

the MESSENGER

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
40501 Hayes Road · Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

MISSION STATEMENT: St. Michael Catholic Community strives to be a welcoming parish where people come together to worship, learn and grow in faith. Through our actions, we demonstrate our beliefs in fellowship, service and generous tithing of time, talent and treasure while empowering people to take a more active role in the mission of the church. We care for one another and receive comfort and support in our own times of need. All are encouraged to participate in the journey to live by Christ's example and build the kingdom of God by sharing His word with those we meet.

From Fr. Mike...

No one wants to hear about depression during the holidays, that is to say, no one wants to hear about it unless it happens to you. The holiday blues are awful and, even though you may not be clinically diagnosed as such, holiday stress, dysfunction in the family (arguments, tension), financial woes, and alcohol (clinically labeled a depressant) can make for a very unpleasant couple of days. For those who are prone to depression, the holidays only worsen the feelings. I would like to share some ideas I picked up from an article by a clinical social worker, Margaret Jaworski. The article is entitled "Holiday Depression: How to beat the Holiday Blues."

Let's take a look at some of the stressors that the holidays bring. We often spend more money than we usually do, or we feel pressed into spending more money to keep up with reciprocal giving. There are a lot more obligations put on our plate and, even though these obligations may be social (dinners, office parties), they cut into our schedule and routines which may be spent otherwise. There is a lot more encouragement to indulge in eating too much and drinking too much. This is a big problem for people who struggle with weight issues and who want to control their food intake but can't always do so when they are encouraged to eat more (the struggle is even greater in ethnic families where it is an insult to the host if you don't eat a lot). Another stressor is travel. In today's world, families are scattered all around the globe. Visiting them or coming to visit you especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, crowded airports, and security and pandemic restrictions, is another awful thing. And the company, though lovely to be together for holiday festivities, can also represent an interruption to our normal routine. As my mom aged, she wanted to take down the tree and "get the house back in order." Note, it was not out-of-order but what she was longing for was a return to the routine that was her life. Finally, there is the stress of trying to maintain the holiday spirit when you don't like holly and you don't feel jolly.

I spoke about holiday stressors, let us take a deeper dive into the reasons for holiday depression.

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The Parish and FLT Offices will be closed beginning Friday, December 24 and will reopen on Monday, January 3.

From the St. Michael Staff, have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful, healthy, and Happy New Year.

Loneliness is a huge problem in our society and Christmas exacerbates the problem. I have been ordained for 36 years and I am impressed by the number of illnesses and deaths that occur around Christmas. Even for people with acres of family, when you lose your significant other or your heart is broken over loss, the holidays can be toxic. **People need to resist the temptation to isolate.** Even though we don't feel like celebrating, it is important to do something for yourself every day that involves another person. The challenge is equally important for family members of those who tend to be depressed. Even brief visits or phone conversations can make a difference. Depression is a heavy burden to carry for the person with it and the family of the depressed person as well. We can't fix someone else, but we can do small things to make things better...even if it isn't acknowledged.



Loss is another problem. Loss seems to be exaggerated during the holidays, but it is often far more complex than we may realize. Some loss can be experienced as a survivor's guilt: why did God take him and not me? Sometimes a surviving partner can feel guilty or disrespectful to the memory of the deceased if they are having a good time during the holidays without the loved one. Sometimes the loss shows itself as a yearning for what could have been. Marriages, all relationships really, are less than perfect. A spouse can be very faithful to her vows up to the end, and once the funeral is over, there can be an overwhelming sense of sadness for what could have, should have, might have happened if things were different. When we see the idyllic representations of family life at Christmas and think retrospectively of our own, there can be a tidal wave of sadness. Find someone objective that is willing to listen to you without judgment or desire to fix you. Recovery from loss is hard work. Appreciate it for what it is and for Pete's sake, be easy on yourself.

