

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26TH & 27TH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm

Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Monday-Friday and First Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).
Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

To listen to Mass on the Radio from the Church Parking Lot:
88.5FM

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

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Parish Business ManagerSarah Jo Schmitt

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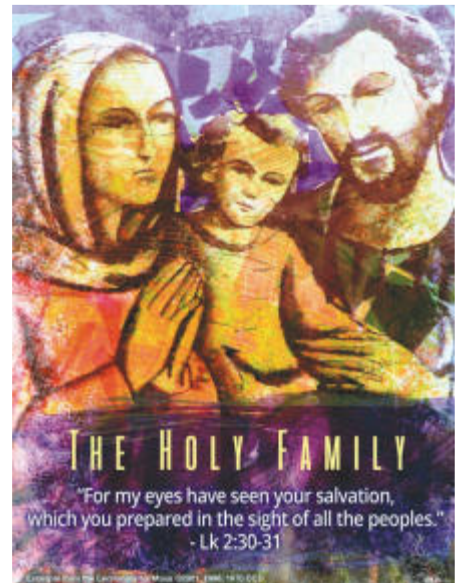
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Bereavement Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.

For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. On this Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate God's Incarnation into a human family who loved, protected and taught him. They were holy because they were perfect in obedience and virtue; blessed because they feared the Lord and walked in his ways. We, too, may strive to attain this holiness, in our imitation of the Holy Family's example and through the grace of Christ.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of December 27th
(C) Church**

Sat., Dec. 26th: *Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*
8:00pm (C) +Jim Skora, Walter & Ann Skora, Albert & Florence Schmitz
By Mary Ellen Skora

Sun, Dec. 27th: *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*
8:30am (C) +Mary Lou Vogt
By Phil & Tracy Tremblay
11:00am (C) Roger & Kathy Powenski
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday, Dec. 28th: *The Holy Innocents*
8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Tues, Dec 29th: *5th Day of the Octave of Nativity of the Lord*
8:30am (C) Luke Wiest (Birthday)
By Kevin, Beth, Dylan, Stella, and Ezra Hoffman

Wed, Dec. 30th: *6th Day of the Octave of Nativity of Our Lord*
8:30am (C) + All Souls
By Parish All Souls Intentions

Thur. Dec. 31st: *7th Day of the Octave of Nativity of Our Lord*
8:30am (C) Nellie Jo Ballard
By The Schmitt Family

Thur. Dec 31st: *Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary*
4:00pm (C) For All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Father Mitch Byeck

Friday, Jan. 1st: *The Solemnity of Mary*
8:30am (C) Father Mitch Byeck (Birthday)
By Toni & Elane Wittmeyer
11:00am (C) For All Parents and Children
By Fr. Mitch Byeck

Sat, Jan. 2nd: *First Saturday Devotions*
8:30am (C) For All Who Uphold the Sanctity of Life
By Father Mitch Byeck

Sat, Jan. 2nd: *Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord*
4:00pm (C) +Rita Gross
By The Pastoral Council

Sun, Jan. 3rd: *The Epiphany of the Lord*
8:30am (C) +Walter & Katy Geiger
By The Family
11:00am (C) Dana Albrecht
By Bern and the Folts Family

*The Sanctuary Candle in Church is lit this week for Roger and Kathy Powenski's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
The Sanctuary Candle in the Rectory Chapel is lit this week for Sarah Jo's 30th birthday as requested by her children Sadie and Rex Schmitt.*

Readings for the Week of December 27th

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28



Weekly Collection (12/13): \$3,998.00
Collection Total for this Fiscal Year: \$37,938.62

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Ann Andzel, Nellie Jo Ballard, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Art Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Robert Hogan, Jeanne Hutchings, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Levi Rothfuss, Patricia and Wesley Schmitt, Kathy Smith, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter.



2021 Grand Raffle

Our 13th Annual Grand Raffle will take place on Tuesday, March 23rd 2021. Each ticket is \$20; there will be 30 winners and the prizes are:

1st Prize: \$4,000
2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$1,000
4th-6th Prizes: \$500 7th-10th Prizes: \$250
11th-20th Prizes: \$100 21st-30th Prizes: \$50

Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets to make the Grand Raffle a success. That means we need everyone to help. Tickets have been mailed out to all registered parishioners. If you need more tickets, they are available at Church or in the Rectory. They can make great Christmas gifts! Please return any tickets you are unable to sell.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be having the reception this year. We will draw the tickets with a small audience, possibly at a Pastoral Council Meeting, and all winners will be posted in the parish bulletin as well as on our Parish Facebook Page.

