

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH



THE HOLY FAMILY

"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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Prayer to Saint Andrew the Apostle

O Glorious Saint Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend Saint John, you remained with Jesus for that day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. As you led your brother Saint Peter to Christ and many others after Him, draw us also to Him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him and dedication in His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus.

Amen.

DECEMBER 27, 2020 - THE HOLY FAMILY

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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Reconciliation

Monday Evenings in Charleroi, during the Holy hour (6-7pm).

Wednesdays in Monongahela, during the Holy Hour (6-7pm).

Saturdays before the 4pm Evening Mass (3-3:45pm).

First Friday of the Month in Donora (11am-12pm).

Reporting Child Abuse

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

412-456-3093 (Office)

Hot Line 1-888-808-1235 **PA Child Line** 1-800-932-0313

Call 911 immediately if a child is in imminent danger.

AFTER OFFICE HOURS EMERGENCY

Please call one of the Parish offices and listen for the Emergency Prompt

MASS SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	TIME	SITE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY	PRIEST
Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020	8:30am	Charleroi	Allen Cairns	Wife & Family	Fr. Pat
	4:00pm	Donora	Noreen Fazzini	Angela DeRienzo & Family	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Ken Fusina	Charleroi Knights of Columbus #956	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	6:00pm	Monongahela	David Sala	Nancy Necciai	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020	8:30am	Donora	Louise Jurik	John Jurik & Carol Hann	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	9:00am	Charleroi	Lorraine Caruso	Caruso Family	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	11:00am	Monongahela	People of the Parish		Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
Monday, Dec. 28, 2020	8:30am	Charleroi	Paul McManus	Rose McManus & Family	Fr. Kevin
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020	8:30am	Donora	Deceased Members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary	Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary	Fr. Kevin
Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020	7:00pm	Monongahela	Charles Anselmino	James & Mary Ann Gagliardi	Fr. Kevin
Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020	8:30am	Donora	Fred Zomber	Wife, Betty	Fr. Pat
	5:00pm	Charleroi	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin
Friday, Jan. 1, 2020	8:30am	Donora	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin
	11:00am	Monongahela	Margaret Pepka	Tom Ruschak	Fr. Pat
Saturday, Jan. 2, 2020	8:30am	Charleroi	Fr. Ed Litavec	M/M Frank Grande	Fr. Kevin
	4:00pm	Donora	Margaret M. Mavrovich	Mary Mavrovich	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	5:00pm	Charleroi	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Mr. & Mrs. John Filipcic	The Filipcic Family	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
Sunday, Jan. 3, 2020	8:30am	Donora	Harry Bellora	Patricia Bellora & Family	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	Elaine Ulens	Don Ulens & Family	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	11:00am	Monongahela	James Pust	Lorraine & John Harlack	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al

Entrance: O Come All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord

Offertory: INSTRUMENTAL

Communion: Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

Closing: Joy to the World

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE /PARISH EVENTS



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ~ JANUARY 1, 2021

On Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 the Church honors Mary with the title “Mother of God.” This Church Solemnity emphasizes Mary’s unique role in salvation history and rightly elevates her participation in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ the Lord. How blessed we are as Catholics to begin the new calendar year honoring the Mother of God who is the MODEL disciple of Jesus. (This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

Mass schedule :

Thursday, 12/31/20 5:00pm—Charleroi
Friday, 1/1/21 8:30am—Donora
Friday, 1/1/21 11:00am—Monongahela

***The parish offices at all locations will be closed for the New Year’s
 On Thursday, December 31st & Friday, January 1st .**

JANUARY 1ST ADORATION

Normally on the first Friday of the month, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament located at the Donora Site, from 9am– Midnight. However, because of the New Years Day Holiday, the hours have been changed for January. **After the 8:30am mass on News Years Day we will have Adoration since it is also first Friday but we will only offer this Eucharistic Adoration until Noon.**



St. Andrew the Apostle would like to extend a very big thank you to this weeks bulletin ad sponsor. We have chosen:



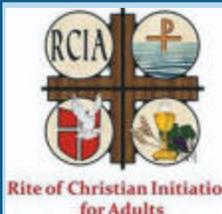
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Thank You for your continued support to our Parish!

