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## OUR MASS SCHEDULE

The 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed.  
Go to the homepage of our website for the link.

**Sundays:** 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesdays:** 11:00 a.m.

**Fridays:** 6:00 p.m.

**Holy Days:** 7:00 p.m.

**Office Hours:** Tues-Fri 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Parish Membership

We welcome you to join our parish by contacting our Office Manager, Theresa Holleran, at the Parish Office

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Fridays 5:00 p.m.  
or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call 614.966.4716

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):**  
Contact Kathy Dancey at [kdancey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kdancey@columbus.rr.com)

**Sacrament of Baptism:**  
Contact Sue Cruickshank at [sue@cruickshank.us](mailto:sue@cruickshank.us)

**Sacrament of Matrimony:**  
Contact Fr. Fritz at the Parish Office a minimum of 6 months in advance of your desired date



DECEMBER 26, 2021 / FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

# WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 26, 2021

9:00 a.m. Mass for Dorothy Spiva (*Steve Hillyer*)

11:00 a.m. Mass for Paul & Catherine DonHossou  
(*Thomas & Mildred Hounmenou*)

### Tuesday, December 28, 2021

11:00 a.m. Mass for Matt Schneider  
(*Frank Schneider*)

Friday, December 31, 2021—NO 6:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022—NO Mass

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass for Paul & Catherine DonHossou  
(*Thomas & Mildred Hounmenou*)

### Tuesday, January 4, 2022

11:00 a.m. Mass

### Friday, January 7, 2022

6:00 p.m. Mass



“We want to make the presence of the Lord, the experience of the Sacraments, the encounter with Christ - we want to make that more available to people”.

— *The Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan*

### #RPRF REFLECTION FOR DECEMBER 26, 2021

Seeing God in All Creation

-*Fr. Michael Hartge, Moderator of the Curia, Diocese of Columbus*

In the many Parish Consultation Sessions I was privileged to be part of, many asked questions like, “If we’re expecting some shrinking of parishes, where is the effort to raise up the vocations and leaders we need?” That effort starts in the domestic family and is ultimately for the benefit of the family of the Church. When families are healthy, centered on Jesus, and supported to live their faith, the Church will be healthy.

Last year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis recommended three words or phrases that should be common in all families, “please, thank you, and I’m sorry.” This is just as relevant to our Church family as we review over 1,000 pieces of feedback from our Parish Consultation Sessions and continue to engage in dialogue about our future. In today’s gospel, we hear that Mary kept these things Jesus said and did in her heart where she pondered them. Do we not think Our Blessed Mother is doing likewise with us?

For more about the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit [www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org](http://www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org)

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

STEWARDSHIP OF “TIME” AND “TALENT”

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS?

Contact Renee at: [sfa.litmin@gmail.com](mailto:sfa.litmin@gmail.com)

	Dec 26 9:00	Dec 26 11:00	Jan 2 9:00	Jan 2 11:00
Altar Server	Susan Kyanko	X	Frank Conway	Moriel Houmenou
Greeters	Rick Miller Joe Schneider	Niqui Beckrum Renee Morkassel	Nick Mason Joe Schneider	Andrew Piper Brent Reeb
Crucifer	Frank Schneider	Dan O’Brien	Susan Kyanko	Gabriela Billisits
Lector 1	Tim Dunleavy	Barbara Finan	Mary McCafferty	Barb Finan
Lector 2	Todd Marti	Maryellen O’Shaughnessy	Jarett Chirafisi	Sue Cruickshank
Eucharistic Minister	Jeanna Diederich	Pat Visel	Jeanna Diederich	Joanna Nunn
Collection Counter	X	Laura Casaday Jaime Capestany	X	Jeanna Diederich Ginny Hayes

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY

Much gratitude to all who contributed books to NNE-MAP! Many thanks also to those who have so generously donated time and spices to the NNEMAP spice packet project! Plastic snack bags, Italian Seasoning, salt, and pepper continue to be needed. These items can be purchased in quantity at reasonable prices at Gordon Food Service and Costco. If you'd like to help assemble packets, contact Louisa Celebrezze at 614.439.5056

### REMINDER: NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

As we approach the end of the calendar year, it is critical that we have current addresses, phone numbers, and any other life-changing events for you and your family members. If you have had changes in the past year, please revise your record in *My Own Church* or send the update(s) to [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org)

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## LITURGY MATTERS: THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

We can get so caught up in the various celebrations of Christmas, both religious and secular, that it is possible to not recognize some other feasts that occur within the Octave of Christmas. An octave is a period of eight days in which the

Church considers the time to be as solemn as the day itself.

