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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ December 26, 2021

** Parish Office Hours **

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

(Out for Lunch: Noon until 1:00 p.m.)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. until Noon;

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
Noon until 1:00 p.m.

Evenings by Appointment

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Website: www.stannerostraver.org

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM

Weekdays:

Monday & Thursday 8 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the
bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

*“Beloved, we are God’s
children now; what we
shall be has not yet been
revealed.”*

1 John 3:2a

Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

O God, who is pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joys of Your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your
Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year’s Eve Mass ~ Friday, December 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 1 & 2 (weekend Masses)

Saturday, January 1 ~ There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, January 2 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 2 ~ 11:00 a.m.





THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 25

There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Parish Family
11:00 a.m. George Kowalchuck-Wife, Sharon



Monday, December 27

No Mass

Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Private.

Tuesday, December 28

No Mass at Holy Family, West Newton

Wednesday, December 29

No Mass at Holy Family, West Newton

Thursday, December 30

No Mass

Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Private.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

6:00 p.m. For World Peace

Saturday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. Mass is celebrated at Holy Family, West Newton



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1

There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Allen Shobe-Ken & Carol Yanik
11:00 a.m. Pete & Jean Zelenko-Ilona Stack & Family



Blessed are they who dwell in Your house O Lord.

—(Psalm 84) or Psalm 128

LIVING GOD'S WORD—The Feast of the Holy Family gives us pause to ponder the phenomenon of family. If we can duplicate the love Mary and Joseph and Jesus had for each other, there's no telling what the positive and rich effects might be. ~World Library Publications

"BE THE LIGHT"

2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$53,521.00

Received to Date: \$57,005.00 (over the \$57,000 mark!)

Any amount over and above the Diocesan Goal will be sent back to the Parish.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY participants meet on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church. All are welcome.

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS or SANCTUARY CANDLE may be offered in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office early in the week for an upcoming weekend.

DISCIPLES OF PRAYER—Do you need someone to pray for you, a loved one, friend, or for your special intentions? Please call the Parish Office for this request.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are warmly welcomed to the Parish. Register online by using the Parish Website, www.stannerostraver.org, or by calling or visiting the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be printed, typed and submitted by Noon on Tuesday.



MANY THANKS to all of you who were so generous with cards, baked goodies and gifts at Christmas time. Personal thank you cards are on their way if you have not already received one.

Fr. Dave

PRAYING THE ROSARY—Please tune in the following channels on the radio or TV at the designated times:

Radio Channel: 106.7 FM

Monday through Friday @ 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.

EWTN Cable

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Rosary and Devotions (after Mass)

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday and Saturday: 3:30 p.m. (from Lourdes)

Monday through Friday: 3:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Sunday through Saturday: 9:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ EWTN Cable

Sunday through Saturday: 3:00 p.m.



IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, remember our parishioners who are ill, those who are homebound and all those who need our prayers.

DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SUNDAY & DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 26

17: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5;
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17;
Lk 2:41-52 or, in Year C:
I Sm 1:20-22,24-28;
Ps 84:2-3,5-6,9-10;
I Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 27

697: 1 Jn 1:1-4;
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1a,2-8

Tuesday, December 28

698: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2;
Ps 124:2-5,7c-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29

202: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3,5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30

203: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10
Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31

204: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1

18: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 1 (Vigil)

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6

Sunday, January 2

20: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to an early transmission time for the weekly bulletin, stewardship totals for December 19 will be published in the bulletin next weekend.



Reflecting on God's Word

One of the all-time great Christmas movies is *It's a Wonderful Life!* The classic scene is the final one. The townspeople are gathering in George Bailey's living room. They're pouring money onto a table, all with the intention of rescuing George from financial ruin. It's not long before George's brother enters the picture. Having heard of the hard times George had been going through, he secured a leave from the military, hopped a plane, and flew all day and night to make it to Bedford Falls. He wanted to be of help. Seeing the people and the mountain of money, he raises his glass and toasts his brother, "the richest man in the world!"

George Bailey was rich, all right, but not because he was suddenly inundated with money. He was rich because he had family and friends who loved him and cared about him. There's much to be said for the benefits and blessings of family. —World Library Publications

Catholic Charities offers in person, face-to-face counseling services—

Clients must adhere to CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Clients who are sick are asked to avoid coming to the office. Virtual counseling is available for those who prefer that option. To make an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or Email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

FAITH AND FOOD COOKBOOK—The Diocese of Greensburg's first clergy cookbook, *Faith and Food*, is a collection of more than 40 personal or family recipes submitted by bishops, priests and deacons from the Diocese. These books can be purchased online at

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/cookbook

or by mailing a \$40.00 check to Clergy Cookbook, 725 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please include name and shipping address. Books will arrive in January. Proceeds benefit the International Priest Program Endowment.

REMINDER

The Front Entrance Doors are locked for daily Mass and for private prayer during weekday Church hours. Please use the elevator lobby door at the side entrance to enter the Church for daily Mass or if you wish to pray privately. Please exit through the same door that you entered.

Child Protection Act—As the obligation to attend Mass is lifted and more and more families with young children are present, and because of our support of the Child Protection Act, it is recommended that a parent always accompany a child to the restroom downstairs in the Social Hall.

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Feast of the Holy Family

Wow! How quickly time flies! Just born yesterday, and today, He is already 12 years old. Of course – you realize that I say this in jest.

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. On this feast day we are offering our own families and all their members on the altar for God's blessing. The first reading, taken from the book of Samuel, describes how Elkanah and Hannah presented their child Samuel in the Temple, consecrated him to the service of the Lord as a perpetual Nazarite, and left him in the Temple under the care of Eli, the priest.