Check out Mass from St. Andrew online. We are filming one of the Saturday Vigil masses each week from one of our three churches, for those who do not yet feel comfortable coming back to mass.

Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for “Grouping 326” or go to our parish website and follow the link on our home page!

The Link will be up each Sunday!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Each year, Instruction is held for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or begin their Journey to become Catholic.

Our Parish of St Andrew the Apostle will begin instruction in October 2020. We are asking those who may be interested in taking the classes to further your knowledge of our Faith, or begin their Journey to join the Catholic faith, to begin discerning in prayer of how God maybe placing a call on your heart and how you can respond to the Catholic Faith.

Any questions on the RCIA process, please see any of the Priests, Deacon Al, or Tom, the Seminararian. RCIA, Pre-Registration is required. Please call any of the parish offices to register.

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Thoughts by: REV KEV

Just a thought as we continue to Celebrate the Christmas Season until January!!

The “True Love” one hears in the song Twelve of Christmas is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but *Jesus Christ*, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Jesus because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary, to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away the predators.

The two turtle dove were the *Old and New Testaments*.

The three French hens stood for *faith, hope and love*.

The four calling birds were the *four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*.

The five golden rings represented the *first five books of the Old Testament*, which describes the mans fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the *six days of creation*.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the *sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit* - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a - milking were the *eight beatitudes*.

Nine ladies dancing were the *nine fruits of the Holy Spirit* - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience (Forbearance), Goodness (Kindness), Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency (Chastity).

The ten lords a-leaping were the *Ten Commandments*.

The eleven pipers stood for the *eleven faithful Apostles*.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the *twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed*.

Ruminations by: Fr. Pat

While we are in the Christmas Season and are enjoying everything that comes with it, we are also celebrating New Year's Day in the secular calendar year. In the Church's Liturgical Year, we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. This feast was moved around over the centuries. It originally started on January 1, then got moved to October 11, then was re-moved back to January 1.

The title of the Feast day is also a little confusing. The Feast is more about Jesus than it is of Mary. It goes back to an early Church Council (like Vatican II in the 1960's). This Council was the Council of Ephesus, held in 481 A.D. In those early years the Church was trying to understand the true nature of Jesus. What we believe now – that Jesus is equally both God and human – was still trying to be understood. Is Jesus human? Is He divine? Is He both? WHO, then, is Jesus? The first Council, held at Nicaea (modern day Turkey), argued about the Divinity and Humanity of Jesus. Some said He was only Human; some said He was Divine. Some said he was equal to the Father; some said He was subordinate. The Council concluded that Jesus was both Divine and Human and that He was equal to the Father. This is where we get the term from the Creed, “Consubstantial.”

However, in the following years, there still was much debate. This debate was still in place when the Second Council was held in Constantinople in 381 A.D. A priest named Nestorius claimed that while Jesus was both Human and Divine, He became Divine by His will (There are a lot of other things going on here, but I don't have the space!). The proper way of thinking was that Jesus is both Human and Divine by His nature, not something added on.

It is with this debate that Mary comes into the picture. The debate was about whether to use either title “Theotokos,” or “Christokos.” *Theotokos* is roughly translated as *God-bearer*. *Christokos* roughly translates as *Christ-bearer*. Both of these terms have two different meanings. The “God-bearer,” or “Mother of God,” implies that Jesus is both Human and Divine. The “Christ-bearer,” or “Mother of Christ” implies that Jesus is only human. *Theotokos* won.

So...while we are celebrating the Motherhood that Mary has with her Son – and all the things that motherhood entails – we are actually looking at Jesus, Himself, and Who He is. And when we put it into the context of Christmas, we're celebrating Emmanuel, **God** with us.

PARISH EVENTS

As we look forward to the new year 2021 on behalf of our entire Pastoral Staff we wish you and your Family the very best of Health and Happiness and Peace.

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace.

Another prayer for peace may be said:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

R/. Amen.

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

2021 Sanctuary Candle Dates

All three worship sites are reserving Sanctuary Candle dates for 2021. Just call the Parish Office of the Church where you want the candle to burn.

