

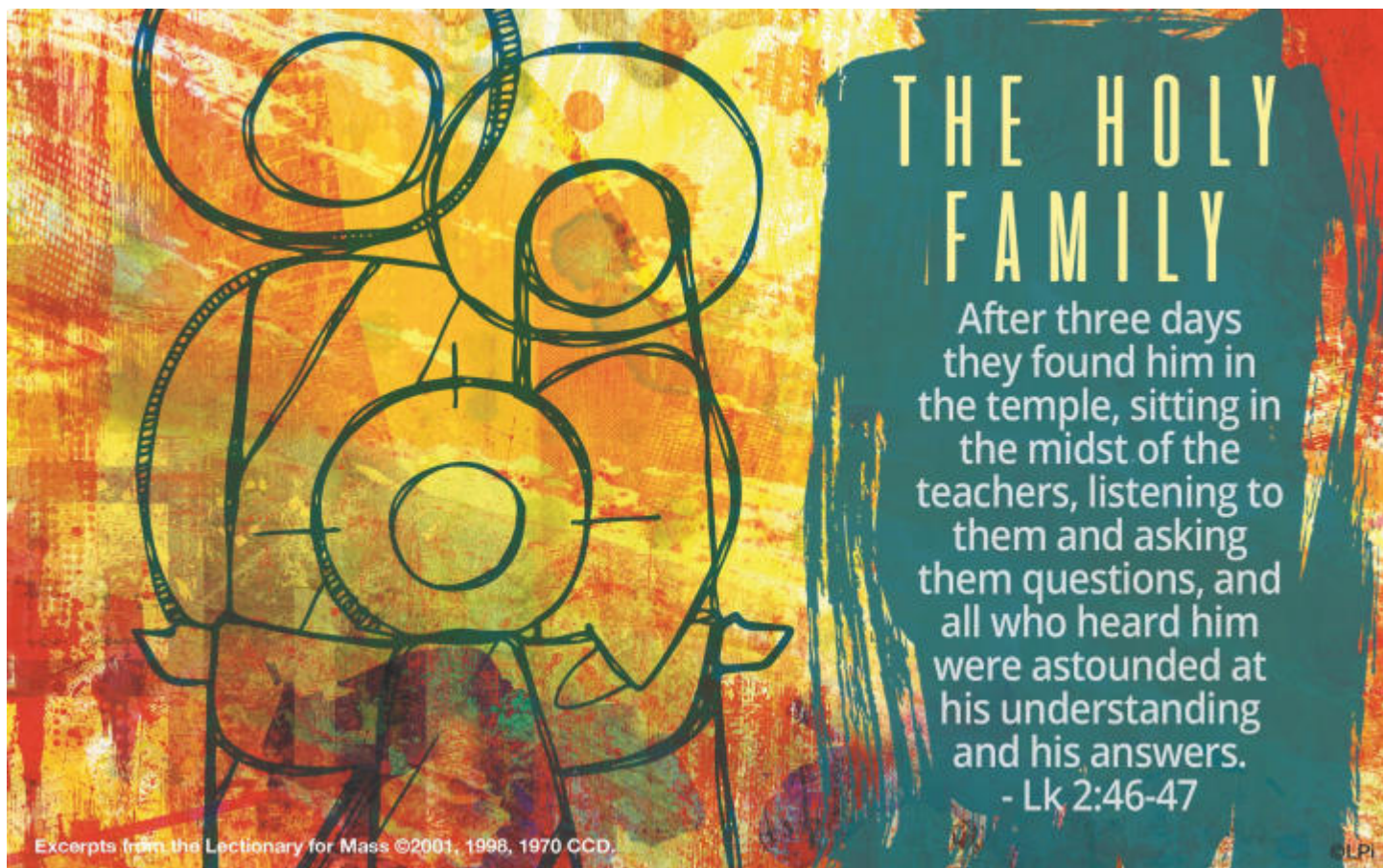
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December 26, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

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.
- Lk 2:46-47

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, The Church of the Beloved Disciple, Are Called By Our Baptism to Worship God through Liturgy and the Sacraments, to Serve Others by Ministering to the Community and to Actively Spread the Gospel.

God is Good, All the Time.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

4:30pm Saturday Evening

8:00am Sunday Morning

11:00am Sunday Morning

Daily Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday — 8:00am

Thursday — 6:00pm

Adoration: First Friday of the month following morning Mass

Holy Day Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

Confessions: Saturday — 3:30-4:15pm or by appointment

The Church is open Monday — Thursday,

9am — 4pm for private prayer



Our facilities are entirely handicap accessible.

