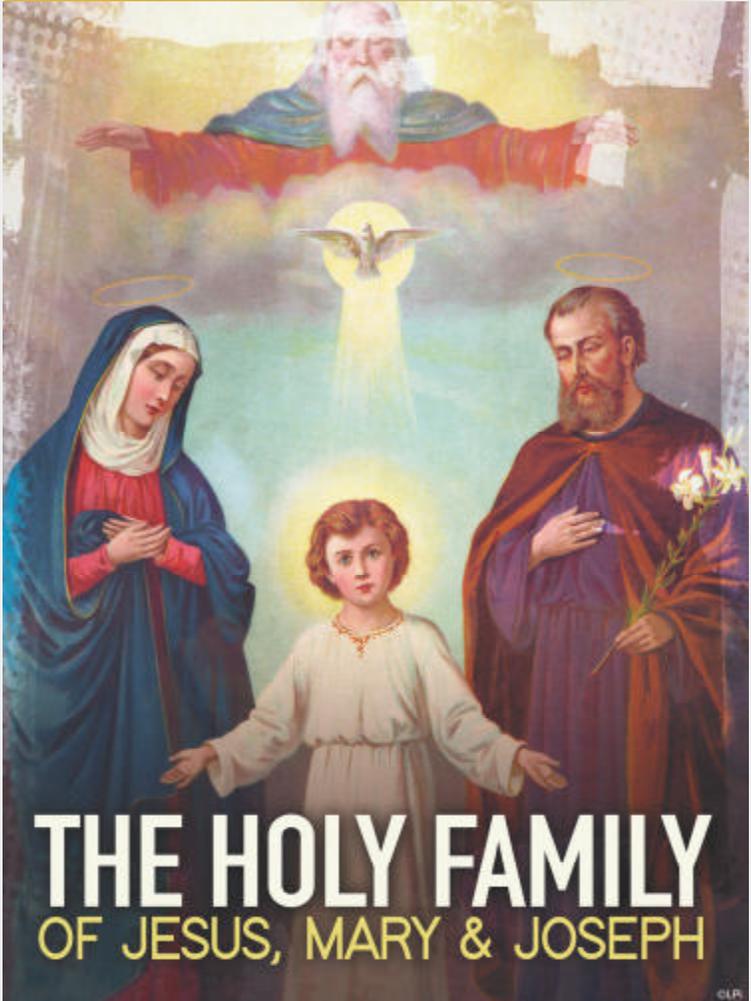


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MASS SCHEDULE:
 Saturdays:..... 4 PM (OLC) & **5.30 PM**
 Sunday:..8:30 AM (OLC), 10:00 AM (OLC-PL) & **11.30 AM**
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday at OLC:..... 8:00 AM
 Tuesday & Thursday:..... **8.00 AM**
 Holy Days:.....See inside bulletin for schedule

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays:.....5:00 PM
 or by appointment
BAPTISMS: Arrangements to be made with
 Fr. Marcin
MARRIAGE: Make arrangements with the rectory
 at least six months before wedding.
CARE OF THE SICK: Call the rectory to make
 arrangements with the priest.
NEW PARISHIONERS: You are welcome.
 Please come to the rectory office and register as
 soon as possible. If moving, notify the rectory. We
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BINGO: Thursday & Sunday at 7:30 pm
 at St. Bernard
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Practicing
 faith and supporting church for at least 3
 months.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

1130AM + + Maryanna & Ted Kozlowski by Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00AM + Estelle Zukowski by Norm and Sharon Handzlik

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00AM + All Souls

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY

10:00AM +- Living & Deceased Mothers & Fathers of St. Bernards

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

5:30PM + Richard Pyszczyk by Steffie G
ADORATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

11:30AM -Fr. Marcin Birthday by Your Parishioners
ADORATION

DECEMBER 12 & 13

Weekend Collections.....\$3342.75
This bulletin was sent out December 17 due to LPI holiday schedule.

Rectory closed Friday, New Years Day.



Mondays, 8AM till 1PM
Wednesdays, 8AM till 1PM
Fridays, 9AM till 1PM
Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays



Want to say a big Thanks to Mike Lubkowski Bingo Team #1 Captain for his many years of working Bingo. He is moving to Lancaster so we will miss him very much. Blessings Mike & Louise.



2020 has been a tough year for everyone since Covid19 has crossed our paths. January 1st starts a new year lets pray that 2021 will be better. Fr. Marcin and his staff wishes his parishioners a Blessed New Year to you and your family. Please stay safe.

FLOWERS AND CANDLES

December 27- January 2

LAMP BLESS. SACRAM: In Loving Memory of Our Tom Gerasimowicz

ST. JOSEPH: In Loving Memory of Felix and Julia Wisniewski by Daughter Dolores

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE: (RED) In Loving Memory of Tim Chojnacki by Mom

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE(BLUE) In Loving Memory of Tim Chojnacki by Mom

The 2021 Mass Book is available stop by the Rectory or call 822-8856 and reserve a Mass for you love ones.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

*God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our
earthly flesh through the gift
of Mary's yes.*

*She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.*

*We are thankful beyond our ability
to thank you for the gift of her Son
as our brother and savior.*

*Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.*

*Bless us as we begin this
New Year and endow us with the
desire and ability to create a world
of peace.*

*We ask all this, through the inter-
cession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.*

Amen.



Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us. Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God! Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year,
I remember that you are a God of beginnings and
endings. You created the world, with all its eternal
patterns. Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's
thaw. Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Sum-
mer's heat. Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in
Autumn's breezes. And Autumn's color leads to the
white of Winter again. As another year ends and be-
gins in our lives, help us to remember that you have
made a world of cycles. When fortune turns to trials,
or hardship turns to joy, help me take delight in the
life I've received from you. Remind me that I will one
day pass from this world and enter a new life like
those who've gone before me. Amen*



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