If you missed the Christmas Charities 2nd collection on Christmas it is not too late to make a donation.

The proceeds from this collections are used to support a number of programs in our diocese which serve many children and young people who depend on our generosity and our loving concern for them. We remind parishioners that the total of all donations made to Christmas Charities is also applied toward our **Parish Share Goal** .

The weekend of **January 16-17 has been designated for the special collection to benefit St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.**

St. Anthony's and DePaul both fill a necessary role for special education within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. St. Anthony School Programs offers an inclusive education to children ages 5-21 years with special needs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children, birth to 14 years, who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak, and learn. Both programs empower students to become active and contributing members of their respective communities.

Any help you can give is deeply appreciated and makes a tremendous impact on the students we serve , as well as their families. Our fundraising efforts have been greatly impacted by the pandemic, so again, any support you are able to give means so much.

Every dollar donated through this collection is credited toward your Parish Share.

PARISH EVENTS

As we continue to face the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, please take a moment to review the steps taken by St. Andrew the Apostle Parish.

These are the protocols mandated by the CDC, Commonwealth of PA, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh:

All individuals who enter the Church for any reason (such as private prayer, the Celebrations of Mass or Confession), **MUST WEAR A MASK, covering their nose and mouth**. Masks are available at all entrances.

All are asked to **PLEASE USE HAND SANITIZER** upon entering the church building.

All are asked to be attentive to the seating restrictions, sitting at least 6 feet from anyone else in the pew, the exception being that you can sit in closer proximity to the people you came with (i.e. spouses, family members, etc.). **We are allowed to seat 25% of our seating capacity**. Be attentive to those pews taped off.

Additional steps we are facilitating here at St. Andrew the Apostle:

We have instituted Pandemic Porters, who help the parish ensure Safety Compliance and Accountability.

All clergy have been wearing masks to distribute Communion.

While you may exit the church by any door, you will find that each church will only have ONE set of doors opened:

Charleroi - please use the main doors with the handicap ramp.

Monongahela - please use the side door with the handicap ramp.

Donora - please use the front door of the Church.

To assist in the safety of everyone in the congregation, if you choose to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until everyone in the Congregation has received Communion. Afterward, you may come to the priest or deacon so that he may sanitize properly. **PLEASE WHEN LEAVING USE ALL DOORS, AND DO NOT CONGREGATE!!**

Finally, we are still providing an Online Mass for the Weekend, as noted in the bulletin. Check the parish website at <https://saintandrewmidmon.org>.

All Doors to the offices will be locked during business hours, you must either ring the door bells at the Monongahela and Charleroi sites or call the office in Donora and someone will answer the door. The offices are closed to the Public.

PLEASE !!!!

**IF YOU FEEL SICK,
WE ASK THAT YOU STAY AT
HOME.**

Prayer to end 2020 and Bless the New Year of 2021 By: Deacon Al**First we need to learn to pray not to inform God, but pray to involve God!**

Dear Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus we come to you humbled and bowed. What can go wrong has gone wrong and I am tired my Lord.

Sometime my faith is weak, and I feel at the end of my rope. Other times I feel if I take one more step, I will surely drown in the sorrows of my life and I am out of options on this journey.

I ask through the gift you have given us in remembering the birth of your son, with the shadow of His cross over the place he would lay upon His birth, be my Strength when I am weak, my Voice when I have no words to speak, and my Peace when the stress of this life overwhelms me...

Jesus I give you everything, as you have given everything to me. There is no need to keep pretending, because without you I have and am nothing. You've brought me out of the pit of despair many times and today I stand on your promise that you can, and will do it again.

In the coming year of 2021, send to us your Grace and Mercy as we embrace this "New Year" and let your Love cover me when I feel I'm losing my way. In your son Jesus mighty name I pray. AMEN

Food Bank Needs for the Holiday Season!

Our Food Banks needs for those in our three communities is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Whether it be due to the pandemic, loss of income or those just needing a hand to make it to the end of the month, you're making it happen.

Planning from our Food Bank committee is on-going, as many times we get calls throughout the week for those folks who have run out of food.