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday, December 27

**8:00am Rudolph Sansotta —
M/M Michael DeCarlo**

1 JN 1: 1-4, JN 20: 1; 2-8

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday, December 28

**8:00am Frank and (B) Tess Falcetta
— Joy Gallagher**

1 JN 1: 5—2:2, MT 2: 13-18

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday, December 29

**8:00am Leo Schlecht, Jr. —
Brian and Sally Kearney**

1 JN 2: 3-11, LK 2: 22-35

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday, December 30

6:00pm (MM) Mary Sutton — Sylvester Parenti

1 JN 2: 12-17, LK 2:36-40



Friday, December 31

8:00am Mildred Bonanni — Her Small Group

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 JN 2: 18-21, JN 1: 1-18

Saturday, January 1

**9:00am For the Living and Deceased
Members of the Legion of Mary**

NM 6: 22-27, GAL 4: 4-7, LK 2:16-21

Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

4:30pm Anthony and Jim Gregory— Tom Gregory

IS 60: 1-6, EPH 3: 2-3; 5-6, MT 2: 1-12

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60: 1-6, EPH 3: 2-3; 5-6, MT 2: 1-12

**8:00am (B) Leon Wizorek —
The Wizorek Family**

**11:00am For the Living and Deceased
Members of Our Parish**

Please be reminded of Bishop Persico's guidelines for attending Mass.

- Please sanitize your hands before receiving Communion.
- Bishop Persico's words at the Town Hall Meeting: 'I really, really encourage you to receive Communion in the hand, out of consideration for people at this moment it would be best to receive Communion in the hand. This is about charity.'

When Christmas Falls on A Saturday

ERIE — This year, Christmas falls on a Saturday. Many parishioners will attend the Vigil Mass on Friday night or Christmas Mass on Saturday morning. Several people have inquired about whether or not they also need to attend Mass on Sunday, December 26. The answer is yes. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which happens to be the feast of the Holy Family, remains in place.

To lessen confusion, and because it would likely be poorly attended, most parishes are opting not to offer their regular Saturday evening anticipated Mass on Christmas day. The faithful are encouraged to check their parish bulletins or websites to verify their local information.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The weekend after Christmas is a different story. While the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is usually a holy day of obligation in the United States, when such a holy day falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation is abrogated, or removed. (The Catholic Church does not allow this option for either Christmas or the Easter Triduum.) Happily, next year should prove to be considerably less complicated as Christmas will fall on a Sunday



Parish Offices
will be closed
on Monday and
Tuesday,
December
27th and 28th.

LIFT 2021-2022 Schedule

January 9/11	Teaching Session
January 23/25	Intergenerational
February 6/8	Teaching Session
February 20/22	Intergenerational

**Theme: The Creed—I Believe in God**

March 6/8	Teaching Session
March 20/22	Intergenerational
April 3/5	Teaching Session
April 24/26	Intergenerational

“One Sacred Community” by Mary Southard, CSJ,
courtesy of www.MinistryOfTheArts.org

Questions of the Week — First Reading: Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel’s father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father? **Second Reading:** John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, “we may be called children of God.” How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family? **Gospel:** Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with “great anxiety” as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God’s help for the anxious moments in your family? ©LPi

Sunday’s Readings — First Reading: “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.” (1 SM 1:27-28) **Psalm:** Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (PS 84) **Second Reading:** See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

And so we are. (1 JN 3:1) **Gospel:** After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (LK 2:46)

Saint of the Week Examples of our Faith 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. ©LPi

Marriage Moment 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>

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?

Seventh Annual 138 Women's Conference

"Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138 Women’s Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year’s conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register."

Prayer Opportunities On Line: Please look at schedule weekly in the Bulletin, website, Facebook and Parish App to keep current. Join us as you can for the Rosary at Noon or Evening Prayer. If you have question or concerns, please contact the Parish Secretary or Deacon Owen (ext. 110).