2021 Collection Envelopes

The 2021 Collection Envelopes are available in the back of Church. If you do not currently receive collection envelopes and would like to, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Requests

To schedule a mass please contact the parish office! A Mass is a sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, brought forward in time to the present. At Mass you could say that a "time warp" is opened in which the sacrifice of Jesus is mystically brought forward to be present to us. When we are present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we are not merely turning our attention to the past, we are actually bringing forward into the present the most pivotal moment of human history.

Masses can be offered for a number of intentions: for the deceased, to invoke the Lord's special graces for a friend or loved one, for a successful surgery and recovery, or for an anniversary. A \$15 donation is asked for each Mass requested.

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit, please contact the Parish Office. A \$10 donation is asked per week of the Sanctuary Candle being lit.



Youth Ministry Pizza Sale

It's that time of year again for our Youth Ministry Pizza Sale! Pizzas can be preordered before January 25th.

- Prices:
- One: \$8
- Two: \$15
- Three: \$23
- Four: \$30
- Five: \$37

Pre-ordered pizzas will be available for pick-up January 30th and 31st following Masses. There will be a limited number of pizza available that are not pre-ordered. Pre-payment is not required on pre-orders, but encouraged. To pre-order, contact the parish office, or fill out an order form located at the entrances of Church and from the Rectory.

Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center News

If you or anyone you now has children or grandchildren that are in need please contact Alexandria Reid at the Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center, located in Gowanda, NY. The pregnancy center has many things to offer ranging from diapers and clothes to car seats and pack N plays. You can make an appointment by calling 716-532-9738 or messaging the "Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center" directly on Facebook.

30th Annual Festival of Lights at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

1023 Swann Rd, Youngstown through January 3rd 2021 with a modified schedule due to Covid 19. Lights will be on from 5 to 9pm December 18th-January 3rd. See 15 acres of spectacular Christmas lights, including a 9-foot tall outdoor illuminated Nativity scene and a life-sized Fontanini Nativity scene in the Basilica. Climb on top of the Basilica and get an angel's eye view of the Avenue of Saints and the Spirit of Christmas. New this year is an exhibit of our 300 International Nativity Sets on display in Fatima Hall when the lights are on. Admission and parking are free. Groups welcome; reservations appreciated. For scheduled hours of the Office, Gift Shop and Cafeteria, call 716-754-7489 or email office@fatimashrine.com.

News from St. Francis High School

St. Francis High School is pleased to announce that Isaac Folts has achieved First Honors during the First Quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year. First Honors is a grade point averages between 95-100+ and all grades passing. Congratulations Isaac!

Bulletin Correction

In the December 12th/13th bulletin, an error was made in the "Epiphany Parish Christmas Tree Story".

Philip and Mark Winter were cousins, not brothers, who died.

Bishop Michael W. Fisher's Installation

Bishop Fisher's Installation into the Diocese of Buffalo will take place on Friday January 15th, 2021 at 2pm in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

The Installation will be live-streamed. More information will be available soon.

The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Homily

Today is the feast of the Holy Family. It is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas, appropriately linking the Incarnation of Jesus to the human family who loved, protected, and taught him.

Sometimes, when we think of the Holy Family, we imagine them as different from ourselves: holier and more spiritual. Well, that is certainly true. They were perfect in obedience and virtue, and fulfilled the biblical prescriptions for properly caring for and loving one another in the sight of God, as explicated throughout our first reading and the psalm: *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. And Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

So yes, the reality is that they were holy, but they were also fully human— which means that what they attained is possible for each one of us. Often, we try to make them more like us so we can "relate" to them, when really we are called to imitate them in their holiness. We are here, in Church, as a Church family, precisely because they were *not* ordinary! Rather than make Jesus, Mary, and Joseph more like us, we were given the command, opportunity, and grace to be more like them.

They were committed to God and to one another, despite terrible hardships and circumstances. In Saints Joseph and Mary, we not only have human saints who give us an example of how to live together in mutual love and concern while facing day-to-day demands and challenges, but we also have intercessors in prayer who can help us through difficult times. And, of course, in the Son— both fully human and fully divine— we have the example of perfect love who provides the Way to eternal life, and the Holy Spirit who remains in his place to assist us in all we do.

In an address a few years ago on this feast day, Pope Francis said: *Every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St. Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, he wanted to have a mother and father like us. Like us, today, Mary and Joseph felt sorrow, grief, fear, uncertainty, and unease. He continued, Jesus wanted to belong to a family that experienced these hardships, so that no one would ever feel excluded from the loving closeness of God* (Angelus address, Dec. 29, 2013).

The Gospel tell us, *When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.* The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can help us, guide us, give us strength, and remind us that God has a plan for our lives. He asks us to conform our hearts and minds to him and what he wills for us. When we do, the road may still be filled with difficulties, but we are able to meet them with trust and confidence that God is an integral part of our family, helping us face whatever comes our way, that we, too, may become *strong, filled with wisdom*, and have the favor of God upon us.

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