

No matter who you are, where you come from, or whatever your experience may have been in the past, we welcome all our visitors and most importantly, first-timers, to our celebration of the Eucharist. There is always a place for you at this table, here in "the round church where there is room for everyone." We want you to feel a part of this family. But as in every family, there may be points of disagreement or times when we experience difficulty, hurt or even some pain. None of these should be reasons to walk away. Please continue to come and journey with us. Help us to grow in an understanding of one another. And above all else, let's pray that together we find Christ in our midst, in our attempt to make this world a much better place. We're glad you're here!

FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas my dear parishioners and friends,

Here He comes again! No, it's not Santa Claus. I'm talking about Jesus. Every year we retell the Christmas story, and we talk about the coming of Christ at Christmas. But we who are believers in Jesus Christ and his message, we who believe in the Holy Spirit still dwelling among us, we who are open to hearing and seeing an ever-living and present God in our midst; we know that Jesus is very much alive, and He comes into our world, and into our lives, repeatedly, each and every day.

As you look upon the beautiful image of the baby laying in the manger this Christmas, see there your destiny and your God who stretches out his arms to embrace you and to walk through everything and anything with you. He was not born just once in history a long, long time ago. He is very much alive today - in one another and in the people, places and events of our time. Our God is present and just waiting for us to notice, so that we too, then, will go out into the world and BE Christ for one another.

Don't be afraid to wish one another a "Merry Christmas." Don't be afraid to acknowledge that this season is all about Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to recognize the baby in the manger as your Lord and Savior, and then recognize the same living Savior in your everyday life, and in one another. Christmas...it's all about Christ! Even the name is about Christ. Don't deny him. Don't leave him out. Don't stop believing. And don't ever doubt his continued, living presence in our world and within your heart.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY CHRISTMAS! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Love, Fr. Andrew



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