Finally, we can miss holidays of the past. This is technically another form of loss, but I know enough about life to realize that holidays are filled with a bit of nostalgia. We can't turn the clocks back. Things aren't always what they once were and even if we could reproduce it exactly as it was, we may experience it differently. I recall the first time I went to an all-inclusive resort. I insisted on taking my own bags to my room, refusing the first few drinks that were offered, and being overwhelmed by the hospitality of the staff. It took two days for me to realize that this is what all-inclusive means. I loved it. Unfortunately, my subsequent visits never matched the memory of that first experience. The resort didn't change. I did. Expectations change us as we go through life. Recreating the past necessarily means that we must be the same people we once were and that can't be so.

Another thought on holidays past is that our life circumstances may prevent us from participating in those rituals we hold dear. Military service personnel are away from their spouse and children for Christmas; illness or pandemic can prevent us from participating in holiday customs; our kids may have moved out of the house and Christmas doesn't seem as much fun as it once was. Starting new traditions can be very important; volunteering for a service project at a hospital, church, or animal shelter can be healing for us in times of transition. I recently learned of animal rescue places that are looking to foster a dog or cat for a few weeks or months. In other words, a pet doesn't need to be a 20-year commitment. It can serve as a healthy diversion for you, and you can be doing a service. Also, keeping a healthy perspective on the holidays past and present means to keep our expectations in check. There is no one way to celebrate Christmas. Try something that fits your new situation.

With the stresses and losses and unfulfilled expectations, it is important to remember that our cultural celebration of Christmas differs from our religious celebration of the Word taking on flesh and dwelling among us. That one theological reality, Jesus becoming one with us, is deeply affirming and hopeful. Even if we don't measure up to the cultural festivities, there are always the peaceful and moving events we celebrate here. God bless everyone this Christmas.

Fr. Mike



Claudia

DIRECTOR, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
YOUTH MINISTER



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. As I read the readings chosen for today many, many thoughts entered my mind. One thought, however, kept jumping out at me and it is this one that I will center on. Each reading (Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; I John 3.1-2, 21-24; Luke 2.41-52) focuses on *children and love*.

The prophet Sirach tells us that we should honor, respect, and love our parents. These are things that we should do all our life, not just when we are growing up and living at home. Our parents, no matter what their age or our age, are worthy of our love and respect for the simple reason that they are our parents. I know, however, that this is the ideal. Parents, as well as other authority figures, sometimes make it difficult to love and respect them. There are times when these people perhaps are abusive or controlling and, instead of feeling love, we may feel animosity or even hatred towards them. Love like this is not always easy.

The reading from I John reminds us that we are God’s children. Wow!!! We have been chosen by God to be heirs to the Kingdom. We have been chosen by God to be God’s voice and hands in this world to tell the Good News and do the work that needs to be done. We have been chosen by God to receive all God’s abundant blessings. Wow!!! If you look closely at that reading, you will see that we are called “God’s children” and we are to “love one another just as he commanded us.” What, then, does it mean to love as God has commanded us? It means to love unconditionally, without reserve, with no strings attached. We aren’t allowed to say, “I’ll love you *if*...” because that puts a condition or strings on our love. It’s tough trying to love this way. Take a look at your relationships with family and friends. How often you do say, “I’ll do this or that for you *if* you’ll do this or that for me.” That kind of statement has all kinds of conditions on it; it’s not the kind of love God requires of us. Love like this is not always easy.

If you read the Gospel from today only once, it is very possible to miss the connection between children and love. Sure, it’s a story about Jesus going to Jerusalem with his parents for the feast of the Passover when he was a child at the age of twelve. The story further continues with what appears to be blatant disobedience, arrogance, and mouthiness on the part of Jesus. Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem, not worrying if Jesus was with them because it was common for the children to travel with any of the relatives in the caravan. Anyway, Jesus remained back in Jerusalem in the Temple learning from all the great Rabbis and learned people. When his parents found him, three days later, and asked why he did this to them, Jesus responded, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I *must* be in my Father’s house?” Jesus wasn’t disobedient, arrogant, or mouthy. Jesus is showing his love for God; he is putting God first in his life. He knows, even at the age of 12, that God has called him and he will follow that call. We, too, are called by God. We, too, are called to put God first in our lives. Love like this is not always easy.

