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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY

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Reverend Robert Dziedziak J.C.L., Pastor Mass Times: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM

Adoration on Wednesday's after Mass until noon

Summer Schedule: May-December Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM and10:30 AM

Winter Schedule: January-April Saturday Mass: 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Office Hours: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Phone: 941-383-1255 Website: www.stmarylbk.org Email: parishoffice@stmarylbk.org

TV Mass: Sunday 9:30 a.m. on:

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Baptism, Marriages, Communion Calls and Visitation of the sick call the Parish office at 941-383-1255



Monday, December 27, 2021

9:00 a.m.Clancy & Deirdre Schueppert (60th Wedding
(Fr. Michael)(Fr. Michael)Anniversary)

Requested by The Schueppert Family Reading I: 1 John 1:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Peter O'Connor

(Fr. Robert) Requested by Clara McGonigle

Reading I: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

9:00 a.m.+Raul Herrera(Fr. Robert)Requested by JoAnne SifuentesReading I: 1 John 2:3-11Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00 a.m. +Gino Del Pup

(Fr. Michael) Requested by Lenny & Theresa DiStefano Reading I: 1 John 2:12-17 Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

Friday, December 31, 2021

9:00 a.m.+Mario DiSanto(Fr. Phillip)Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DiSantoReading I: 1 John 2:18-21

Gospel: John 1:1-18

3:30 p.m. For the People

(Fr. Robert)

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27 **Gospel:** Matthew Luke 2:16-21

First Saturday, January 1, 2022

Mass for Life-A Greater Respect for all Human 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Michael) Life +Vincent Calandruccio **Requested by Bonnie Schneider** +Joan Spencer Eagles Webb **Requested by Robert Curry** +Mona Porier Dennehy **Requested by Bill Gallagher** 3:30 p.m. +Frank & Wladzia Koziol (Fr. Robert) **Requested by Stephanie Koziol** 5:00 p.m. +Fr. Gerry Finegan (Fr. Robert) **Requested by Joe & Kathy Sever** Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27 Gospel: Matthew Luke 2:16-21



Please pray for the sick and all those who have gone before us. Please keep in your prayers all the brave men and women serving our country throughout the

world, and their families who await their safe return. May they be blessed with well-being and safety from harm.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a special way to remember anniversaries,

birthdays, memorials, etc. If you wish to place an order for a lovely floral arrangement, please email Deirdre Schueppert at deirdrevsch@gmail.com or call 941-807-7858.



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

We cordially invite you to the Church Annex after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses.

Enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and assorted treats. Your hosts this weekend will be Mary Elizabeth Carey. Take a moment to have a chat with your fellow parishioners.



Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 a.m.	+Catherine Tocco
(Fr. Michael)	Requested by Joseph & Petrina
	DiSanta
9:30 a.m.	+Stephanie McCall-Dorsch
(Fr. Robert)	Requested by Harry & Helen
	Buckel
11:30 a.m.	+Thomas McKibbin (Tom) &
(Fr. Roger)	Elizabeth McKibbin (Liz)
	Requested by Gwen Ferara
Reading I: Isaia	ah 60:1-6
Gospel: Matth	new 2:1-12



Respect Life Corner December 25-26, 2021 By Bill Roche Everyone's Responsibility

In the coming New Year, the following words from Saint Pope John Paul II should motivate all of us to act on behalf of the weakest and most defenseless in our society.

"No single person or group has a monopoly on the defense and

promotion of life. These are everyone's task and responsibility.... the challenge facing us is an arduous one: only the concerted efforts of all those who believe in the value of life can prevent a of unforeseeable consequences for civilization." Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter, The Gospel of Life, No. 91 (1995).

Let us respond positively to this great Saint's plea.

Happy New Year.

Men's & Women's Conference Registration Open!