In the selection from John's 1st Letter, John reminds us that, as children of God the Father, we are members of God's own family, and as such we are expected to obey the greatest commandment of God: "Love one another" so that we may remain united to God in the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, Luke concludes his detailed story of Christ's infancy, with the events of Jesus' visit to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve, to become "a son of the Law" and to take up the obligations of the Law. Jesus lingered behind in the Temple, attending the Sanhedrin classes on religious and theological questions as an eager student of Mosaic Law. Finally, when Mary and Joseph had found Him in the Temple after three days of anxious search, Jesus explained to them that He was in His Father's house. It was as if He had had a blaze of realization about His Divine Sonship. The Gospel then summarizes the next 18 years of Jesus' life, stating that He grew up at Nazareth like any other young man, obeying His parents, faithfully discharging all His duties to God, to His parents and to the community and "*advancing in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.*"

The Church encourages all Christian families to look to the Holy Family for inspiration, example and encouragement. Theirs was a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other as God's gifts, and raised their Son in human and divine wisdom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds parents that **they have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children as the Holy Family did, by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule (CCC #2223).** Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of our parish family, and for all families of the universal Church.

A senior Judge of the Supreme Court once congratulated the bride and groom during a wedding reception with a pertinent piece of advice: "See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behavior, their family becomes a court of law and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife -- as in a confessional -- are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a heavenly one."

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World and for peace.

Feasts celebrated this week –

St. Stephen, St. John the Apostle, and the Holy Innocents, whose feasts occur on the following days of December, are seen as special companions of Jesus. They are examples of the different ways of martyrdom for Christ. **Stephen** voluntarily accepted death and was executed for his faith. **John** willed to die for Christ, but was not martyred. The **Holy Innocents** died for Christ without understanding what was happening to them.

December 26 - St. Stephen – deacon and 1st Martyr. The story of his persecution and death before the Sanhedrin is told vividly in the Acts of the Apostles.

December 27 - St. John, apostle and evangelist. Born in Galilee, son of Zebedee the fisherman. Along with his brother, St. James the Great, was called by Jesus to be one of His apostles. On that 1st Easter Sunday morning, John ran with Peter to see the empty tomb and believed that Jesus was risen from the tomb. John died at Ephesus when he was about ninety-four years old.

December 28 - Holy Innocents – according to the Gospel of Matthew, King Herod ordered the slaughter of all infant boys under two years old in Bethlehem in order to destroy an "opponent" to his rule. The account of this is found in St. Matthew's Gospel.

December 29 - St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr. Born at London on December 21, 1118, the son of wealthy and prominent parents. Obtained a position in the house of Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury at the age of twenty-four. Became a protégé of Theobald, who would promote him to positions of power in the Church. Ordained deacon in 1154, appointed Chancellor of England by King Henry II, who valued his friendship as well as his advice. After the death of Theobald in 1161, Thomas was nominated as Archbishop of Canterbury by Henry and elected. His friendship with Henry was damaged by a series of conflicts between the government and the Church. Henry wanted a submissive Church that he could control, while Thomas could not in good conscience allow the Church's freedom and rights to be compromised. He ended up escaping to France and remained an exile there for six years. Returned to England in 1170, and was murdered by four of Henry's knights, in the Cathedral of Canterbury on December 29, 1170.



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ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY—“CHOSEN”

Sessions on Thursdays will recess for the Christmas season and will continue after the New Year, Thursday, January 6. Please contact the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, or Laretta Stanley, 724-787-1989, for more information.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN EACH SUNDAY DURING THE 11:00 A.M. MASS**

All children ages 5 through 11 are invited to participate in this beautiful ritual of proclaiming God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. They are sent in a group with their leaders before the readings and return to their families after the Creed. No sign-up is necessary.

A **Youth Mass** is planned on the last weekend of every month at the Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. This Mass gives the students the opportunity to participate in the various liturgical ministries as lectors, servers, ushers and greeters and to accept other responsibilities. This monthly Mass will alternate between St. Anne and Holy Family churches. This weekend's Mass today, Sunday, December 26, will be held at Holy Family Church in West Newton. We commend the students for taking a role in active ministry in the Church.

“Follow That Star” Faith Fun Night**Wednesday, December 29 @ 6 p.m.****in the Social Hall for those ages 5 through 11.**

Mark this on your calendar to come to enjoy bible stories, music, and fun, fun, fun!!! See the flyer in the entrances of the Church and E-mail aerhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call or text, 724-984-9255.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Please refer to our website, www.stannerostraver.org, for information on 2021/2022 classes and sacramental preparation schedules. A holiday recess is being enjoyed by students in both levels of the Faith Formation program. Classes resume:

- Sunday, January 2, for grades 1, 2 & 3;
- Monday, January 3, for grades 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you are interested in seeing if the Catholic Faith is right for you or if you need to “catch-up” on your sacraments, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Angela Ehrhardt, in the Office of Faith Formation, 724-872-3486 or aerhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

ROSTRAVER FOOD BANK

For those who would like to make a donation to the Rostraver Food Bank, envelopes may be addressed to P. O. Box 1021, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—There will be no Saturday confessions, January 1, as well as no 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass on this day.

A VISIT TO THE CHURCH NATIVITY SCENE

A wonderful opportunity exists during this holy season to view the Nativity scene and ponder on what actually happened the night of Jesus' birth. The bright and shining star marked the place where Jesus lay. The three kings arrive next Sunday, January 2, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

YOUNG ADULT AND CHILDREN ENVELOPES are available in the Church vestibule. Please be sure to write your name on the envelope weekly.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020: Should you require a statement of your contributions for the year 2020 for income tax purposes, please call the Parish Office, and it will be mailed to you.

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If your circumstances allow, we humbly ask you to remember our parish at Christmas with an end-of-the-year gift or a commitment to increase your offertory in 2022.

Remember our parish at Christmas!

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