On behalf of the entire FLT team...

*God’s Blessings on you and your families
during this Christmas Season!*

All FLT classes resume the week of January 2, 2022



I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. I'm sure most of you will be attending or hosting a Christmas dinner. Arlene and I will be hosting 23 family and friends. We will be seeing some family and friends in person for the first time in maybe two years, since the pandemic seemed to take hold of everything, including Christmas. I'm not sure what the future holds for this pandemic that seems to never go away and keeps morphing itself into different variants, but at least for now, for one day, we can gather and praise God for the gift of His son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I ask that at your Christmas dinner table, you take a few moments to remember the families in Oxford that will have that "empty chair" at the table. May they somehow, some way experience the peace of Christ.

Have you ever heard of **Historical Jesus Movement**? It's an effort to reinterpret the New Testament and the goal was to prove the Gospels and Jesus were nothing more than fairy tale or myth. To no true believer's surprise, they did just the opposite. What follows is an excerpt from their report. This is only a small portion, but something that on this Christmas when we *celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, becomes more relevant than ever.*

Historical Jesus: A Recent Movement to Reinterpret the New Testament Record

The search for the "Historical Jesus" is a rather recent undertaking of so-called scholars and realists, who look to dissect the Biblical record and paint a real picture of the man, Jesus. For about the last 100 years, including most recently, the Jesus Seminar, intellectual debate has made its way into the mainstream media based on the supposed goal of "separating historical fact from mythology." The problem is that the entire "Historical Jesus" movement is a product of the 20th Century philosophy

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of naturalism, in that all debate begins with a shared, yet concealed, presupposition – that anything outside the realm of natural explanation can never be backed by historical evidence. In a nutshell, the movement holds that it's impossible for the Gospel accounts of Jesus to be historically accurate, because they record things that simply can't happen, like people walking on water, food multiplying, and people being raised from the dead. Of course, this is not scholarly evaluation of the historical evidence or Biblical manuscripts – this is strict adherence to the philosophy of naturalism.

Historical Jesus: The Unchanging Reality of the New Testament Record
When examined, the "Historical Jesus" movement of the last 100 years has unearthed nothing that undermines the Gospel accounts. There is no "new evidence" supporting the idea that Jesus was merely a "good man." There is no "new evidence" debunking the accounts of miracles and the resurrection based on new analysis of "myth theory" over a long period of time. To the contrary, recent discoveries have given more credibility to the nature and content of the New Testament record than ever before. Actually, except for the propagated view of the mainstream media, the trend in the last two decades has been for liberal scholars to become more conservative in their views on the reliability of the New Testament record, not less. Recent finds in archaeology are showing more (not less) consistent detail of the time, culture, religion and politics at the time Jesus walked the earth. At the same time,

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Biblical manuscript credibility has taken great leaps forward (not backward). Do these things prove the miracles or resurrection of Jesus? No. However, when these things are combined with the record of historical accuracy, messianic prophecy, early church growth, Christian persecution, and extra-biblical sources, we see powerful substance (not mythology) underlying the claim that the writers of the New Testament record were eyewitnesses to the events themselves. For instance, we know from sources outside the Bible that the Apostle Paul died during Nero's persecution in 64 A.D. We also know that Paul was still alive at the close of Acts, so Acts must have been written sometime before 64 A.D. Since Acts was a continuation of Luke's Gospel, we know that Gospel must have been written even earlier still. Any scholar, including those in the "Historical Jesus" movement, will tell you that the Gospel of Mark predates the Gospel of Luke. This supports the writing of Mark in the 50s A.D., only about two decades after the crucifixion of Jesus. Outside the Gospels, no legitimate scholar will dispute that Paul wrote Romans in the mid-50s. Why is this important? Because Paul declares that Jesus is the resurrected Son of God in the opening lines of that New Testament letter. Galatians is another undisputed letter of Paul written in the mid-50s. Why is this important? Because Paul discusses his interaction with Peter and James, two of Jesus' primary disciples, at least 14 years earlier in Galatians 1:18 and 2:1. Finally, in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Paul proclaims the earliest record of the Christian creed, in which Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised from the dead three days later. Why is this early creed so important? Because scholars, using the historical records of Paul and his early travels to Damascus and Jerusalem, place the above creed at about 35 A.D., just 3 to 5 years after the death of Jesus Christ.

