



St. Colette Catholic Church
17600 Newburgh Road
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December 27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
“The Lord remembers his covenant forever.” (Psalm 105)

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm

The Saturday Mass at
4:00pm is
livestreamed on Facebook

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, &
Friday 9:00am

For the most current
information,
please see our website:
www.stcolette.net

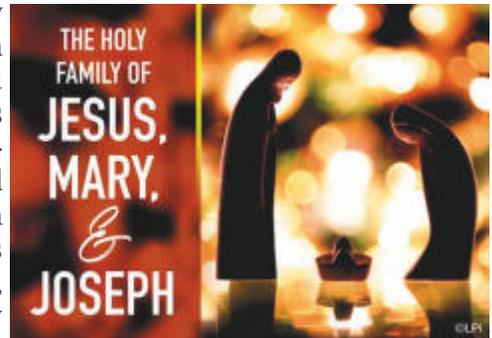
Welcome
New Parishioners!

To register, change an
address, or if you moved,
please contact the
parish office.

Mission Statement
We, the Family of
St. Colette, under the guid-
ance of the Holy Spirit are
dedicated to celebrating
the Good News of Jesus
Christ through Worship,
Education, Fellowship
and service to others.

About Today’s Feast

From Christmas Day to New Year’s Day is the Christmas Octave. An octave is an eight-day observance, and in Christian symbolism the eight days represent eternity. In the Church’s liturgical calendar Christmastime is filled with feast days. The Sunday between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Feast of the Holy Family is not a celebration of an ideal family, but of a family with troubles and real fear. On this Feast the Gospels tell us a variety of stories of the Holy Family soon after Jesus’ birth and his childhood: their flight into Egypt as refugees, Simeon’s prediction of Mary’s suffering as Jesus’ mother, and the child Jesus in the Temple teaching the elders. Thus, God’s own Son grows in wisdom, age, and grace, just as we do - not apart from or despite the human and ordinary, but in the very heart of our shared humanity.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 2021
Masses celebrated at
10:00 am
(Also livestreamed on Facebook)
and 12 Noon

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Archbishop Vigneron has dispensed Catholics
from the obligation to celebrate Mass
for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.*

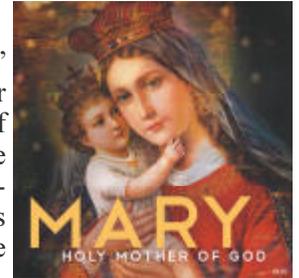
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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

“May God bless us in his mercy.” (Psalm 67)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

One of the most ancient titles given to the Blessed Virgin Mary is “Mother of God.” This title comes from the Greek word *Theotokos* which means “God bearer.” These titles for Mary may sound strange to us. How can Mary be the mother of God? If we only think of God as the first Person of the Trinity, God as Father and Creator, we have every reason to be confused. However, our Christian faith teaches us that Jesus, the second Person of the Trinity, is God. Referring to Mary as “Mother of God” or “God bearer” tells us more about Jesus than it does about Mary. Not only is Jesus human, but at the same time, he is also divine (God in the flesh = Incarnation).



The observance of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a continuation of what we celebrated on Christmas Day. The Gospel for the Solemnity tells us that the shepherds on the night Jesus was born did what the angels told them to do. They found Mary and Joseph and the newborn Jesus. Then they went to tell their neighbors that a Savior was born. The story continues that Mary treasured what was said about her child and eight days after his birth Jesus was circumcised according to Jewish tradition and received his name which means “savior.” Since ancient days the Church has celebrated the Motherhood of Mary on the first day of the New Year, January 1st.

In secular culture January 1st is New Year’s Day. It is a popular time for festive dinners and parties celebrating the beginning of a new year. With noisemakers and fireworks, people make a racket to try to scare away their troubles. It is a popular time to make New Year resolutions. Since 1967, January 1st has been observed as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. We pray for peace in the world and for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for all who suffer from war and violence.

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Next Sunday, January 3rd In the Church at 1:15 pm



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is intended for anyone seven years and older who is chronically ill, undergoing medical testing or surgery, disabled by disease, age or addiction, or is affected by psychological or emotional problems. As the title states, this is a sacrament for the sick and not the dying!