On December 26, we celebrate the Feast of Holy Family which honors the sanctity of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, but also celebrates the family unit in our own lives as faithful Christians. Devotion to the Holy Family became popular during the 15th century, and they appeared prominently in works of art at that time. The feast was added to the liturgical calendar in 1921.

It seems fitting that the Church gives us the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, on December 27, since we hear the prologue from his Gospel proclaimed on Christmas Day. In the Northern Hemisphere we celebrate Christmas near the winter solstice when we begin to experience the lengthening of days. How appropriate, then, for us to hear that “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

On December 28, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents which commemorates the lives of the children lost to Herod’s rage when hearing about the birth of a newborn king. “The children die for Christ, though they do not know it. They cannot speak, yet they bear witness to Christ.” (from Office of the Readings, Liturgy of the Hours)

Finally, we come to the Octave (8th) Day itself, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God on January 1. The celebration honors Mary as the mother of Jesus and the role she played in our salvation history. The feast can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431 where she was declared *Theotokos* or “God bearer.”

We hope this little review of the days of Christmas will help you to move through the Season with joyous and peaceful hearts.

### EPIPHANY PARISH PARTY

Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Mark your calendar for the last party of the season—the SFA Epiphany Christmas Party. The Parish will supply the entrée and beverages. If you are able, please bring a side dish (last name A-M) or dessert (last name N-Z) to share. Bring along a wrapped, White Elephant gift (doesn’t have to be expensive) and have fun trying to “trade up” for something nicer.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER

Change a life, inspire your own...Become a tutor! Tutors are greatly needed for adults seeking ESL (English as a Second Language), GED preparation, and Basic Education skills. Please contact Annette Cohn at the Dominican Learning Center, 614.444.7330 xt2 or [Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org](mailto:Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org) for more information on this rewarding opportunity.

### 2022 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the “good and faithful servant.” Nominations will be accepted through December 31, 2021. For details, instructions, and nomination form, go to [catholicmensministry.com/catholic-man-of-the-year](http://catholicmensministry.com/catholic-man-of-the-year). Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

### CHRIS STEFANICK IS COMING TO COLUMBUS!

St. Paul the Apostle Church; Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Chris Stefanick, one of the premier Catholic motivational speakers and leader of the RealLifeCatholic Ministry, will be leading REBOOT!, the fun, inspiring, and practical experience for all ages (12+) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Seating is limited so secure your tickets now.

Through the end of December, tickets are only \$30/each (regularly \$39) and groups of four or more can attend for \$21/ticket (regularly \$30).

For information and tickets, go to [reallifecatholic.com/events/rebootwesterville](http://reallifecatholic.com/events/rebootwesterville)  
Questions? Contact Jeff Adair 614.882.2109 x232.

### STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28  
7:00 PM

Zoom meeting contact  
Niqui Beckrum for invite  
[nbeckrum@gmail.com](mailto:nbeckrum@gmail.com)

### “BREAKING OPEN THE WORD”

WEDNESDAYS  
7:00-8:00 PM

Zoom meeting contact  
Kathy Dancey for invite  
[kdancey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kdancey@columbus.rr.com)

### EPIPHANY PARISH PARTY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8  
6:00 PM

Parish Hall

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11  
7:00 PM

Parish Hall

### PRAYER SHAWL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12  
5:00 PM

Zoom meeting contact  
Sandy Glasner for invite  
[smglasner@gmail.com](mailto:smglasner@gmail.com)

### LEADERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18  
7:00 PM

Parish Hall

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

CURRENTLY ON HOLD

Contact Paula Vasey for  
information  
[musicdirector@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:musicdirector@sfacolumbus.org)

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