Historical Jesus: The True Record

The "Historical Jesus" movement holds that the Gospels were fabricated or seriously distorted as the stories of Jesus evolved into the late 1st or early 2nd century. However, this theory is not supported by the evidence. Time and again the New Testament writers claim to be eyewitnesses to the facts, giving detailed geographic, political and cultural details to bolster the record. All of the manuscript evidence presented above is dramatic, because it establishes that basic Christian doctrine developed far too quickly for a myth to intervene and distort the historical record, especially when so many witnesses were still alive to contradict the alleged errors or myths.

(from <https://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/historical-jesus.htm>)

God Bless,
Deacon Franz



St. Michael Catholic Community is proud to welcome these child into our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of November.

Karley Kitana Johnson, daughter of Kelim Raphiel and Ma. Elena Gulariza Bernardo Johnson. Godparents are Kris Deshon Johnson and Stephanie Nicole Johnson.

Mia Callie Olegario, daughter of Christopher and Mary Jane Perez Olegario. Godparents are Rex Agustin and April Joy Hernandez.

Emily Rose Hewitt, daughter of Jeffrey Jr. and Deanna Hewitt. Godparents are Andrew Sidote and Lisa Marchetti.

Jackson Paul Salter, son of Sean and Brenda Salter. Godparents are Jakob Gough and Amy Salter.

Sadie Beth Yudt, daughter of Ryan Paul and Michelle Lee Yudt. Godparents are Kevin Yudt and Leiann Grie.

Marly Rose Nicdao, daughter of Marlon and Rosdeelyn Nicdao. Godparents are Erwin Nicdao and Kristina Nuqui.

Raia Azalea Mai, daughter of Anh Mai and Lyra Ducusin. Godparents are Jonathan Aznar and Christine Aznar.

Anthony (Tony) Lewandowski, age 98, died December 1. Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Loving father of Elaine (Robert) Kohut, Marilyn (the late Sal) Petras, and the late James. Loving grandfather of two and great-grandfather of one.

Marco L. Bonanni, died November 28, age 90. Loving husband of Marie. Cherished father of Luca (Rosena) and Iolanda (Pietro) Verrelli. Adored grandfather of five and beloved great-grandfather of four.

Patricia Rudoni, age 74, died November 29. Beloved wife of the late Remo Rudoni and the late Dr. Marcel Geldhof. Loving mother of David (Cheryl) Geldhof and Brian (Jacqueline) Geldhof. Stepmother of Dr. Raymond (April) Rudoni, Dr. Michael Rudoni and Jennifer (Paul) Guerra. Proud and adored grandmother of ten.

Patricia Adams, age 81, died December 1. Loving mother of Timothy (Loretta) Adams and Kenneth (Mona) Adams. Dearest grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of seven.

Sharon Rice, age 71, died December 2. Loving wife of the late George. Mother of Sarah (Mark) Milby and Susan (Victor).

Mary Tironi, age 98, died December 4. Dearest mother of Carolyn (Jerry) Karwowski, Jeanne (Chuck) Schuch, Gene (Kolleen), and Michael Tironi. Loving grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of 18.

Glyceria Angeles, age 79, died December 3. Beloved wife of the late Hermenegildo. Dearest mother of Rowena Angeles, Susan (David) Proefke, Cherry (Joseph Meyer) Angeles, Leslie Angeles, and Mina (Roy) Montero. Loving grandmother of nine.