With than in mind, and of course your generosity which keeps us going, please consider donating the items below for the upcoming Holiday Season:

Peanut butter and Jelly, Pasta & Sauce, Instant potatoes & stuffing mix, cereal, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy mix, yams.

Hygiene essentials, bar soap, paper towels and toilet paper.

Snacks for children are also needed as we have been assisting with afterschool programs for the children in the Mid Mon Valley.

May our Lord continue to Bless our parish of St Andrew, as we continue to follow Jesus' command "Feed my Sheep."

4th Sunday of Advent: Seminarian Tom

On December 28 each year the Church celebrates one of the oldest liturgical feasts on our calendar. The Feast of the Holy Innocents has been celebrated shortly after Christmas since at least 440 A.D. It has been set aside to celebrate who we believe to be some of the first martyrs. Tradition holds St. Stephen (whose feast is December 26) to be the “protomartyr” or first martyr, but we also hold in devotion as martyrs, the innocent children who were massacred by Herod in his haste to try to kill the Christ Child. The Massacre of the Innocents was precipitated by a series of events leading to the birth of Christ. The Magi were on their way following the star to see the Child-King. The Magi visit Jerusalem to seek guidance as to where the king of the Jews has been born; King Herod directs them to Bethlehem and asks them to return to him and report, but they are warned in a dream and do not do so. This is all found in Matthew 2:16 “When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.” Because these innocent children were killed because Herod was trying to kill Christ, they are martyrs and devotion to them has been fostered through the ages. Many different traditions have arisen for *Innocent’s Day*. For example, in Spanish speaking countries it is basically the equivalent to our *April Fools* where there are pranks and jokes. There are many parties in the streets and it is seen as a day for children to play freely. In some Germanic cultures the day is celebrated by role reversals where a boy will be named bishop for the day or the kids will teach the teachers. All of these are beautiful parts of our Catholic culture and are great ways to keep the festive spirit alive through all of the Christmas season!

THE HOLY FAMILY

Lord Jesus be with my family.

Grant us your peace and harmony an end to conflict and division.

Gift us the compassion to better understand each other the wisdom and love to assist each other and the trust and patience to live peacefully.

Grant that through the intercession of your Mother Mary and Saint Joseph that our family too may become a Holy family accepting each other working together in unity, and selflessly dedicated to one another and to you.



**Christmas Blessing to the volunteers of the Parish and thank you for your help in becoming compliant with the Diocese Safe Environment policy.
Have a Happy New Year!**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

This weekend the Church celebrates the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is Christian family life.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. Scriptures tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth and the incidents that occurred when the twelve year old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own prompted the Popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterizes the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

Almost intuitively one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly in a yet more intimate way by Mary. Consequently the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense as guardians of the Church and also on the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church and the Eucharist which he entrusted to us. If Mary was in some way *'the first tabernacle in history'* (John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence was also entrusted to us.

May we take this time as we prepare for 2021 to acknowledge the blessing we have in our families, and if there are areas of pain and struggles allow Holy Family to assist in how you may be patient having the understanding towards one another and be open to forgiveness so that you may find peace with one another.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK During the COVID -19 PANDEMIC

Since the Pandemic started last Spring, society has seen not only an uptake in physical sickness but an increase in emotional uncertainties. There are many people who are afraid, for the welfare of others and for themselves. There are some who may also be affected spiritually.

In these troublesome times, there are a couple of things that remain constant - the love and the mercy of God. He is the calming agent that is the foundation of our fears and anxieties. Uncertain of the trials of life, people find peace through prayer and through the reception of the Holy Communion. The Sacraments have been, and will continue to be, the foundations of our life in Christ. They bring us healing and strength.

Because of the serenity that the Sacraments bring, we, the clergy team at St. Andrew, have decided to offer to anyone who desires the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The reception of the Sacrament unites us to the Cross of Christ. Through Christ we suffer, die and rise again. We are made one with the Divine Healer, who forgives us of our sins.

The Sacrament is intended for anyone who is in need of healing - physical, emotional and spiritual. Remember, the Sacrament is a life - giving Sacrament for those in need of Solace and is referred to the Healing Sacrament meant for the living, to bring Christ into their lives.