If you are in need of celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please join others next Sunday, January 3rd at **1:15 pm in the church**. Facemasks must be worn and social distancing practiced. The celebration of the sacrament will begin once everyone is assembled and depending on the number being anointed the ritual should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick takes place in our parish every month (usually the first Sunday). The personal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may take place anywhere and anytime there is a need for it (like prior to medical testing or surgery). Contact the parish office to arrange for the personal celebration of this sacrament when the need arises.

Times the Church Is Open for Private Prayer

Due to COVID-19, many people are hesitant to come to church to celebrate Mass on weekends or weekdays and choose to watch Mass online or on television.

Another opportunity for prayer is to come to church when Mass is not being celebrated. Certainly, one can always pray at home, but prayer in church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle is called adoration. Our church is open for private prayer Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Sunday from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please note that some days the church is used for Masses or funerals and for cleaning and disinfecting. Contact the parish office for updated availability of the church building for private prayer.



Pastor’s Corner

Best wishes to all of you for a blessed Christmas Season as we continue to remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year’s celebration of Christmas was very different than in previous years. However you celebrated, I pray Christmas gives us the gift of hope during these very difficult times.

Now that another Christmas Day is past, it does not mean our celebration of this feast is ended; for Christmas is not just a day but also a season. In the commercial world, the observance of Christmas ended on December 25th! For people of faith the opposite is true for we have only just begun to celebrate Christmas, a mystery too important to be contained to only one day. In our spiritual and liturgical lives now is the time to celebrate the mystery of God becoming human in Jesus. This is countercultural in a society where many people spend the days after Christmas removing their decorations and storing them for another year. We, instead, continue the celebration begun on Christmas Eve commemorating not only Christ’s birth but also honoring his mother, Mary, with her oldest title as the Mother of God (January 1st), as well as the early manifestations of Jesus as the Lord of the Gentiles (Epiphany celebrated next Sunday), and the beloved of God (the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th).

As the church remains decorated for the Christmas Season, make the effort to keep your homes decorated too. An old custom is to keep homes decorated at least until Epiphany. Don’t forget to use the blue reflection books received at the beginning of Advent to help keep these days holy. Before or after Mass be sure to visit the church’s Nativity Scene located in the space usually occupied by the shrine of the Holy Family. To the best of your ability practicing proper social distancing, try to spend quality time with family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in preparing our church for the celebration of Christmas. Gratitude is extended to the volunteers who decorated the church with evergreen trees, garlands, wreaths and poinsettias. Also to our parish’s business manager, Greg Boyer, and our secretarial and maintenance staffs who worked many hours behind the scenes making sure everything would be in place and working properly. Gratitude also to Mary Jo Parnell and Aleta Cheal for coordinating the reserved seating for our Christmas Masses and staff members who assisted. Appreciation is extended to our Director of Music, Mark Newlon, and the cantors and to everyone who participated at the Christmas Masses and the altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, sacristans, Fr. Alex, Fr. Mike and Deacon Gary who exercised their ministries. To all that helped and participated in any way, may God bless you for your generosity, interest and support.

As stated above, on January 1st the Church honors the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary with her oldest title as the Holy Mother of God. Ordinarily, this observance is one that Catholics are obligated to observe with the celebration of Mass. However, due to COVID-19 precautions, Archbishop Vigneron has dispensed Catholics from the obligation to celebrate Mass on January 1st. For those who desire to celebrate Mass on January 1st, Masses in our church will be celebrated on Friday at 10:00 am (also livestreamed on Facebook) and at 12 Noon.

On Wednesday, December 9th, Archbishop Vigneron announced plans for the future mission of the Church here in the Archdiocese of Detroit with “Families of Parishes.” A Family of Parishes is a grouping of three or more parishes that collaborate in deeper and more intentional ways than parishes have ever done before. Each parish in a Family will retain its own unique identity, similar to how each sibling has his or her own unique role in a human family. This is not a parish cluster or merger as we have done in the past. Rather, Families of Parishes share similarities to other models that have been implemented in other dioceses of the United States and Canada, with new parish structures to support the Church’s mission. What we learned from Synod ’16 and a new Vatican document, “The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of Evangelizing Mission of the Church” is that parishes need to be realigned for mission. These new Families of Parishes will collaborate by sharing resources – including priests, deacons, staffs and programs across parish lines – to further advance the mission Christ has entrusted to the Church.