Gordon L. Ziemianski, Sr., age 85, died December 5. Loving husband of Patricia. Proud father of Gordon (Laura) Ziemianski Jr. and Jeff (Judy) Ziemianski. Cherished grandfather of four and great-grandfather of two.

Thomas Graf, age 78, died December 5. Beloved husband of Patricia. Loving father of Christine Graf, Jennifer (Thomas) Turner, Denise (Jonathan) Vallis, and Eric Luttrell. Cherished grandfather of five and great-grandfather of four.



GIVING TREE THANK YOU!!

We want to thank everyone who made this year's Giving Tree Gift Card Program a true blessing for so many needy people. This year's return rate was 95% supporting 19 agencies plus our Ladder Fund. That was an equivalent of no less than \$18,485 worth of Gift Cards. Helping through The Giving Tree is an act of love and caring for those in their time of need. You are very special in our eyes and of those of our First Responders from Sterling Heights and Clinton Township (*shown from Left to Right: Chuck Champagne-Clinton Township Fire Marshal; Dale Dwojakowski- Sterling Heights Police Chief, Pauline Saltsman-GT Facilitator, Fr. Mike, Kevin Edmond-Sterling Heights Fire Chief, Sue Johnston-GT Facilitator, Connie Gillette-GT Facilitator*). Thank you for your generosity, we should all be very proud and happy to be members of St. Michael Catholic Community. Thank you again and may God bless you and yours.

Kathy Best, Connie Gillette,
Sue Johnston,
Roberta Pall, Barb Parsons &
Pauline Saltsman
Giving Tree Facilitators



The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is known as the Patriotic Degree in order to support our troops and veterans in a variety of ways. With that in mind, our Knights of Columbus will be collecting gently used winter coats for our veterans. All coats or jackets must be clean and can be brought to the West Gathering space on the weekends of January 8/9 and January 15/16. All coats will be given directly to the veterans to use during our coldest months in Michigan.

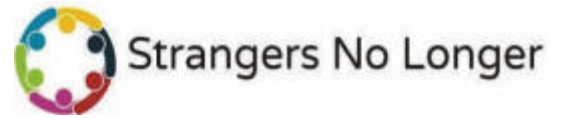


VETERAN COAT COLLECTION

Please remember our active servicemen and women as they give up so much for our freedom especially at this time of year.



~ Sir Knight Curt Best
and Sir Knight Brad Nevedal



Strangers No Longer would like to invite you to contribute your family's immigration story for publication in our parish bulletin series "We Are a Pilgrim People." If you know a lot about your family's story or if you know a little, we would love to put it into *The Messenger*. Please send us your stories!

Email

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with your stories, and we will put them together for the bulletin.

Did you received an unwanted/unneeded Christmas Gift or a Gift you have yet to return?

Fr. Mike is once again asking for your help to assist the Mercy Education Project in Detroit. Mercy Education Project provides educational opportunities, life skills development and cultural enrichment to over 250 women and girls every year who have limited access to resources to enable them to improve the quality of their lives.

By bringing your unwanted/unneeded **New** gifts to Fr. Mike's Office starting Monday, January 3rd through Sunday, January 30th they will be donated to the Mercy Education Project for use as auction items for their charity fundraising events.



