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December 26, 2021



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am—12:00 pm
Friday: CLOSED

MASSES
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Anytime by request.

BAPTISM
Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

MARRIAGE
Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

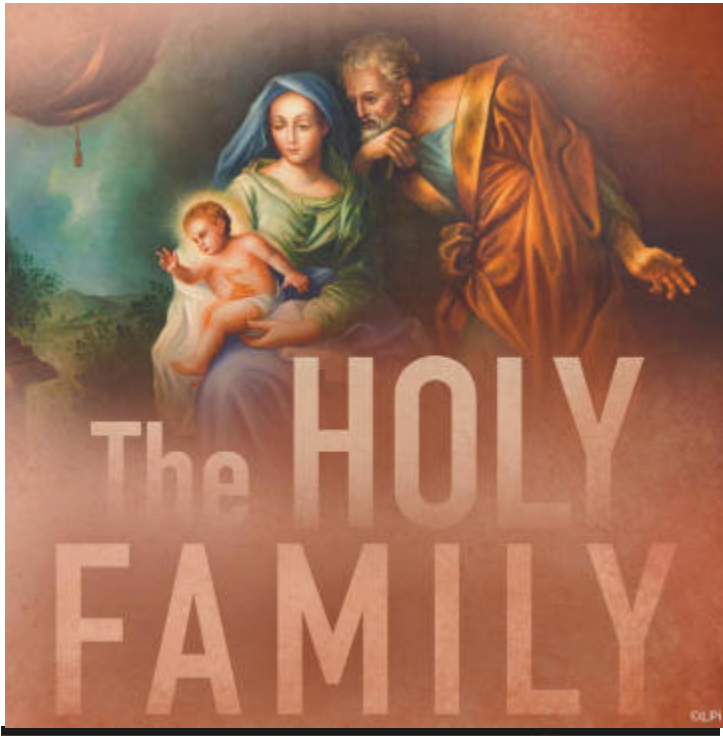
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
The Sacrament is available to anyone in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit. Please notify the Parish Office of the sick confined to their homes or hospitalized.

BULLETIN PUBLICATION
DEADLINE:
12:00 NOON MONDAY

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
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PHONE _____

Please drop this information into the Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.



Sanctuary Candle
In Memory of Bob Harenchar
By Wife, Paula

In Memory Andrew Janosko
By Irene Perman

Food Pantry

This week we are asking for breakfast items and protein bars. Please drop off in one of the bins in the Church, at the Parish Center, or in the bin by the main door at D’Onofrio’s in Hermitage. Prayerfully consider making a contribution so others may eat.

Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING EVENTS

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Ushers and Lectors Needed

Call the Parish Office if you are interested in these ministries.
724-962-7130

Tue. Jan. 4	RCIA 6:30 PM Church Basement
Fri. Jan. 7	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8 am and ending with Benediction at 7 PM
Sun. Jan. 9	Faith Formation 10:15-Noon All grades.
Tue. Jan 11	RCIA 6:30 PM Church Basement
Sun. Jan. 16	Faith Formation 10:15-Noon All grades. Council of Families Snow Tubing

Attention Lectors and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please update your profile online for the upcoming schedule, keeping in mind the Mass time change.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule-Jan. 1/2 2022

	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Saturday, 5:30 PM	Eric Schweiss	Needs Filled
Sunday, 9:30 AM	Susan Miller	Bob Demofonte, Sr.

WEEKLY PRAYER

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

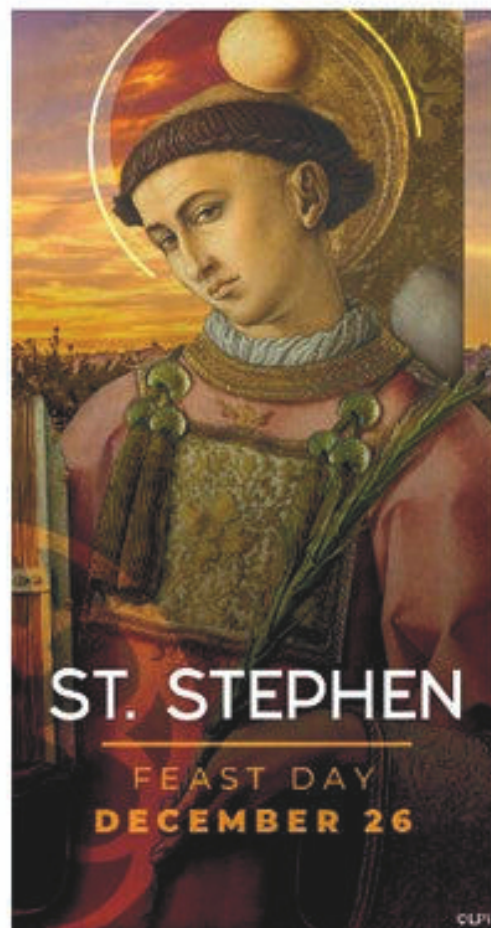
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- 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

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.



ST. STEPHEN

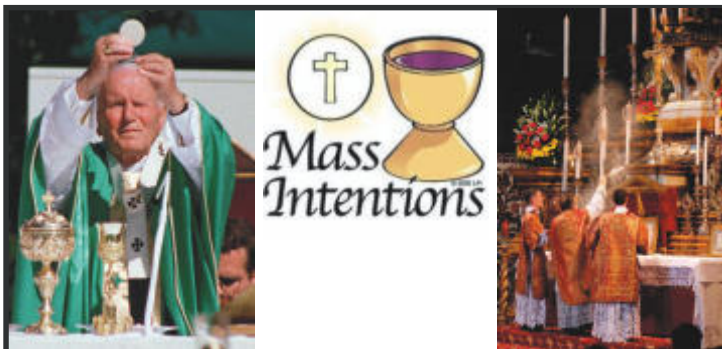
FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



Parish Financial Information is not available at the time of publication—due to Christmas early publication deadlines. Financial Information will be published in next weekends bulletin.

Mary, The Mother of God

Friday, December 31st
5:00 PM Notre Dame
6:30 PM St. Bartholomew

Saturday January 1st
9:00 AM Notre Dame



<u>Mon. Dec. 27</u>	NO MASS
<u>Tue. Dec. 28</u> 6:00 pm	Carmela Campagna Mary Buglak
<u>Wed. Dec. 29</u> 7:30 am	Victor Palazzo Mr. & Mrs. Charles Buglak
<u>Thur. Dec. 30</u>	NO MASS
<u>Fri. Dec. 31</u> 7:30 am	Geraldine Pagliaroli John
6:30 pm	Deceased Members of Our Parish
<u>Sat. Jan. 1</u> 5:30 pm	Dominick Zomparelli Zomparelli Family
<u>Sun. Jan. 2</u> 9:30 am	For the People of Saint Bartholomew



Holy Family

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?



Prayer Line

Need a prayer for yourself or someone else?
Call or email the Parish Office to

activate our Prayer Line: 724-962-7130 or
secretary@saintbartholomews.com

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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God's
Unfolding
Story
of Love

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.



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We will be going to Cracker Barrel for dinner afterwards for anyone who wishes to go!

**St. Bartholomew Church
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Our famous *homemade* pasta, *homemade* sauce & *homemade* meatballs are back!

Sunday February 6, 2022 (12p-4p)

12pm - 4pm; PRESALE ONLY
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