On December 9th, it was announced that St. Colette Parish will be part of a Family of Parishes that includes the local parishes of St. Edith in Livonia, St. Kenneth in Plymouth, and Our Lady of Victory in Northville. The planning process for the creation of our Family will begin in January 2021 and the implementation will begin in July 2021.

For more information regarding Families of Parishes, please visit the website of the Archdiocese of Detroit at aod.org or visit familiesofparishes.org.

Please have a safe observance of New Year’s Eve and Day later this week. May God bless you and your loved ones with peace and good health in the coming New Year.

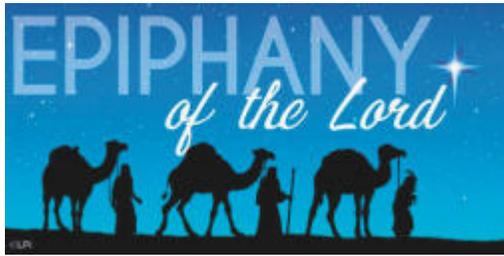
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,
Fr. Gary



Church Nativity Scene

Once again, our parish’s Nativity Scene will be located at one of the side shrines on the west side of the church building in the area usually occupied by the statues of the Holy Family.

Our parish’s Nativity Scene will be on display until Sunday, January 10th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; the last day of the Christmas Season. During the Christmas Season before and after Masses you are encouraged to visit the Nativity Scene as a place of pilgrimage, private prayer and devotion. Be sure to take your children and grandchildren as well!



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass schedule:

Saturday, January 2nd at 4:00 pm
(Also livestreamed on Facebook)

Sunday, January 3rd at
8:00 & 10:00 am and 12 Noon

Please note incense may be used at all
Epiphany Masses.

Blessed chalk for marking your
doorway at home will be
available, as long as supplies last, after all Masses.

To help with social distancing
in church,
please be seated by the
RED MARKING
on the pew in front of you!

2021 Parish Calendars Now Available



Once again our parish has the opportunity to offer free-of-charge Catholic calendars for the upcoming new year. The calendars are located in the Gathering Space and on the window sill to the right of the altar. You are asked to please limit one calendar per family.

A thank you is extended to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home for their generous contribution of donating the cost of providing these calendars to our parishioners.

Thank You Giving Tree

Thank you doesn't even begin to express the amount of gratitude I have along with the various organizations that St. Colette parish supported through the Giving Tree. When we began talking about how we would handle the Giving Tree this year because of Covid-19 I wasn't sure what to expect. The organizations were having a difficult time identifying children and families that needed help because the children weren't in school. So many people were staying safe by staying home. Getting a specific list of needs proved to be a challenge but we put together the flyer, you received in the mail in October, hoping it would fulfill the anticipated requests. The organizations we support knew that it would be difficult for people to go out and shop for items also. Then we watched the gifts come in. It was amazing.

In the true spirit of the Giving Tree, you exceeded the expectations of the various organizations. Many of the people who came and picked up the items were overwhelmed with tears by the



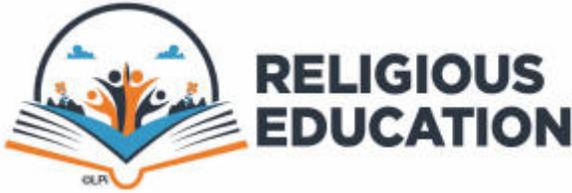
bags upon bags of toys, clothing for all ages, and baby care items. There was a mountain of sweatshirts donated in all sizes and colors from children to adult. The toys made the room where we had them stored look like an aisle or two of a Toys R Us store! So many baby items from diapers to toys and cute little outfits too.

This Grinch Covid couldn't dampen the true Giving Spirit of St. Colette Parish and for that we are truly grateful. Two quotes from How the Grinch Stole Christmas come to mind: "Christmas Day will always be—just as long as we have we." "Christmas Day is in our grasp—as long as we have hands to grasp." Christmas Day we are blessed with the greatest gift ever we have Jesus and we have each other. I grasp my hands in prayer for each of you asking Jesus to watch over you and keep you safe and healthy in the New Year.