Holiday Mass Intentions


Because of the early Messenger publication deadline, Mass Intentions will be due following this schedule:

FOR THE WEEKEND OF

December 11/12
December 18/19
December 25/26
January 1/2

INTENTIONS ARE DUE BY

Monday, November 29
Monday, December 6
Monday, December 13
Tuesday, December 14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Mercy Education Project Gift Donations will be accepted throughout the month of January, concluding on Sunday, January 30.</p>						
<p>2 8:00am Mass 9:00am AA Meeting 9:45am Mass 11:30am Mass</p>	<p>3 9:30am Daily Mass 5:00pm Youth Group Peer Night/Bible Study</p>	<p>4 9:30am Daily Mass 12:30pm Grief Support with Sr. Ronnie 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>5 9:30am Daily Mass 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm Youth Bells 6:00pm Adult Bells 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 9:30am Daily Mass 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:30am Daily Mass 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 10:00am MCREST Coordinator's Wrap Up Meeting (Zoom) 10:00am AA Meeting 4:30pm Mass 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
FLT Week # 11		FLT Week # 11		Epiphany	K of C Membership Drive	
<p>9 8:00am Mass 9:00am AA Meeting 9:45am Mass 11:00am First Reconciliation Workshop 11:30am Mass 1:00pm Parish Baptisms</p>	<p>10 9:30am Daily Mass 10:30am Senior Meeting</p>	<p>11 9:30am Daily Mass 12:00 Staff Meeting 7:00pm K of C General Membership Meeting 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00pm First Reconciliation</p>	<p>12 9:30am Daily Mass 11:00am Daughters of Magdala 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm Youth Bells 6:30pm Adult Bells Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 9:30am Daily Mass 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>14 9:30am Daily Mass 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 10:00am AA Meeting 4:30pm Mass 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
FLT Week # 12		FLT Week # 12		K of C Membership Drive		
<p>16 8:00am Mass 9:00am AA Meeting 9:45am Mass 11:30am Mass</p>	<p>17 9:30am Daily Mass</p>	<p>18 9:30am Daily Mass 12:30pm Grief Support with Sr. Ronnie 6:00pm Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm Parish Health Ministry Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group Monthly Gathering 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) & 8:00pm Strangers No Longer (Zoom)</p>	<p>19 9:30am Daily Mass 12:00pm AA Meeting 6:30pm Adult Bells 6:30pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 9:30am Daily Mass 1:00pm Christian Service Commission Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>21 9:30am Daily Mass 10:00am Sewing for SKIP 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>22 10:00am AA Meeting 4:30pm Mass 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>23 8:00am Mass 9:00am AA Meeting 9:45am Mass 11:30am Mass</p>	<p>24 9:30am Daily Mass 10:30am Senior Meeting</p>	<p>25 9:30am Daily Mass 7:00pm K of C Business Meeting 7:00pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00pm Education Commission Meeting</p>	<p>26 9:30am Daily Mass 12:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm Youth Bells 6:00pm Adult Bells Group 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 9:30am Daily Mass 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>28 9:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm Youth Group Fun Night 7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 10:00am AA Meeting 4:30pm Mass 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>
FLT Week # 13		FLT Week # 13				
<p>30 8:00am Mass 9:00am AA Meeting 9:45am Mass 11:30am Mass</p>	<p>31 9:30am Daily Mass</p>	FLT Week # 14		FLT Week # 14		

Mass Intentions

Please note that masses scheduled below can have multiple intentions including the intention of and rituals for a funeral rite. You are welcome to attend mass at any time. If you prefer not to attend a funeral mass, we recommend that you call the Parish Office to inquire about upcoming funerals the day before.

Friday, December 24

2:00pm

3:30pm Jaclyn DiPaola requested by Mommy, Daddy, and Jessica
Gasper and Delores Messing requested by children
Joseph DeSandre requested by family
Patti Ferrera requested by family
Jim, Frank, and Grace DiPaola requested by family
Ken and Ann Audet requested by family
Jim Ferguson requested by family
All Members of the Messina, Desandre, and Pilotto Families
Mary Bailey requested by family
Alfredo "Nino" Fracassa requested by family
Angelo and Barbara Cianfarani requested by family
Giuseppe and Anna Marie Fracassa requested by family
Bob Rosol requested by wife, Joyce
Antonina and Crescenzo Mattei requested by family
Vince Coscione requested by wife, Lisa
Robert Journeau requested by family
Crescenzo and Gemmina Rubino requested by family
Quintino and Virginia DiCicco requested by Anna and David DiCicco
Brian Hall requested by Pat Hall and family
John and Mary Ann Barletta requested by Pat Hall and family
Jack and Helen Hall requested by Pat Hall and family
Ted and Evelyn Petz requested by Mark and Marlene Pesamoska and family
Theodore Petz requested by Mark and Marlene Pesamoska and family

