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Diocese of Pittsburgh

December 27, 2020

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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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December 27, 2020—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reading I: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

**God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.**

**Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.**

**When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.**

**Whoever honors his father is gladdened
by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.**

Whoever reveres his father will live a long

life;

he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;

grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;

revile him not all the days of his life;

**kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins**

—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Reading II: Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:

**Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.**

**And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.**

**And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called
in one body.**

And be thankful.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,**

singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

with gratitude in your hearts to God.

**And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord**

Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Wives, be subordinate to your husbands,
as is proper in the Lord.**

**Husbands, love your wives,
and avoid any bitterness toward them.**

Children, obey your parents in everything,

for this is pleasing to the Lord.

**Fathers, do not provoke your children,
so they may not become discouraged.**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,* and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,* in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus

to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,

He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;

and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.

She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.

She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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, 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 SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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, CAST INTO HELL SATAN, AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS, WHO PROWL THROUGH THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.



This week, the Sanctuary Candles in our church buildings are lit in honor of the following intentions:

St. Cyril Church:

John Pavlasky (from wife Dorothy)



From the Desk of Father Nick



On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Church honors the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more. The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life. Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly “just man.” Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, as St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus’ public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God’s love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God’s divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – DECEMBER 31/JANUARY 1

The Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is as follows:

Thursday, December 31

4:00 p.m. – Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Friday, January 1

9:00 a.m. – Saint Boniface

9:00 a.m. – Saint Cyril of Alexandria

10:30 a.m. – Saint Peter

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

In celebration of the holidays and in gratitude for all of the hard work our parish staff members undertake throughout the year, the parish offices will be closed until Monday, January 4, 2021. During this time, if you are in need of a priest for a sacramental emergency, please call (412)295-8876.

God bless! *Fr. Nick*

Scripture Reflection:

Christmas and Holy Family

“All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.” Psalm 98.

The universe has seen and felt the saving power of God! God is so powerful that He becomes a human, doesn't He? The invisible God becomes visible in the tiny Infant, Jesus.

Christmas is about Christ among us. It is sacred and meaningful if we know that He is the one who loves us.

His name, his identity and His mission is to be with us.



The biblical certificate of the newly-born baby's birth is as follows:

- ◆ Human Name: Jesus; Divine name: Christ; Alias: Emmanuel
- ◆ Gender: Male
- ◆ Parents: Mother: Mary; Foster Father: Joseph
- ◆ Place of birth: Manger in Bethlehem
- ◆ Time of birth: Night time, between AD and BC
- ◆ Ancestry: From the Royal line of David
- ◆ Native place: Nazareth
- ◆ Nationality: Jewish
- ◆ Life experiences: Homelessly born, Young Refugee in Egypt

The biblical account is ordinary isn't it? Yet, its impact is extra-ordinary!

He is born to humanity, mankind and into a Jewish family, a very foundational institution of the human race.

In our own family, our own life, our own parish and each other, have we seen it, experienced it and felt it?

Fr. Dam D. Nguyen

Mass Schedule for the Week of December 27, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Sunday, December 27 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/ Lk 2:22-40 	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Dale Pappert	Karyn Pappert
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	James Harding	Donna Duffola & Family
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	In Celebration of 50th Wedding Anniversary Rene & Peggy Urzua	
Monday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Margaret Peschka	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Mario Mattucci	Delia Mattucci
Tuesday, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Margaret Peschka	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Margaret Peschka	
Wednesday, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	John "Jack" Boyd	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Don Dugas	Michelle Dugas
Thursday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord St. Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18	4:00 p.m.	St. Cyril	Eleanor Grundler	
Friday, January 1 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	John "Jack" Boyd	
	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Thomas Shaughnessy	
	10:30 p.m.	St. Peter	James Harding	Dan & Amber Bill
Saturday, January 2 St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Thomas Shaughnessy	
Sunday, January 3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12 	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Mary Smigiel	Rich & Darlene
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Dorothy McKeen Parker	Betty Muschar
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Francisco Sanchez	Josie McClelland & Family
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Tom Shaughnessy	Donna Masur

For Our Beloved Deceased:



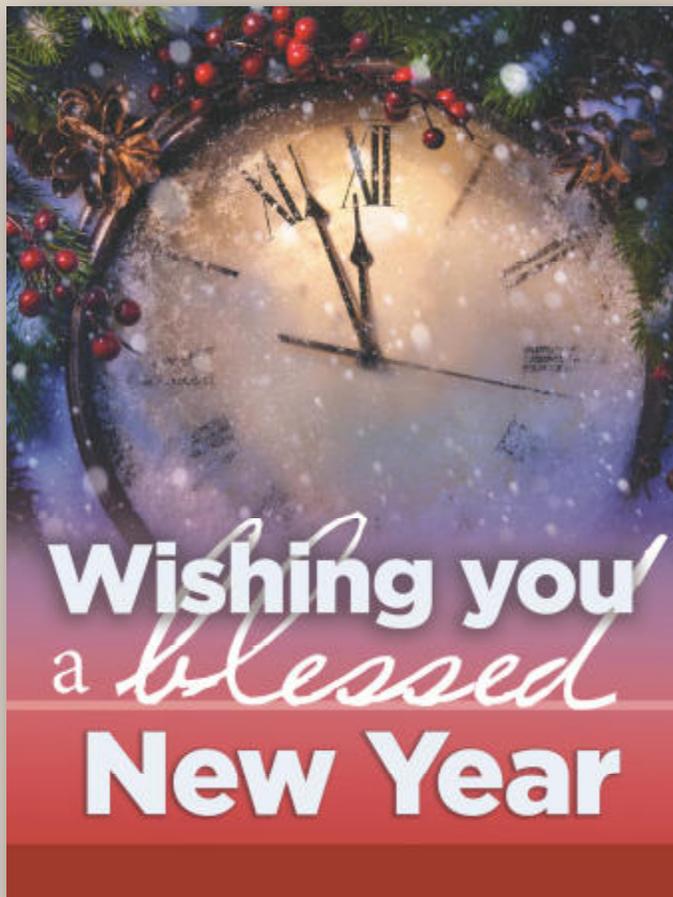
Antoinette Schmidt

Kyle Struver

*May those who were united with Christ
in a death like His, also be one with Christ in His resurrection.*

Parish Food Bank

The Christ Our Savior Food Bank is located in the garage adjacent to Northside Catholic Assumption Academy on the campus of the Saint Cyril Worship Site in Brighton Heights. It is held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The Food Bank is hoping to reach more people in need of our help. We have staples such as canned goods, cereals, pastas, and fresh fruits, vegetables, and breads courtesy of the St. Vincent de Paul "Spark of Hope". Call the parish office with any questions. Cash donations are accepted in the offertory basket at any time or can be made through a link on the parish website. Food is collected in the Food Bank bin in the vestibule of each church. Any in date food items can be left there. We are unable to use any out of date or opened containers. *Thank you for your help.*



*For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord
"plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future"*

JEREMIAH 29:11

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Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact Jean DiDonato for information of the requirements, conditions and options for baptisms. Classes for first time parents can be taken before or after their child's birth.

Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

Sick and Shut-ins: The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, call the parish office.

Sacramental Sponsor: To be a Sacramental sponsor, one must be a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish.

Stewardship Update December 8 and December 13, 2020

Offertory	\$9,008.00	Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Parish Share	\$2,724.00	School Support	\$54.00
Building Fund	\$69.00	Religious Retirement	\$100.00
Social Services	\$150.00	Immaculate Conception	\$1,372.00
Flowers	\$486.00	Christmas Charities	\$80.00
Christmas	\$163.00		
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Northside Catholic Assumption Academy



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We are merry and bright in First Grade at Northside Catholic Assumption Academy! Our First Grade class has been working so hard and getting smarter by the day. We just finished our Christmas Around the World theme, where we “traveled” to Mexico, Germany, England, Italy, and Sweden to learn about different Christmas traditions. We even got to try some traditional sweets and treats from some of the countries. Yum! Did you know, in Sweden the oldest daughter dresses up like St. Lucia and brings hot chocolate to her family members? What a cool tradition! We are looking forward to learning so much more when we return to school in 2021. Happy New Year, from First Grade! For more information on our preschool through 8th grade school, give us a call at 412-761-5043.

1st Grade



Northside Catholic Assumption Academy is looking for someone to help work in our Afterschool Program.

The paid position is Monday – Friday 2:30 – 6:00. Applicant must have all diocesan clearances.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Rosanne Kwiatkowski at 412-761-5043 or rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org

Are you looking for a Christ centered, academically challenging, safe environment, and welcoming school for your child? Come and see Northside Catholic Assumption Academy! We offer full day 3 and 4 year old preschool programs, as well as the traditional half day two or three days a week. Our preschool through 8th grade boasts small class sizes – our largest class is 24 and the smallest is 13. Your child will receive individualized attention so that he or she can thrive! Our teachers are more than just certified by the state and accredited by the Diocese. They are dedicated teachers with an average of 20 years of experience in the Diocese. Our school is supported by the Extra Mile Education Foundation and has low tuition - \$3,600 for one child and \$4,200 for two or more children and generous financial aid. For more information on our school, give us a call at 412-761-5043 or email rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org.



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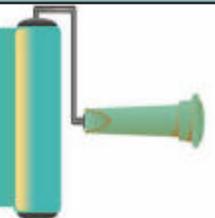


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