Therefore, at each of the Parish Sites, we will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after the daily Mass for those who are in need. Young or old, physically sick or emotionally/spiritually in need, the Sacrament is there for you, Christ is there for you. If the Sacrament helps relieve any anxieties that the pandemic brings, let it. Christ is there for us all. Within time we will offer this once a week in the new year.

Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.



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It is the mission of Madonna Catholic Regional School to provide a Christ-centered community focused on Gospel values, service, and academic excellence to foster a lifelong relationship with God and the Church and to develop leaders that carry their success with kindness, respect, responsibility and compassion.



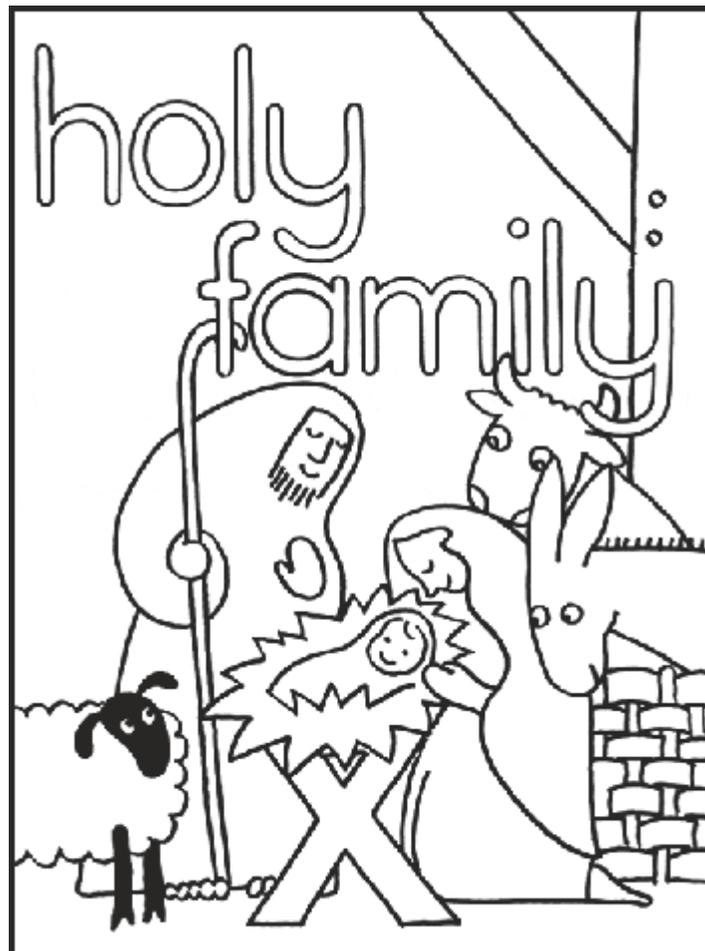
A special **thank you** to all those who participated in our Cheplic Meat & Cash ticket which goes off on Thursday, December 31st. We will not return to school until Monday, January 4th at which time the winning number will be verified and the lucky winner contacted.

FAITH FORMATION/FAMILY CONNECTION/KIDS CORNER

Family Connection

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another.



**OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK OF
December 13th, 2020**

December 13th Offertory

**OFFERTORY: \$ 11,470.50
SCHOOL SUPPORT \$ 716.00
VANCO: \$ 2,089.13**

**The offertory collection for December 20th &
25th will be published in the January 3rd
Bulletin.**

2020 PARISH SHARE

**Diocesan Goal: \$143,172.00
Current PSP: \$102,513.00
(72% of the Goal Collected)**

**It's not too late to sign up for our ON LINE
GIVING with VANCO. You can find the
directions on our website. We encourage you to
use this very efficient tool for your giving.**



**WEEKLY READINGS - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN
DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22, 39-40
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt
2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/
Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-
7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/
Jn 1:19-28
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

REST IN PEACE



In the charity of your prayers we kindly ask that you please pray for the repose of the souls of **Frederick T. Murdock, William N. Sezawich, Jr., Eleanor Jenkins, and Ralph Turkovich** May Perpetual Light shine upon their souls. And may all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

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