6:00pm Al and Jillian Galazka requested by the Galazka Family
Stanley Glinski requested by wife and children

8:00pm Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa

10:00pm Genesio and Cleonice Giorgiantonio and Patricia Sobie requested by Robert and Maria Sobie
Pat Rudoni requested by Dave and Cheryl Geldhof

Saturday, December 25

7:00am Frank and Rose Garavaglia requested by Bob and Kathy Garavaglia
Walter and Eleanora Siemowski requested by Bob and Kathy Garavaglia
Dorothy Potteray requested by sons and family
Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa

9:00am Barbara Zahringer requested by daughter and family
Theresa, Ben and Thomas Christopher requested by family
Floyd Beaudette and Loretta, Ambrose, Allyn and Josephine Trella requested by family
Bob Rosol requested by wife, Joyce
Michael Zerilli requested by Karen and family
Matthew Zerilli requested by Stella and family
Alfred Machuga requested by Judy Willis
Margaret Machuga, Shirley and Thomas Machuga requested by Judy Willis
Louis and Mildred Albrecht requested by daughter, MaryAnn
Peter Osantowski requested by the Osantowski Family
Angelo and Josephine Caradonna requested by Rick and Kathy Caradonna
Bonnie Zainea, Donald Zainea, Rose Toole, and Cathy Bruce requested by Bob and Carol
Edward and Mary Margiewicz requested by the Osantowski Family

11:00am Steve Vitale requested by wife, Betty
Benedetto Giacalone Birthday Remembrance requested by daughter, Betty
Maria Giacalone requested by daughter, Betty
Bessie and Joseph Jeffrey, Margaret and Lawrence Vitale, Catherine and John DeVelli's, Mary and Jack Gates, Antonette, Nick and Brian Giacalone, nieces and nephews requested by Betty Vitale
Joseph and Catherine Vitale requested by Betty Vitale
Stephanie and Albert Tringali requested by Betty Vitale
Chester and Francesca Broniszewski requested by Linda Ridge
Laura Lavigne 1st Anniversary requested by husband

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Saturday, December 25 *(continued from Page 10)*

11:00am Hermenegildo and Pastora Aquino requested by family
Lucy Mollicone requested by Laura and Donna and family
Nick Merouse Birthday Remembrance requested by Barb Merouse
Angela Ugorcak requested by Andrew and Nancy Ugorcak and family
Grace Brothers requested by Nancy and Andrew Ugorcak and family
Elizabeth (Betty) Koziarski requested by family
Candace Kent Kattuah requested by Andrew and Nancy Ugorcak
Paul Jennison requested by family
Marco Bonanni requested by Barb Knapp Valente and Tiseo Family requested by the Valente Family
Patricia Rudoni requested by Dave and Cheryl Geldhof
Bronislaus and Regina Chmielewski requested by son, Carl Carlton
Henrietta L. Carlton requested by husband, Carl and family
Bonnie L. Carlton requested by husband, Carl and daughter, Cindy
Deceased Members of the Azar and Bouhana Families requested by Jeanette Azar

Special Intentions for All Members of the Pruzinsky Family requested by Betty

Special Intentions for All Members of the Van Goethem Family requested by Betty

Sunday, December 26

9:00am Versula Ruggirello requested by Christian Service
To Honor Our Blessed Mother requested by Sally Durzo
Irene and Adam, Mae and Wanda requested by Sherrill
Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa

Special Intentions of St. Michael Parishioners

11:00am Orilia D'Onofrio requested by family and friends
Greg Surman requested by the Nevens and Richards Family
Greg Champion requested by Marge Nowicki and family

