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“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk. 2:30-31

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*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)*

*During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God" As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, everyday! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.*

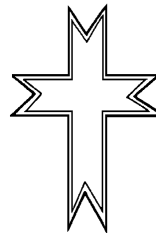
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<b>Mass Attendance ~ December 11/12, 2021</b>		
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
81	135	94

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Kathleen Bell, Verna Bencie, Craig Bender, Barry Collins, Joanne Colombo, Elizabeth Cupka, Mike Daulbaugh, Angie Debro, Tony DiBarto, Jim Doerfler, Sophie Domokos, Maria Flauto, Barb Folan, Debbie Giebel, Mike Giebel, Ken & Nancy Granville, Doris Gregory, Michael Guadagnoli, Dolores Hale, Ray Hejduk, Jeff Helmling, Daren Higginbotham, Cassie Imler, Sheryl Keba, Jim Keller, Maria Kovach, John Kules, Jerry Krakowski, Susan Kravetz, Joseph Lacey, Judy Livingood, Larry & Patrick McClendon, Allyson McGinnis, Margaret McIntyre, Kathy Michalski, David Miller, Ty Morgan, Kevin Murphy, Arthur Murray, David Rutti, Denise Schaffer, Richard Sesso, Roger Slusher, Joseph Sparks, Ada Tarantino, Sandy Uher, Evelyn Volin, Kristin Wavrek, Joan Winkelman, Adrian Winn, Crystal Wooten, .....Our Parish Family continues to pray for all persons. A petition for the sick is included in all Masses..*



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 25**  
 5:00 PM .. Deceased members of our parish  
**Sunday, Dec. 26 - Feast of the Holy Family**  
 10:00AM ..... Ed Plazek  
 .....(Lucy Slovensky)



As members of the community of Saint Joan of Arc let us welcome

**AMELIA WILKA**

who was baptized last Sunday.

Let us pray for her and her family and godparents.

**Monday, December 27 - Office Closed**  
 8:30 AM ..... NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE  
**Tuesday, December 28 - Office Closed**  
 8:30 AM ..... NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE  
**Wednesday, December 29 - Office Closed**  
 8:30 AM ..... NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE  
**Thursday, December 30 - Office Closed**  
 5:00 PM ..... NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE  
**Friday, December 31 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
 5:00 PM ..... Ann Mack (Helen Schuman)  
**Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Vigil for The Epiphany**  
 5:00 PM ..... Paul & Rita Heroux ( M. Heroux & Family)  
**Sunday, January 2, 2022- The Epiphany**  
 8:30 AM ..... Arron Winters ( Mike & Theresa Winters)  
 11:30 AM ..... Deceased members of our parish family

**Celebrated on Saturday**  
**JANUARY 1, 2021**  
**'PRAY FOR PEACE'**



*Call the Office if you will need a copy of your 2021 SJOA Contribution Statement*

**Scripture Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021**

**Sunday:** Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5., Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Jn 20:1a and 2-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8, Mt 2:13-18  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6, Lk 2:22-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21, Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13, Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13., Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12



**Masses for the Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation) Friday, Dec. 31st @ 5pm Regular Mass schedule for The Epiphany of the Lord January 1/2, 2022**

Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate this day the Feast of the Holy Family. All families go through good times and bad times. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were no different. They do show us that no matter what is happening, when God is kept at the forefront of the family, all falls into place. We need God's help for our families to be strong and healthy. How will you show God within your family so that in all times and places, no matter what is happening, your family will find joy in His name?

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas liturgies so solemn and so beautiful. From those who helped decorate our church, to our liturgical ministers, our music ministry and all else who helped in many ways. Everyone worked so well together and our Masses showed this. Thank you as well to all who came here to celebrate the birth of Christ with us. As a community, as one family we raised our voices to God in thanksgiving and celebration for all that he has done for us.

January 1<sup>st</sup> is not only New Year's Day, but it is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God which typically is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because it falls on a Saturday this year, the Solemnity is celebrated but it is not a day of obligation. Mass for this day will be offered on Friday, December 31 at 5 pm. The regular weekend schedule of Mass, which will be for the Feast of the Epiphany will follow on Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you to our Community Builders who did a wonderful job with our St. Nicholas/Santa event for the kids. It was great to see so many little ones gathered together to hear about St. Nicholas, enjoy a great breakfast, make a present for residents at the Arbors and a visit from Santa. It was a fun morning for all who attended.

The parish offices will be closed until Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. This gives our staff some time to relax and spend some time with family and friends. Please call and leave a voicemail message for any one of our staff members. If you need is an emergency, please call the parish at 330-626-3424 and dial ext. 110. Leave your message with contact information and someone will be with you as soon as possible.

My personal thanks to all who have been so kind and giving to me during this Christmas season. I am grateful all through the year for your support and prayers as these sustain me in my daily life. Especially at this time of year, so many are kind to me in a host of ways, from good wishes, cards, gifts, food and other expressions of thanks, I am humbled that you are so good to me. I thank God for your kindness and goodness to me. Please know that I keep all of you in my prayers throughout the year, but especially in this most festive of seasons. May God continue to bless all of us with his many gifts and may we show our thanks to him and all who share his blessings. I am grateful to all of you for your care, support and love. God Bless,

Fr. Chris



## Gospel Meditation The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Lord is always with me.

*Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when Jesus was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him (Lk 2:41-54)*

The feast of Passover was one of the three great pilgrimage feasts when Jews, if at all possible, were to come to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Mary and Joseph are once again depicted a parents who faithfully followed the practices of their religion, and who made sure that their child was part of this tradition.