There will not be any Evening Prayer or Rosary during the week of December 27th

Topic: CBD Evening Prayer for the week of January 3rd

Every day, 3 occurrence(s)

January 3rd, 5th and 6th

Meeting ID: 846 9388 9873 Passcode: 346735

Parish Book Club News:

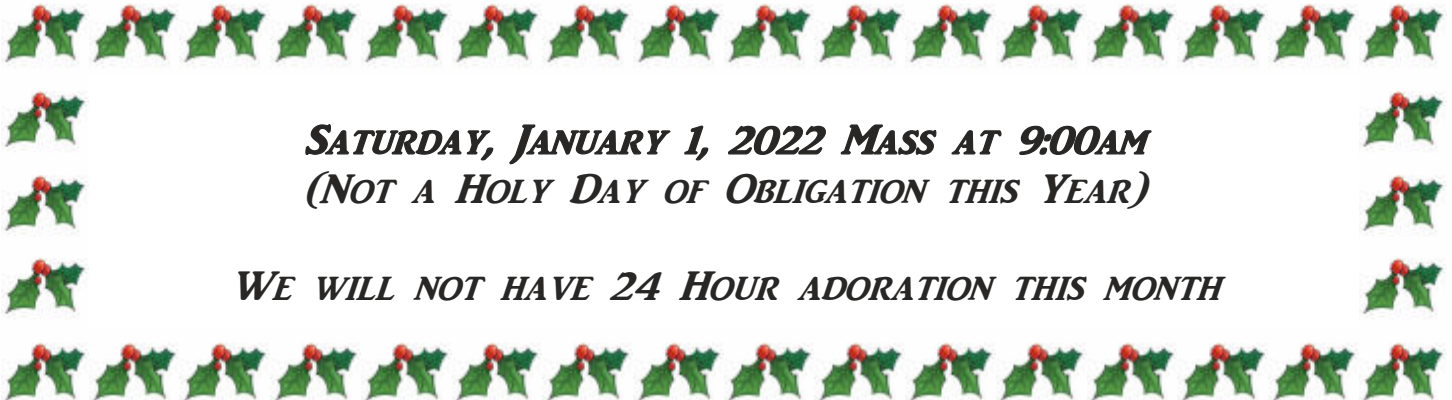
Our first book of 2022 will be "Coach Wooden's Forgotten Teams" by Pat Williams with Jim Denney. Besides being one of the greatest college basketball coaches of all time, Coach Wooden ran scores of summer youth basketball camps. He imparted his coaching and teaching skill to thousands of athletes and impacted hundreds of camp counselors. His wisdom and life lessons are inspiring. This is a one-of-a-kind book. Join us by purchasing this book at most bookstores or online. We will meet January 19 at 11:00 AM on line. How to connect is below. Hope to see you.

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CBD Book Club

Time: Jan 19, 2022 11:00 AM

Meeting ID: 893 3603 3774 Passcode: 592101



SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 MASS AT 9:00AM
(NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR)

WE WILL NOT HAVE 24 HOUR ADORATION THIS MONTH



Angel Tree Thank You!

Thank you to our amazing parish for supporting all our community needs over the Christmas season. Your generosity allowed us to make Christmas brighter for children in the Grove City area. So many young lives were affected by your kindness and love. Your support didn't stop there. We also were able to give each cottage at George Junior Republic a large gift box filled with games, snacks, blankets and more!! Again thank you, thank you thank you!!!

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

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

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments**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

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at the Knights of Columbus Hall

Monday, December 27th, 1:00pm —7:00pm

Prepare For Your Donation

Eat Well + Bring ID + Stay Hydrated

CENTRAL BLOOD BANK**New to our Community? Join our Parish!**

Welcome to our parish! Please contact the parish office for an appointment to register. We hope you will become a part of our parish family!

Mission of Friendship/Sister Parish For over thirty years, the Church of the Beloved Disciple has shared its resources with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Colonia, Mexico, which is located within the Archdiocese of Yucatan. We continue to offer them our heartfelt prayers and affection.

Sacramental Preparation For all Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Marriage and Holy Orders; or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office for information and assistance.

Pastoral Care of the Sick We are pleased to visit the sick or home-bound and administer the sacraments. Please contact the parish office to make the staff aware of your need. NOTE: Due to privacy laws effecting hospitals and care facilities families are asked to make our parish office aware of an admission so we don't miss visiting the sick.

Stewardship We ask that all families commit to sharing their time, talent and treasure to express their love of the Lord and His Church. All parishioners have something to offer to our Church; every gift is valued and appreciated.

Sacrificial Giving the Week of*Online Giving is Available**Call the office, we can help to set up your online contributions.*

Families in Parish: 390 Envelopes Mailed: 333
Envelopes Used: 69 Online Givers: 27

Yearly Budget: 535,176.00**Weekly Budget: 11,149.50****December 12, 2021****Our Total — 8476.00****Offertory — 3534.00****Loose — 1328.00****Monthly — 3353.00****Sister Parish — 55.00****Capital Needs — 260.00****We have only met 76% of our budget!****Thank you so much for your continued generous support!**



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