Mark your calendars for Saturday March 5, 2022. The Diocese of Venice will be combining the annual Men's and Women's Conferences this year as a Men's & Women's Catholic Conference to take place at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. The conference will host speakers Trent Horn, Matthew Leonard, Crystalina Evert, Dr. Michael Dauphinais, and Nicole Caruso. Speakers will be providing keynotes and multiple breakout sessions addressing hot topic issues pertaining to the faith today. Breakout sessions will address what to do if your loved ones have left the faith, theology of the body (including the difficult topics encountered in today's world), spirituality, and breakouts geared specifically toward men or women. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession will be available all day. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will conclude the day by celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. with the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding after Mass at 5:00 p.m. Register here:



Rosary Making Workshops

Please mark your **2022** calendars every Friday morning—9:45-11:00 AM in the Church Library.

Rosary Making Workshops—Jan 2022 January 7, 14, 21 and 28 Lunch with our Pastor at Lazy Lobster January 28, 2022 Rosary Making Workshops—Feb 2022 February 4, 11, 18, 25 Rosary Making Workshops—Mar 2022 March 4, 11, 18, 25 Rosary Making Workshops—April 2022 April 1, 8, 22, 29 April 15 No Workshop for Good Friday

First Saturdays-8:30 a.m. (Jan 1, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2) Rosary prayed in the Rosary Garden followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church. This devotion is practiced all year round and it would be nice to have the rosary makers make a good showing during the season.

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe and Well, Pat

If you have any questions, please call Pat Stusek at 941-586-1730 or email: pstusek@yahoo.com

https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2022-menswomensconference

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)

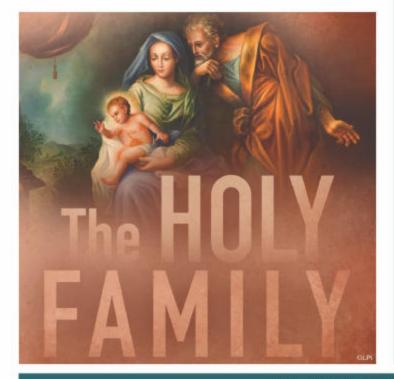
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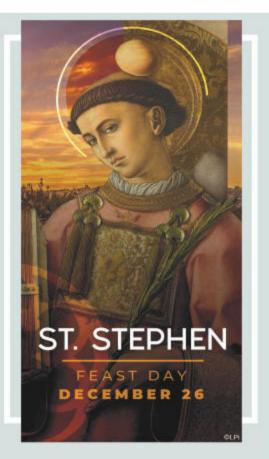
After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church





Saint of the Week

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.

THE HOLY FAMILY

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

I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A FEW YEARS AND REALLY WANT TO GET ACTIVE AGAIN, NOT SO MUCH FOR ME, BUT FOR MY CHILDREN. IS THIS A BAD REASON TO COME BACK TO CHURCH?

But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your

usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer.



we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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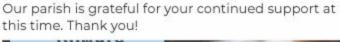
LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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.

"GOD IS LOVE. WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."

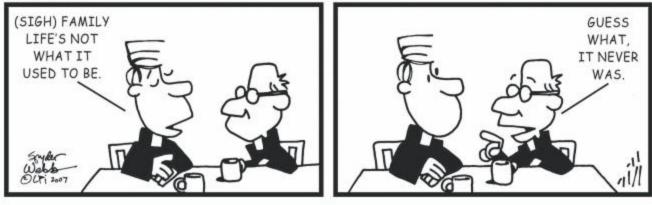


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HOLY FAMILY



THE HOLY FAMILY

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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.

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CHRISTMAS

We thank the following who are honoring and remembering their family and friends during the Christmas Season with the donation of the poinsettias.

