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DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:30 PM
Wednesday: 7:30 AM
Thursday: 7:30 AM
Friday: 7:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered from September - May at this Mass.

BEREAVEMENT

CARE AND CONCERN

Call Karen Edwards at 827-2658.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are always welcome! Census forms are available at the Parish Office. Please contact our Administrative Secretary (ext. 2) in the event of an address or phone number change.

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a prayer concern to our list, contact Nancy Madden at 827-9774 (day) or 814-493-3841 (evening), Helen Quimby at 827-1437, or Darlene Aul at 827-7343.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Reverend Walter E. Packard
Deacon Assistant.....Deacon Kevin Harmon
Administrative Secretary.....Brenda Lytle
Religious Education Coordinator.....Kathleen Puleo
Music Ministers.....Anthony 'T.J.' Parks, Margaret Bernecky
Maintenance.....Greg Tress
St. Catharine's Cemetery.....Bob Beauchat

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment only.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by arrangement.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please let us know when a family member or friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital, or at the nursing home.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months prior to the ceremony.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you are interested in R.C.I.A, please contact our pastor.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious instruction classes for youth take place at the Faith Formation Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Contact the Rel. Ed. Coordinator (ext. 4) to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions for the bulletin must be dropped off at the Parish Office or sent via e-mail no later than 10:00 AM on Tuesday.

HOLY FAMILIES

The lovely gospel accounts that we revel in during these days of Christmastime hold up for us the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth. And so we celebrate the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas Day. It is easy to gaze on the images in the Christmas crib and recognize the holiness of the newborn Jesus, his mother and his guardian. It may be harder to look at your own children or parents or brothers and sisters and see reflections of that same holiness in them. After all, living together, you see each other's bad sides as well as good, the warts as well as the dimples.

But if we truly believe in what we are celebrating, the incarnations of God in the flesh, and the fact that Jesus saved us by his death and resurrection into which we are baptized, then we must cultivate the ability to see a reflection of the baby Jesus' holiness in each child in our own families, to see holiness of Mary and of Joseph reflected in ourselves as parents and in our own parents.

Maybe it will help to remember not just the gurgling baby Jesus in the crib, but also the toddler Jesus at age two—in his own version of the “terrible twos.” Or to meditate on Mary and Joseph changing diapers and picking up the ancient Palestinian version of Cheerios from the kitchen floor—and the living room floor and... The gospels are silent about Jesus' childhood, but truly human as well as truly God, Jesus no doubt had nosebleeds and skinned knees, tried dangerous stunts, didn't get enough sleep sometimes and so was cranky. Maybe there were even battles over homework. (Jesus would have studied Hebrew and the scriptures.)

And think of Jesus as a teenager. We get a glimpse of him in the gospel of Matthew at age twelve, wandering off in Jerusalem, causing Mary and Joseph to panic. Of course he didn't have the

opportunity to take driver's ed or ask for the car keys, but there were a myriad of other similar parent-teen encounters, to be sure.

Some may find such speculation to be sacrilegious. “Jesus is perfect,” they'll object. “Jesus is God!” How very true. And Jesus was a baby, teenager, a young adult, too. True God, true man. And maybe, just maybe one of the delights of Christmas season is that some of the small quirky things about us as human beings—the terrible twos, the teenage struggle for independence, parents' angst about their child—maybe all of these are holy and part of what it means to grow toward perfection.

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever!



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WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE**Mon. Dec. 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:30 AM Louis Polito (Karen, Georgia, Pennie, Kathy & Hazel)

Tues. Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:30 PM Walter & Regina Andres (Chris Andres)

Wed. Dec. 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM Cynthia Gildea (Ruth Nosko)

Thurs. Dec. 30 Sixth Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS

Fri. Dec. 31 Seventh Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS

Sat. Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

12:00 PM Richard Clickett (Suzanne Lindsay)

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Titus Church

Sun. Jan. 2 Epiphany of The Lord

8:00 AM Peggy Weaver (Larry & Pennie Fledderman)

10:00 AM Mary Jane Barber (Doug & Alida Burkhardt)

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PRAYER LIST

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Please call the Parish Office to add or remove anyone from the prayer list.

For our Servicemen and Servicewomen: Brock Benedict, James Moyer, Derek Baldwin, Andrew Baldwin, Casey Bargar, Destiny Nicol, Christopher Macko, Robert Macko, Mathew Longiotti, Luke English, Cory Bemis, Kayla Barrett, Dr. Joseph Shevchik, Travis Pearsall, Caden Mallory, Anna Bauer, Alex Kunz, Andy Ferguson, Michael Avallone, Matthew English, Kasey Sines

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

PRAY FOR PRIESTS: Rev. John Detisch, Rev. Chris M. Hamlett, Rev. Joseph V. Wardanski, Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, Rev. Michael G. DeMartinis

Ministry Schedule (January 1 & 2)

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Lector: William Adelman Lector: Carolyn Beinio Lector: Devone Pepple
Sacristan: Brenda Lytle Sacristan: Karen Edwards Sacristan: Steve & Mary James

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

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


MAY HE REST IN PEACE—The sympathy of the parish is extended to the Family of **Joseph J. Galletta**, longtime parishioner of St. Titus Church. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, and may He bless those who mourn him.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

MARRIAGE MOMENTS—Christmas is past, or is it? Kwanzaa which starts on Dec. 26 is an annual celebration of African-American culture. No matter the color of your skin, the themes of Kwanzaa can deepen your love for each other and continue the joy of Christmas. Some of the Kwanzaa themes are Unity, Collective Work, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. <https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.html>


Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments." Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR!



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