Special Intentions for Max Pruzinsky and His Family on his Baptism requested by Aunt Betty

Monday, December 27

9:30am Tom Gillette Wedding Anniversary Remembrance requested by sister
Alfred Machuga requested by Judy Willis

Tuesday, December 28

9:30am Robert Hallman requested by family

Wednesday, December 29

9:30am Marco Bonanni requested by wife and family

Thursday, December 30

9:30am Crescenzo and Gemmina Rubino Wedding Anniversary Remembrance requested by family

Friday, December 31

4:00pm Emily Mitchell 43rd Anniversary requested by Bob and Pat Mitchell
Bob Rosol requested by wife, Joyce

Saturday, January 1

4:30pm Genesio and Cleonice Giorgiantonio and Patricia Sobie requested by Robert and Maria Sobie
Bob Rosol requested by wife, Joyce
Greg Bruen requested by wife and family
Elizabeth (Betty) Koziarski requested by family
Josephine and Vincent Manzo requested by family
Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa

Sunday, January 2

8:00am James and Alberta Patterson requested by the Jack Patterson Family
Marjorie Finn requested by the Jack Patterson Family
Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa

9:45am Lucy Mollicone requested by Laura and Donna and family
Stanley, Wanda, and Judy Shalagan requested by Dave and Sandy Cenker
Stanley, Wanda, and Judy Shalagan requested by Dave and Sandy Cenker

11:30am Marco Bonanni requested by Barb Knapp

Mass Schedule for January 1/2

	Presider	Commentator	Lector	E.M. Captain	Cantor
4:30pm	Fr. Tim Deacon Franz	Carrie Kulasa	Shirley Sukes	Michelle Hayes Ann McKenzie	Stan Sikorski
8:00am	Fr. Tim Deacon Franz	David Pranger	Barb Knapp	Debbie Kuskowski Louise Snyder	
9:45am	Fr. Mike	Joseph Chadwick	Broas Mann	Virginia Chadwick Janice Osantowski	
11:30am	Fr. Mike	Kristine Pina	Bill Pruzinsky	Jim Taylor Carolyn Taylor	

The family of
Mallory Opiela

Eric Semenyuk
Gina Spencer
Tracy Root Weck
Liam Snyder-Welbes

“Toddler” Palmer

Vincent Ferrante
Dolores Gallina
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Maria Salomone

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Michael Gaber
Ann Grime
Judith Krzyzak
Albert Shamaly
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Shirley Barch
Judi Marker
Ken Naski
Michael Joseph Schnoblen

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We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of

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SATURDAYS: 4:30PM
SUNDAYS:
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WEEKDAYS: 9:30AM

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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 2:1-1

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Harrison Township Library	38255 L'Anse Creuse St. Harrison Township	Weekdays	By Appointment
Shelby Township VFW Post 4659	8311 Wilson Drive, Shelby Township	Weekdays	By Appointment
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→ REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BRING

★ Identification:

- Valid driver's license or state ID for each adult on the return
- Social Security card for each adult and child on the return

★ Income Documentation:

- All W-2's (incl. gambling/lottery winnings)
- All 1099's (incl. Social Security, pension, unemployment, interest/dividends, misc. income)
- DHHS Assistance (annual statement)
- Child Support (annual statement)
- Alimony amounts received
- Letter from Social Security for SSI Income
- 1095's for Market Place Medical Insurance & Employer Insurance

★ Proof of Expenses:

- Any and all childcare expenses
- Property tax statement
- Mortgage interest statement
- Monthly rent amount (if applicable)
- January gas bill for heating credit
- Student loan interest or tuition and course materials
- Itemized car insurance policy that shows PIP (Personal Injury Protection) coverage

★ Direct Deposit Information:

- Bank routing number and account number, checking or savings (Debit cards do not have this information on them but checks do)

★ Past Years Completed Tax Returns



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Tri District Meeting	Monday, February 21	7pm	

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