With gratitude and thanks for all you gave to make this Christmas a warm and happy one for those less fortunate this Christmas Season,

Cindy Portis
Christian Service Coordinator





Religious Education Office CLOSED for the Holidays

While the Parish Office Staff will continue to work from home this coming week, the staff of the Religious Education office is choosing to use this coming two weeks as staycation time and enjoy our families. Best wishes to one and all for a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Aileen, Suzanne and Theresa will be back to work on January 4th.



Mark Your New Calendars

This week we begin the New Year 2021, so please mark your new calendars with these important liturgical celebrations:

- February 17th – Ash Wednesday
- March 28th – Passion (Palm) Sunday
- Paschal Triduum:
 - Holy Thursday – April 1st
 - Good Friday – April 2nd
 - Easter Vigil – April 3rd
 - Easter Sunday – April 4th



- April 25th – Parish Celebration of First Eucharist
- May 16th – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- May 23rd – Solemnity of Pentecost
- October date TBA: St. Colette Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration (*rescheduled from 2020*)



Expecting a child? Just gave birth? Baptism is a celebration of the gift of faith we give our children. If you have a baby or toddler that has not been baptized and this is your first child, before the sacramental celebration of Baptism can be scheduled, a two-hour class must be taken by the parents. At the present time, classes are being done one family at a time. To register and set up a meeting please contact the Religious Education office at 734-464-4435 or at dre@stcolette.net. The class is a two-hour commitment.

COVID-19 Precautions Cancels Most Parish Activities and Closes Offices

As a precaution to help reduce the surge of COVID-19 underway in our area, St. Colette Parish continues to cancel most of our non-liturgical activities up to and including January 3, 2021. All parish offices will remain closed during this time-period. If the COVID-19 surge does not significantly decrease by then, the closure may need to be extended. If you need assistance from the parish with anything, please call 734-464-4433 and leave a voice mail message with the proper extension or send an email to parishoffice@stcolette.net. The parish staff is working remotely and will contact you as soon as possible.



Know of Someone Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Whether you are interested in becoming Catholic yourself or you know of someone who has expressed interest, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to help adults understand the Catholic faith and build a relationship with Our Lord. This class has begun but there is always room for more participants. Through participation in this class and other gatherings, our hope is that participants will be received into the Catholic Church next spring (2021). If you are interested or would like to find out more please call Theresa at 734-464-4435 or email at dre@stcolette.net.



Right to Life - LIFESPAN Merry Christmas

As we celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ this Christmas, we remember that He was born among the lowest of the low in a manger. This simple fact is a powerful sermon that all human life matters! Do not be afraid to speak up and take action on behalf of countless women and unborn children who may otherwise fall victim to abortion. For educational resources and a connection to local pro-lifers, consider becoming a member of LIFESPAN by visiting www.miLIFESPAN.org or calling 734-422-6230.



January 2021 Non-Food Food Drive

Our January Food Drive, January 16th/17th, is a Non-Food Drive for Livonia Cares. Livonia Cares is a group of churches working in collaboration with each other to try to help local residents who are in need. The items of need are:



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| Toilet Paper | Deodorant |
| Tissues | Dish Soap |
| Paper Towels | Household Cleaner |
| Toothpaste | Laundry Detergent |
| Bar Soap | Dryer Sheets |
| Shampoo | Garbage Bags |

These items, which are “housed” at two local churches, help residents in our Livonia Community. A person must receive a referral to be able to obtain these items. These are essentials that most of us take for granted, but when you have a limited income, these items probably fall to the bottom of the list so the monies available can be used for food and shelter. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please use the envelopes in the Gathering Space. Your envelope can be put in the donation box, the box on the table near the window in the Gathering Space or dropped off in the Parish Office. Thank you again for all you continue to do for those less fortunate.