In Loving Memory of:

Deceased Members of the Arbour Family from Claire Arbour Sally & Dick Mott from The Mueller & Bauernschmidt Family Deborah Leith Buckley from The Buckley Family The Deceased Members of the Kubat and Calandruccio Families from Rosemary Calandruccio Josie, Jim, Vince Montalto and Lew Parker Jr. from Daughter Marlene, Sister & Partner Bob & Jean Hasken; June & John Capoccith and Jeremy Russell from Joni & Family Eugene Chitty, Dorothy Pottle, Delores Clarke & Robert Clarke from Susan & Tim Clarke Mary Ellen Comeforo from Ken Comeforo John Bettencourt from Marilyn Gino Del Pup Love, Mary & Family Dan DiNatale from DiNatale Family The DiStefano & Raucci Families from Theresa & Lenny DiStefano Anne Elizabeth Dupps from Patricia & John Dupps Finnegan & Pauley Family from Tom & Sandy Finnegan Bill Flinter, The Carron Family, The Flinter Family from Anne Flinter John Patrick Francis from Francis Family Dimitiar Georgiev from Maria Georgiev Bob & Claire Gertz from Todd, Dena, Justin, Jake & Jason Gertz Edward & Joyce Masilunas from Todd, Dena, Justin, Jake & Jason Gertz Jack Henry from Pat Henry Peter Rottustis from Darlene Gloria & Alfred Kane from Tom & Pam Kane Robert Karnell, John Hayducka Jr., Sabatino Family, Hayducka Family, Olga & James Tallon from Eleanor D. Karnell The Katstra & Gebbing Families from Trudy & Bob Katstra Arthur Kelley from Stella Paula & Chester Broussard from Loving Daughter Sally Paul L. Keyes from Loving Wife Sally Chester Broussard Jr. & Raymond E. Poole from Loving Sister and Sister-in-Law Sippel & Kiefer Families from Barb & Jake Kiefer John LaFrance from Elizabeth LaFrance Clara & John Lyman from Linda and Tony Litwin Stella & Tony Litwin from Linda & Tony Litwin Dr. Ferdinando Luongo from Wife Anella & Family Patrick Sean Lynch & Grandparents from Mom & Dad Ann Marconi from Carol, Linda, Michael & Sandra Russ & Gary Martin from Mary Martin Jean Boyce Carleton from Marcie & Terry McGovern Sean McGrath from Mary McGrath & Family Michael James Mucha, Sr. from His Four Children: Robin, David, Michael Jr., & Danny Evelyn Noble, Dorothy Whitney & Marilyn Gemme from George & Cindy Noble Francis & Margaret Palmer and William & Mary Cooney from Bill Cooney & Peggy Palmer Paladino-Traverse Families from Rick & Joyce Paladino



In Loving Memory of:

Pirolli-Fiorentino Family from Dorothy F. Pirolli Floyd & Irene Szurek from Lea Ann Rosenthal Phil Schneider, Mary Long, Gary Pelgen, Lois & Phil Schneider from Bonnie Schneider Deceased Family Members from Clancy & Deirdre Schueppert Douglas Sharp from Paula Sharp Secundino & Maria Sifuentes; Raul & Juanita Herrera from Dino & JoAnn Sifuentes Richard & Agelina Mardigian from Marisa Mardigian Spilios & Family Gertrude Roberto, Robert Roberto, Mary Spinola, Anthony Spinola and Colin McConaughy from Spinola Family Russell Varnun from Barbara & Bill Stamp Our Son Stephen John Stamp from Mom & Dad Mary Ellen Totten from Bill Totten David Newcomb from The Newcomb Children Tim Watkins from Vicki Watkins Parents of Lorraine-Theresa & Charles Bencivengo; Sister of Lorraine-Dolores Bencivengo from Lorraine Bencivengo-Ziff

In Honor of:

Anne Newcomb from Newcomb Children Mary Dupps from Patricia & John Dupps Phyllis Salemi from Linda and Tony Litwin Bill Cassidy, Fred Cassidy & Family from Carmela M. Cassidy Rocco Moschetta, Vincenzo Moschetta & Family from Carmela M. Cassidy Isaino Del Duca & Family from Carmela M. Cassidy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice in Florida has been blessed with dedicated Priests and religious, and together we pray for the Lord to continue to send holy workers for His vineyard. With this letter, I once again kindly invite you to support the Diocese's efforts to provide for the Seminary Formation and discernment of those called to the Priesthood.

