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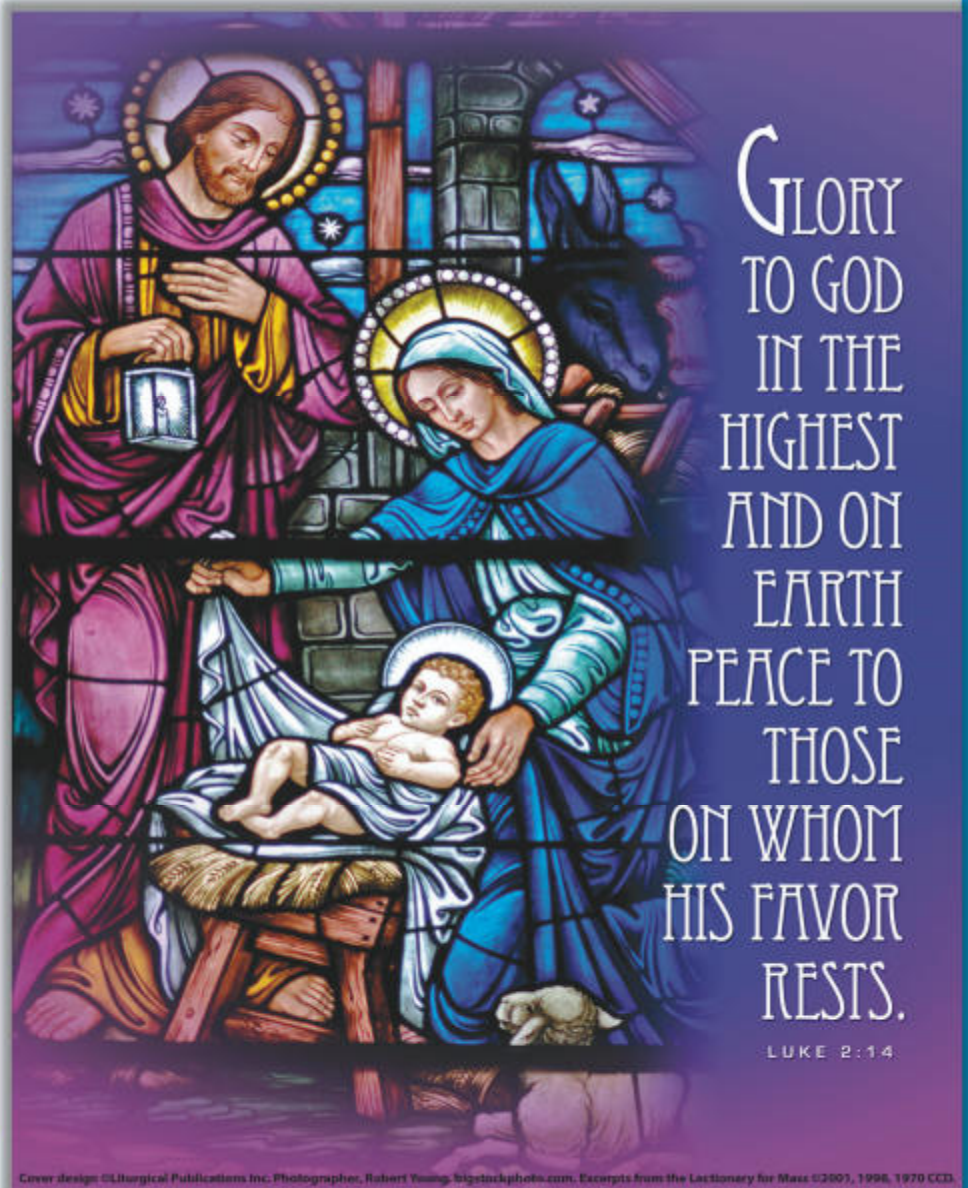
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### Our Mission:

“Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need.”

JANUARY 1, 2022 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
9:00 AM MASS AT ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

# CALENDAR

## SAT 12/25 Christmas Day

9:00am SR Lang & Atwood Families  
11:00am SA LoCurto & Rumfola Families - By Marilyn

## SUN 12/26 Holy Family

8:00am SR Dick & Joyce Rapp - By Tom & Kathie Reynolds  
9:45am SP Frank & Alice Weber - By Ellen Weber  
11:30am SA For the People of the Parish Cluster

MON 12/27 8:00am SR NO MASS

TUE 12/28 8:15am SA NO MASS  
9:30am SP Queen of Peace Prayer Group

WED 12/29 9:00am SP NO MASS

THR 12/30 8:00am SR NO MASS

FRI 12/31 New Year's Eve  
8:15am SA NO MASS

## SAT 1/1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00am SP For Peace on Earth  
3- 3:45pm SA Confession  
4:00pm SA Sal Rizzo ~ 3rd Anniv. - By Mary and Family

## SUN 1/2 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am SR Joanne Menz - By Chuck & Carole Rinere  
9:45am SP Leo Gabriel - By Giorgio Bracaglia  
11:30am SA For the People of the Parish Cluster

\*Indicates Mass is for a living person.