Adopt a Seminarian with Your Prayers

Our parish provides small prayer cards which include a photo of an Archdiocese of Detroit seminarian on one side and a vocation prayer on the opposite side. These cards are new and represent the seminarians who are in formation for the current academic year of 2020 – 2021. If you participated in this program in previous years those old cards may be obsolete so everyone is invited to receive a new one.

The prayer cards are available in the Gathering Space of the church on the vocations table and on the counter top near one of the bulletin boards as well as on the windowsill to the right of the altar. Please receive one (or more) of the cards and “adopt that seminarian with your prayers.



The theme of the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal takes inspiration from the City of Detroit’s motto given by Fr. Gabriel Richard, “We hope for better things; it will rise from the ashes.” These are also the words Jesus speaks to his disciples after the Transfiguration, “Rise and be not afraid” (Matthew 17: 7).

This year, as families, parishes and communities find ways to continue the mission of Christ amid new challenges, we are reminded that we too must rise up, follow Christ, and share with others the peace and joy that comes from knowing we are loved and that God is with us at all times.

Gifts to the CSA make possible a wealth of ministries, programs and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit each day. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many.

If you have not made your donation, please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2020 CSA. To donate to the CSA please use the response card and envelope received in the mail from the Archdiocese of Detroit. To make a donation online, please visit our parish’s website at stcolette.net or the website of the Archdiocese at aod.org.

CSA Pledges



Wrapping Paper

If you have extra rolls of wrapping paper that are just taking up space in your closet, we can make use of the wrapping paper either at St. Colette or send it to



the charities that we support with our Advent Giving Tree Project. Please put the rolls of wrapping paper in the brown bins in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call the Christian Service Office at 734-464-4436.

Tax Advantaged - Ways to Give to Our Parish

Parishioners may consider these two ways to lower their tax bill through charitable giving at the year end.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities continue to be beneficial for donors since they offer significant tax advantages including income tax deductions and avoidance of tax on capital gains if the donor sells the highly appreciated securities. With markets remaining at high levels in spite of recent volatility, many parishioners likely have some highly appreciated securities in their portfolios. Through a gift of appreciated securities to benefit our parish, including through the Catholic Services Appeal, donors who itemize may receive an income tax deduction up to the full market value of the securities and can also avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation. In essence, you may save twice — on income tax and capital gains tax.

IRA Rollover -Qualified Charitable Distribution

The *IRA qualified charitable distribution* (QCD) provides a way for donors 70 ½ and older to receive a tax benefit for their generosity. It is beneficial because the QCD will not be included in adjusted gross income and is therefore not subject to tax. This is now more beneficial in view of the increased standard deduction in the new tax law. A donor can make a QCD of up to \$100,000 annually directly from the IRA to a charity, and as an added benefit, the QCD satisfies the donor’s required minimum distribution. Parishioners 70 ½ or older should consult with their IRA administrator for the procedure to make a QCD to our parish.

For More Information, contact the Archdiocese of Detroit Department of Development and Stewardship 313-596-7400 Development@aod.org. *Please consult your tax or financial advisor. Our parish and the Archdiocese of Detroit are not engaged in legal or tax advisory service. The examples listed above are intended to provide useful information of a general character only. For specific advice and assistance please consult a qualified tax or financial advisor.*



Praying for the Military

Please keep these service men and women, and their families, in your prayers and continue to pray for peace:



- Major James Agius
- USN Benjamin B. Baxter
- AT1(AW) Jessica Bitell
- SRA Alexander Bryant
- E 1 Leyna Calice
- SPC Vlady Calice
- Lance CPL Caden P. Dorsett
- LT Brian Evanski
- SSgt Brian Hada
- 2LT Eric Hill
- Sgt Ian Hammill
- Captain Drew H. Kohler
- Cpl William Kramer
- SSgt Andrew Krasemann
- Major Brooke Heintz Morrissey
- Major Michael T. Morrissey
- SRA Anna Nowak
- TSgt Stephen Perakes
- Major John Rehberg
- Major Tommy Sheep
- Major Brandon Spears
- SSgt Alan Stackpoole
- LCpl Garrett Sterling
- LTJG Conor Sullivan
- HM3 Elyse Timmermann
- PVT Kimberly Tomaszewski
- LT Patrick J.P. Treppa
- SRA Dylan Underwood
- SGT Junior Underwood

We want to be sure we are praying for all who serve our country. Please call the Parish Office at 734-464-4433 to add a name to the list or to remove a name from the list.