Mary and Joseph would have made this more than 63-mile journey on foot with other members of a large family group traveling from the northern hill town of Nazareth. It's not hard to imagine how the absence of their son could have gone unnoticed.

It is also not hard to imagine how they felt when they realized that he was not among their traveling party on the way home.

There are times, sometimes, painful times, when we don't feel that the Lord is with us. It's worse when we assume it's our own fault.

The best one to talk to about this is the Lord himself.



December 31, 2021

**Lector :** V. Armstrong

**Eucharistic Ministers:** \*K. Adkins  
R. Miller  
Dcn. Gies

**Server:** NEEDED

**Usher:** M. Giebel



### MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

January 1/2, 2022

	5:00 pm	8:30 am	11:30 am
<b>Lector:</b>	A. Howard	M. Folan	P. Guinto
<b>Eucharistic:</b>	*K. Adkins Dcn. Gies Er. Howard Ea. Howard	*C. Flauto Dcn. Gies K. Mihok L. Slovensky	*J. Koroly Dcn. Gies W. Lesak D. Wagner
<b>Servers:</b>	H. Ballash	S. Robicheaux	K. Malloy
<b>Ushers:</b>	M. Whitaker P. Whitaker S. Bailey D. Bailey	J. Cowling J. Folan S. Rardin G. Broska	P. Calo J. Stockard J. Yonish



## Generations of Faith

is our faith formation for the entire parish not just families with children going through religious education. Come to a GOF session and learn what it is all about.

Our next session will be held on Sunday, January 9th at 8:00 AM (starting with breakfast) and Monday, January 10th at 5:30 (starting with dinner).

If you have not registered please register at [stjoanfaithformation.org](http://stjoanfaithformation.org).

For more information please contact Jennifer Lawrence at 330-626-3424 ext. 104 or email: [stjoaneducation@gmail.com](mailto:stjoaneducation@gmail.com)

*We would like to welcome the following families to St. Joan Of Arc in 2021*

Daniel & Nancy Sigan  
Austin Graham  
Alex, Rachel & Blake Szekely  
Kimberly Nutter  
Monica Lacek

Tony & Joyce Paradise  
Carissa Karachristos  
Daniel & Hannah Mascio  
Nicholas, Megan & Riley Roch  
Louise Acciaioli  
Joseph & Laureen Unfeter  
John, Lisa, Emily & Ian Nicholson  
Patrick Lyles

Nicholas, Karlie & Amelia Wilka  
Cullen & Dana Whitsenhunt  
Katherine Mulloy  
Alina, Julie, Victoria & Matthew Duszak  
Jeffrey, Jennifer & Caitlin Jedlinsky  
Joseph & Elizabeth Buchtinec



## SCRIPTURE STUDY

### At Home with the Word

If you would like to have a richer understanding of the up-coming Sunday Readings, you are welcome to join us at **10am every Tuesday morning in the Parish Council Room** to probe the wisdom of the Scriptures.

These gatherings will be facilitated by our Pastoral Minister Jennifer Lawrence. Questions call the Office.

Would you like to have a Loved One remembered in a weekday or weekend Mass? If so, please call the Office at 330-626-3424 and ask for Amy.

### Registration

Would you like to be a St. Joan of Arc Parishioner? Registration Forms are available in the Narthex for your convenience or go to our website [sjoa-church.org](http://sjoa-church.org) and go to "New Here" drop down box or please call the Office at 330-626-3424.

Schedule for the week of December 26, 2021

## Offices will be closed this week No Masses or Communion Services

### Two Masses for Life Scheduled January 2022

Each year in January we recall the infamous Supreme decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Our diocese hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." Bishop Bonnar will preside at the Masses for Life on:

Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 PM in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University, 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton

Sunday, January 23, at 4:00 PM at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W. Wood St., Youngstown.

Each Mass for Life will include a Blessing of Children in the Womb and will be followed by a reception. All are welcome - no reservations needed.

For more information contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-2451 ext 272

### Do You Know Someone Who is Expecting a Child?

If you know someone who is expecting a child, invite her and her family to attend one of the Masses for Life:

Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University, North Canton (2020 E. Maple St.), and

Sunday, January 23, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.).

At each Mass Bishop Bonnar will offer a special Blessing of Children in the Womb. The Mass will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed.

For more information contact: [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org) or 330-744-8451 ext.272.

### 9 Days for Life – Wednesday, January 19 to Thursday, January 27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life, surrounding the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For more information go to <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>.

### Hope and Healing for those Suffering after Abortion

Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is Hope and Healing from abortion. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel* of N.E. Ohio at 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

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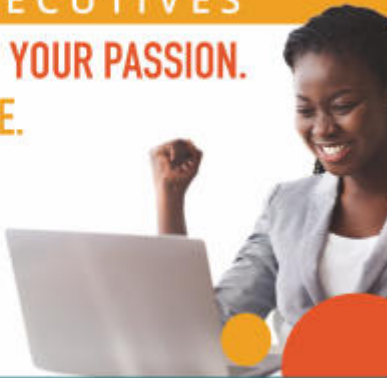
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