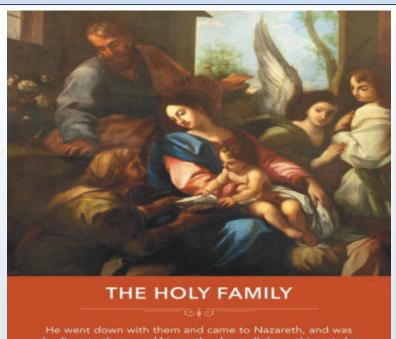
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#### Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

#### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest**: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.** 

#### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### First Reading

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end

of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Our Response is: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

# R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

# R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

# R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first Letter of St. John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

*The word of the Lord.* 

Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he 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. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his

understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. *The Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.** 

#### Our Catholic Communities

Contributions	12/5	Last Year
SS. Brendan & Jude	\$1,305.00	\$1,342.00

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Blessed Sacrament	\$1,221.00	\$1,420.00
Holy Family	\$ 998.00	\$1,494.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5,083.00	\$4,761.00
SS. Brendan & Jude	\$1,632.00	\$2,783.00
St. Mary's	\$ 715.00	\$ 522.00

Thank you for your Stewardship!

Contributions 12/19 Next Week



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1st Not an Obligation This Year

Since this Feast falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God is abrogated and attending Mass on Saturday would satisfy the Sunday Obligation.



Holy Family 50/50

The January Raffle is underway.

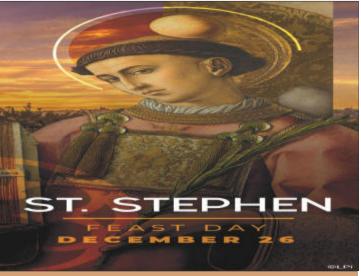


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St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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#### 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.

Let us pray...

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 intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus, Mary, & Joseph all had to make sacrifices to accomplish the Will of God. Let's all be open to the idea that our children or grandchildren may be called to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. For help in discerning God's will, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

## Readings for the Week

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 2:1-12

#### **Observances for the Week**

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy

Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors

of the Church

# PRAYER CENTER

Please Pray For The Sick: Philip Weimer, Carolyn Cronk, Michael T. Baldwin, Special request for an ICU Covid patient, and all those being prayed for by our Prayer Circle, Our Nursing Home and Assisted Living Residents, the sick of our parishes and anyone in need of our prayers.

#### Everyday Stewardship

# RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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#### All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

#### Gospel Meditation

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. **©LPi** 

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#### Blessed Sacrament - Andover

#### Altar Breads & Wine

*In Loving Memory of:* James & Geraldine Harkenrider *By:* John, Monica, & Caitlan Dean

Altar Candles: Children of the World By: Gerry Liuzzi

Sun.	Dec. 26		James & Geraldine Harkenrider By: John, Monica, & Caitlan Dean
Sun.	Jan. 2	9:00am	Carolyn Dougherty By: Debbie Clark

#### St. Brendan's - Almond

#### Confessions on Saturday's at 3:15pm

#### Altar Breads & Wine & Altar Candles

In Loving Memory of: Joyce Kelly By: Family

Sun.	Jan. 2		Baby Rende By: Simone & Vittoria Rende	
Sun.	Dec. 26		Betsy Bucher By: Joseph Bucher	
St. Mary's - Bolivar				
Sun.	Jan. 2	11:00am	Charles Wildrick-Cole By: The Wildrick-Cole Family	
Sun.	Dec. 26	11:00am	All Souls By: Parishioners	
	St. Jude's - Alfred			
Sat.	Jan. 1	4:00pm	Emily Campbell By: Pete & Kathleen MacDonald	
Fri.	Dec. 31		No Mass	
Wed.	Dec. 29		No Mass	
Mon.	Dec. 27		No Mass	
Sat.	Dec. 25	10:00am	All Living & Deceased Members of SSBJ	



#### Holy Family - Belmont

#### Altar Breads & Wine & Altar Candles

In Loving Memory of: John & Gertrude Canty
By: Grandchildren—Bill, Nanci, John Bogan, & Ellen
McNinch

Sun.	Dec. 26	11:30am	Maurice Hannon (Birthday Remembrance) By: Betty, John, Bart & Colleen Hannon
Tue.	Dec. 28		No Mass
Sun.	Jan. 2	11:30am	Edward Linnecke, Sr. By: Sherry Teach

#### Immaculate Conception - Wellsville

Confessions on Saturday's at 3:15pm

#### Altar Breads & Wine:

In Loving Memory of: Deceased of the Sawyer Family

By: Sandy Sawyer Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of: Ken & Marie Alvord
By: Ken Glass

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Sat.	Dec. 25	10:00am	All Living & Deceased Members of ICC
Sun.	Dec. 26	9:45am	Joe Embser By: William, Barbara & Walter Embser
Mon.	Dec. 27		No Mass
Tue.	Dec. 28		No Mass
Wed.	Dec. 29		No Mass
Fri.	Dec. 31		No Mass
Sat.	Jan. 1	4:00pm	Gerald J. Russello By: Debbie, Larry, & Bryan Clark
Sun.	Jan. 2	9:45am	Edward Linnecke, Sr. By: Tom & Mary Hennessev



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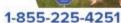
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