*Heavenly Father,
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.
I ask this in your name,
Amen*



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Opening Hymn

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA



Verses

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth le hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
 3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
 4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;
 tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Lectionary: 17

Reading 1

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying:

“Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.”

But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?”

Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.”

The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”

Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised.

Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated.

Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (7a , 8a) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!

Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Reading 2

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Alleluia

Heb 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

LK 2:22-40

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.”

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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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH - 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, (*bow*) 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.

Hymn For The Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A bove thy deep and dream less sleep The si lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - ell

Text: 05/06/76/86; Phillips Brooks, 1815-1893. Music: Lewis H. Reinier, 1831-1906.

Communion Hymn

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be -
 2. Bless-ed was the day for ev - er When the Vir - gin,
 3. This is he whom seers in old time Chant-ed of with
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a dore him; An - gel hosts, his
 5. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to

1. gen to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 2. full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 3. one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 4. prais es sing; All do min ions, bow be fore him,
 5. God the Son, Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

1. He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that
 2. Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the child, the
 3. Prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he shines, the
 4. And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on
 5. Per - sons three, yet God - head one. Glo - ry be from

1. are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
 2. world's Re - deem er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 3. long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise the Lord,
 4. earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
 5. all cre - a - tion While e - ter - nal a - ges run,

Final

1-5. Ev - er more and ev - er more. 5. A - men.

Text: 87 87 87 7; verses 1-4, Circle notes especially; Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; 11 by John M. Neale, 1816-1866, and Henry W. Baker, 1827-1877; also verse 5, Bonifacius Romanus, 1308-1669; Music: Sacrus Tropic, 11th cent; Chan, Mode: Major; in: Paul Gaultier, 1561.

Closing Hymn

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MEINHELSCHEN

Vocals

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, this ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new-born King: Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 2. last - ing Lord: Late in time, be - hold him come,
 3. High-tous-ness! Light and life to all he brings.

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb, Veiled in flesh the
 3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings, Mild he lays his

1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -
 2. God-head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
 3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth le hem!"
 2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - men u - ell!
 3. rise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Choir

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 87 87 87 7; verse 1-4, Circle notes especially; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

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MASS TRANSIT

Recently a resource came through my email that I thought would be a great resource for families and all interested parties. "Mass Transit" Cards written by Patricia Giunta & Jennifer Bartley and produced by the Pastoral Center. This resource comes as a downloadable packet of cards that is meant to be kept in the glovebox of your car. The idea is that on your way to and coming home from Church they can be easily pulled out and read to one and all as a way of preparing for and reflecting further on our experience of the Readings and Mass. Rather than destroying another tree to create these cards, (unless you would like a packet then please contact the Religious Education office), the idea of putting the brief reflection and questions as a weekly bulletin article seemed more appealing. This way more can enjoy it (and yes, we have the copyright to do so). Praying that these add to your spiritual journey.

In Peace and Love,
Theresa Lisiecki

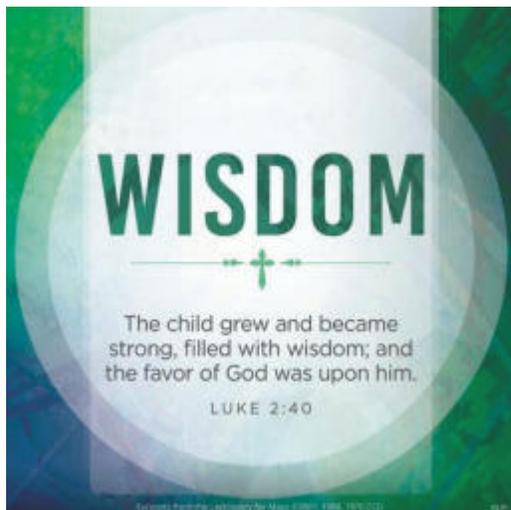
December 27, 2020 – Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 • Colossians 3:12-21 • Luke 2:22-40
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. —Luke 2:40

It's amazing that the Son of God was part of a family here on earth and grew up just like each of us. He is God but he still was a human being and had to learn things just like we do. The favor of God was upon him and the favor of God is upon us. Just as Jesus was a child of God, so are we! We are precious to God, and he wants us to become strong and grow to love him and others, more and more. We also learn how to not be tricked into turning away from God and his teachings. God gives us parents to guide us and teach us right from wrong.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, fill me with wisdom so I will know the right things to do so I will grow closer to you and to give you honor and glory. Help me to honor, trust and obey my parents.