Each year, the Annual Seminary Collection plays an important role in providing the funds needed to assist the Diocese's seminarians with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Funding from the Collection also helps in the recruitment of potential seminarians. By means of your generous donations and steadfast spiritual support, you journey together on the path of Faith with the future priests of the Diocese.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will hold the Annual Seminary Collection at the vigil Masses on January 1 and Sunday Masses on January 2, 2022. Thank you for your continuing support for the Seminary Formation and discernment of Diocesan Seminarians, and your prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurance of my prayers for the New Year. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Gratefully yours in Christ, +Frank J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



ROYAL RUMMAGE SALE

<u>Collection of items can be brought to Parish</u> 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

(Self Unload into the Parish Hall)

Please check your attics, closets, cabinets, garages, storage areas— pack all those items you haven't used in a long time, no longer need nor want. We CAN NOT accept hazardous materials including paint, old printers and old TV's.

Sorting and packing of items will continue in January. All are welcome to join us for work, fun, fellowship and goodies. Call Bonnie Schneider at 941-807-4499 for questions.

Dates of Rummage Sale:

Friday, March 4, 2022-"Early Bird" Noon-4:00 PM Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, March 5, 2022-9:00 AM-1:00 PM - Free



New Mass Schedule STARTS JANUARY 1, 2022

Mass Times:

First Saturday Mass: January 1, 2022 - 9:00 AM

Saturday 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM; 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM



SIGN UP NOW! Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:00 AM Registration; 8:00 AM Start Longboat Key Club-Harbourside Golf Course

Proceeds will benefit children's education in impoverished areas of Florida

4-Person Scramble with Shotgun Start

Entry Fee \$150 per player includes cart, green fees, goody bag, coffee, beverages on golf course and lunch buffet. Awards Luncheon only \$65 per person

Pick up <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u> at Church Office or call to have it emailed to you. Also on <u>website stmarylbk.org under Men's Club.</u>

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Questions call or email Steve Golia 973-943-3517 or stgoliaplanning@aol.com; Dr Mike Cichon mjcichon1@gmail.com; Chuck Sobieck sobichu@aol.com

Please remember <u>Still Point Mission</u>. Unopened, non-perishable canned or boxed items are needed. Please place your donations in the baskets at the Church entrances. Thank You!

<u>Poor Box</u>

There are Poor Boxes at each entrance of the Church. Thank you for your kind donations to the poor in our area.

Calendar of EVENTS

December 2021

December 24-27—Parish Offices Closed-Christmas December 31, 2021—Parish Offices Closed-New Years

January 2022

January 17, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Dr. Martin Luther King Day January 22, 2022— Men's Club Parish Event—Italian Night with Entertainment January 25, 2022—Respect Life Meeting

February 2022

February 8, 2022—Women's Guild Valentine Dessert Meeting February 9, 2022— Men's Club Parish Event—Before the Super Bowl February 15, 2022—Women's Guild Luncheon for New Members February 17, 2022—LBK Golf Tournament—Parish Event February 21, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-President's Day

March 2022

March 1, 2022—Men's Club Parish Event—Mardi Gras Party March 4-5, 2022—Women's Guild Royal Rummage Sale March 6, 2022—Men's Progressive Raffle First Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass March 12,2022—St. Patrick Party March 13, 2022—Men's Progressive Raffle Second Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass March 15, 2022—Women's Guild—Fashion Show March 20, 2022—Men's Progressive Raffle Third Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass March 24, 2022—Women's Guild Day of Reflection at OLPH in Venice March 27, 2022—Men's Progressive Raffle Grand Prize Drawing after 9:30 a.m. Mass March 31, 2022—Men's Club Retreat at OLPH in Venice

April 2022

April 4, 2022—Women's Guild Installation Mass and Luncheon

- April 8, 2022—Fr. Robert's 45th Birthday Bash!
- April 15, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Good Friday
- April 18, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Easter Monday
- April 20, 2022—Men's Club Parish Event—Parish Cowboy Cookout with Ball Drop

<u>May 2022</u>

- May 8, 2022—Women's Guild Event May Crowning
- May 30, 2022—Parish Offices Closed-Memorial Day