## Readings

**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

## Observances

**Sunday:** The Holy Family

**Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

**Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

**Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

**Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

**Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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.

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## A WORD FROM FATHER

### Silence Broken

Precious Lord Jesus how we adore you in your quiet repose in the Manger of Bethlehem. With your mother Mary and foster father Joseph, the Holy Family basks in the grace and peace of that first silent night of your life. God the Father's unfathomable love that has been poured out upon all humankind. New hope for life in freedom from the previously unbreakable grasp of the evil one rests in your tender slumber, infant Savior. You have come as King to liberate us and yet your power and majesty are profoundly reflected in the humility of your bed made from the feeding trough of animals. Would that the silence could permeate the world in its turmoil, but it won't last long. Soon will come the shepherds who will tell in utter amazement the story of being visited by angels. First one to inform them of a miraculous birth then a chorus of them praise God for this holy night. Later will come Magi who have traveled a great distance to give homage and gifts. They will encourage Mary and Joseph in the difficulties and challenges that all parents face. The holy man Simeon will take you in his arms when you are presented in the Temple. He will give thanks for having beheld the salvation of the world as God had promised. You are the Light, Lord Jesus, to reveal your Father to all who would hear and believe.

It won't be long until Herod's evil strategy will require you to flee with Joseph and Mary. Already having traveled under duress in the Divine Plan of your Nativity, you will now be refugees in Egypt. The first martyrs, those Holy Innocent children will be slayed in your stead; victims of Herod's paranoia. If only he had accepted you as God's gift of redemption to the world, he might have enjoyed the power and respect he craved. Such was not the fate of King Herod, but ours is much more promising. O Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be the shining example of love for our families. With Christ as priority one, everything else we value is divinely protected. Dearest Mary and Joseph be our powerful intercessors so that we can imitate Jesus in obedience to the Father as he obeyed you in His childhood. May "the peace of Christ control our hearts" so that we can give "thanks to God the Father through him."

Christmas Blessings,

Father Michael Fowler



## Christmas Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace and Beloved Savior, come into our hearts this Christmas Season and fill us with Your gifts of love and joy.

With You, we seek refuge during this Coronavirus Pandemic.

With Mary and Joseph, we rejoice and thank You. With the Angels and saints in heaven we sing "Peace On Earth".

Continue to unite all people in peace and shed Your light of understanding and faith upon this World, as we cope with this pandemic.

With the Magi and the Shepherds, we bow before You with hearts full of wonder. Help us to follow You faithfully and to share the Good News of Your coming.

With You, we ask Your protection of our families, our nation and the world against this virus, please restrain our fears and anxiety. Grant that health, *the fruit of life*, may reign throughout the world.

*Amen.*



## Men's Retreat Weekend

Men's retreat weekend is back! The weekend of Feb. 4 - 6 will be an in person retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House. The theme for the 2022 retreat year is "Eucharist, God's gift to His people". Registration will be limited to 50 people per retreat this year to allow for social distancing throughout the weekend. Register by email or phone (ndretreat@rochester.rr.com or 585-394-5700) or contact your parish leader. If you have questions, please contact Bob Cuffney at 585-503-9440.



## St. Agnes School ~ Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers interested in helping with hot lunch at the school beginning in February. Volunteers will be serving hot lunch from 10am to 12pm on Wednesdays. Please contact St. Agnes School for details on training including CASE, etc. 585-226-8500.

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## 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.



PRAY FOR  
*Our Deceased*

- † Eugene Flint
- † Josephine E. "Jo" Dolan

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

#### Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE -- Collections July thru November 2021

	<u>21/22 Act</u>	<u>21/22 Bud</u>	<u>% Change</u>
St. Agnes	\$93,431	\$90,730	3%
St. Paul	\$40,910	\$52,088	- 21%
St. Rose	\$59,360	\$50,679	17%

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021/22 Update~as of 12/14/21

	<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Paul of the Cross</u>	<u>St. Rose</u>
Donations	\$15,966	\$12,105	\$12,085
Goal	\$35,646	\$22,418	\$13,722
%	44.79%	54%	88.07%
# of Givers	76	29	33

## 4000 Club Raffle

DONATION: \$30

Weekly Prize Drawings  
Begin Tuesday, 9 am | Nov. 9th, 2021  
at the Parish Office

Week #6 Winners:

Tara Smith & AJ Stephany

*Congratulations!*

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is planned for January 14-16, 2022 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. Register online at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

The WWME weekend teaches communication techniques such as active listening, listening with the heart and empathy towards your spouse's feelings. It is based on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and expresses the importance of love in the union and encourages this love be taken out into the world in various ministries to serve God by strengthening the couples and families in the church.

The Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the Experience, couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other.



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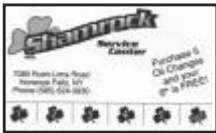
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