Reflection: No matter your age, take a moment to thank your parents for caring for you and guiding you each day.



True Meaning Behind Christmas Activities and Decorations

Most of what we see in the many traditions surrounding Christmas are based in religious meaning. As a way of expressing faith, or through inspiration from the ever-green tree, to the wreath on the door and in many cultures the food we put on our table, find their beginnings in someone wanting to bring greater meaning to this festive time of year. For instance did you know why we put the following items on our trees:



Red glass ornaments: What started off as apples hanging from the tree, eventually became our red round glass balls. Apples because for centuries it was taught that this was the fruit that tempted Adam and Even in the Garden.

Tinsel: Not so popular today but once covered most trees, is meant to remind us of the flames or sparks of fire that kept the Holy Family warm in the stable. Also, in some cultures, the story is told of spiders who kept the Holy Family safe as they were fleeing to Egypt. They stopped to rest in a cave. Herod's soldiers were in hot pursuit but the spiders, wanting to protect the Holy Family, quickly spun webs over the entrance. When the soldiers came to that cave they moved on. They saw all the spider webs and concluded that it would have taken days to cover the mouth of the cave that way. Therefore, we place tinsel on the tree to remind us of glimmering spider webs covered in morning dew and to honor the spiders.

Bells: The bells that we hang on a tree are meant to remind us to pray for the "lost sheep" of our family and friends. Shepherds would ring bells to guide lost sheep back to the herd.

Pinecones: As a child we would pick up pinecones and after painting and decorating them, hang them on our tree. Pinecones bear the seed of the tree and are meant to remind us of the seed of faith or of Mary and motherhood.

Bows: We find bows on trees, packages and in other places. Bows are to remind us of our connectedness to all people, our being tied to one another through our shared humanity.

Star topper: The star of Bethlehem

Angel topper: The Angels who proclaimed the birth of Christ.



Liturgical Ministers for January 2 and 3

	Presiding Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
4:00 pm	Fr. Mike Loyson	Volunteers	Pat Healy
8:00 am	Fr. Archambault	Volunteers	Gary Miller
10:00 am	Fr. Gary Michalik	Volunteers	Karen Roosen
12:00 pm	Fr. Gary Michalik	Volunteers	Lori Lee

**Children’s Liturgy at 10:00 am on January 3
Patti Holm & Carol Arlen**

Weekly Schedule

Monday Dec 28, 2020

Church open 8am - 3pm
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday Dec 29, 2020

Church open 8am - 3pm
Parish Office Closed

9:00am Mass

Wednesday Dec 30, 2020

Church open 8am - 3pm
Parish Office Closed

9:00am Mass

Thursday Dec 31, 2020

New Years Eve

Church open 8am - 3pm
Parish Office Closed

Friday Jan 1, 2021

Mary Mother of God

New Years Day

Parish Office Closed
10:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass

Saturday Jan 2, 2021

Mass 4pm

2:00pm Confessions

Sunday Jan 3, 2021

Epiphany

Masses 8, 10, & 12 Noon

1:15pm Anointing of the Sick CH

10:00am CLOW CHP

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

9:00 am †Amy Masciovecchio by Pieri Family

†Cyril & †Elizabeth Riedy by Mary Flecksteiner

Wednesday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

9:00 am †Stella Jazwinski by Family

†Enrico & †Ida Canini by Graziano Canini

†Ann Marie Potrykus by Mary Flecksteiner

†Ann Sands by Christine

†Debbie Rais by Christine

Friday, January 1 New Year’s Day

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

10:00 am Family of St. Colette Parish

†Luigi Petrucci by wife, Assunta & Family

12:00 pm †Jen Clever by Kevin & Ann

†Deceased members of Kopitz & Griffith Families

By Family

†William Diehl by Family of St. Colette Parish

Saturday, January 2

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

4:00 pm †Enrico & †Ida Canini by Graziano Canini

†Antonio Stenta by wife, Carmela

†Donna Redford by Redford Family

June Dore (90th Birthday) by Family

Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

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

8:00am Family of St. Colette Parish & An Increase in Vocations

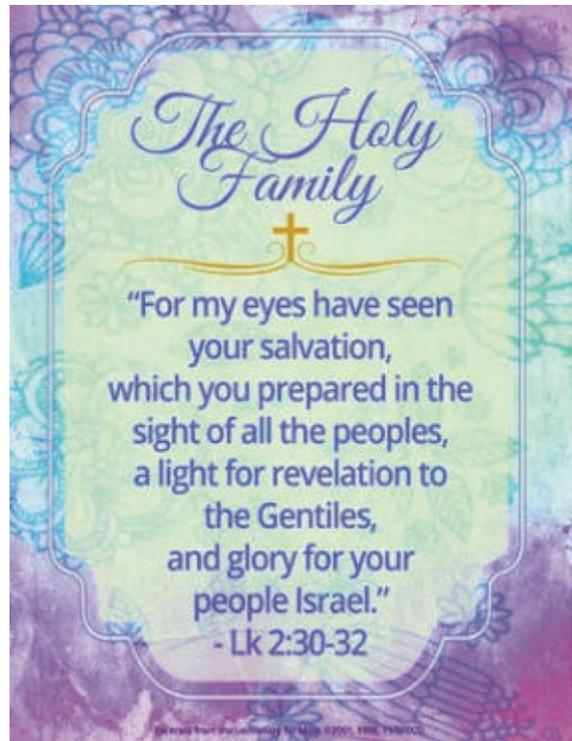
†Deceased members of Pipa & Witkowski Families

By Family

†Ann Collet by Christine & Mike

10:00 am †Mary Becker by Robert & Marlene Tahaney

12:00pm †Mary Becker by Family of St Colette Parish



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Marriages
 Arrangements must be made well in advance
 (6 months is minimum).
 Either the **bride** or the **groom** must be an
active registered member of St. Colette.

Sick & Communion Calls
 Emergency calls are handled at any time.
 We are happy to visit the sick.
 Please notify the Parish Office.

All new members are asked to register as soon as possible.

Masses

Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am , 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00 am
Holy Days - 9:00 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday - 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptisms

By Appointment. Family must be **active registered parishioners**.
 Pre-Baptism interview is necessary.
 Call Parish Office for arrangements 3 months before Baptism.

To the Parish Family of St. Colette:

It is our parish policy that all registered members of St. Colette Parish **use their contribution envelopes each week when they attend Mass, as we do need your financial support.** If you are going through financial difficulties, please put your empty envelope in the basket so we know you are practicing your faith as a parishioner at St. Colette. If we do not receive envelopes in a calendar year, you will be contacted by the Parish Office to confirm if you are still worshipping here.

Pray for the Sick of our Parish *The names included in the Sick List should be parishioners, their relatives and friends. If you would like to add a name, please contact the parish office. Every 4-6 months the prayer list will be updated.*

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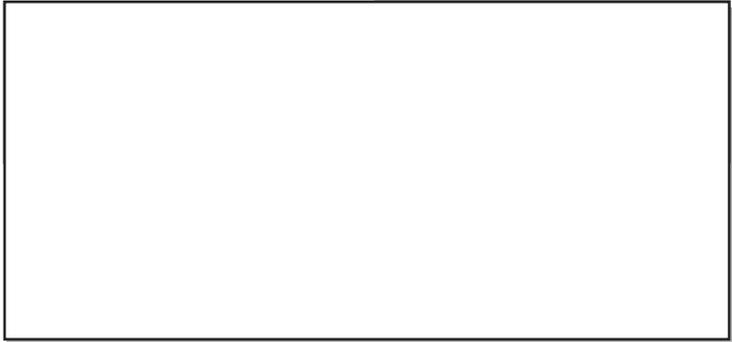
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