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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to January 1 ... 4:00 pm
January 8 to April 9 ... 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to January 2 - 8:00 am & 10:00 am
January 9 through Easter Sunday
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am
Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter– September 7 through June 3
Mon - Thurs 9:00 am-12:30 pm, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Summer - June 6 through September 2
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00 am - 9:15 am
Saturday 3:00 pm-3:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months
in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

**Mass Intentions and Scripture
Readings for the Week**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:15 am **SAINT ODILIA FOR FAVOR RECEIVED** by Walter and Marianna Levasseur
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
Reading: 1 John 1:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1a and 2-8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:15 am **†TED OBAL** by Ellen and Dick
Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Reading 1: 1 John 1:5-2:2
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 am **MR. AND MRS. JASON ALLAIN**
by Mom and Dad
The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
Reading: 1 John 2:3-11
Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 am **†MARY LOUISE WALLACE**
The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
Reading: 1 John 2:12-17
Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15 am **KATHLEEN & FREDDY IVEY**
by Margaret Whelan
The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
Reading: 1 John 2:18-21
Gospel: John 1:1-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

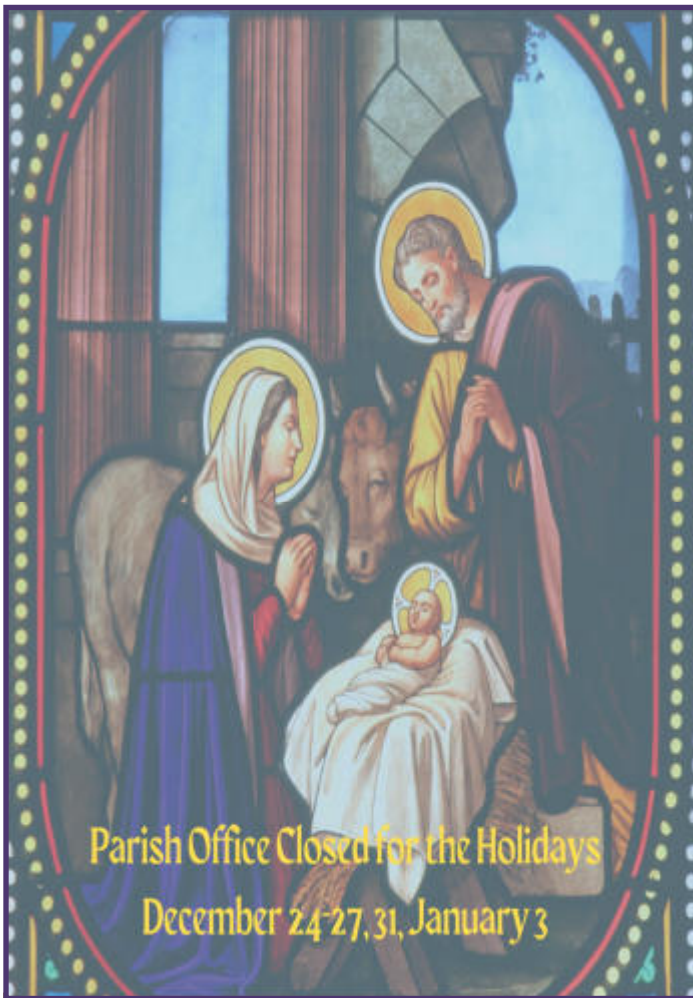
9:00 am **†PAUL ELLIS** by Margaret Ellis
The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Reading 1: Numbers 6:22-27
Reading 2: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

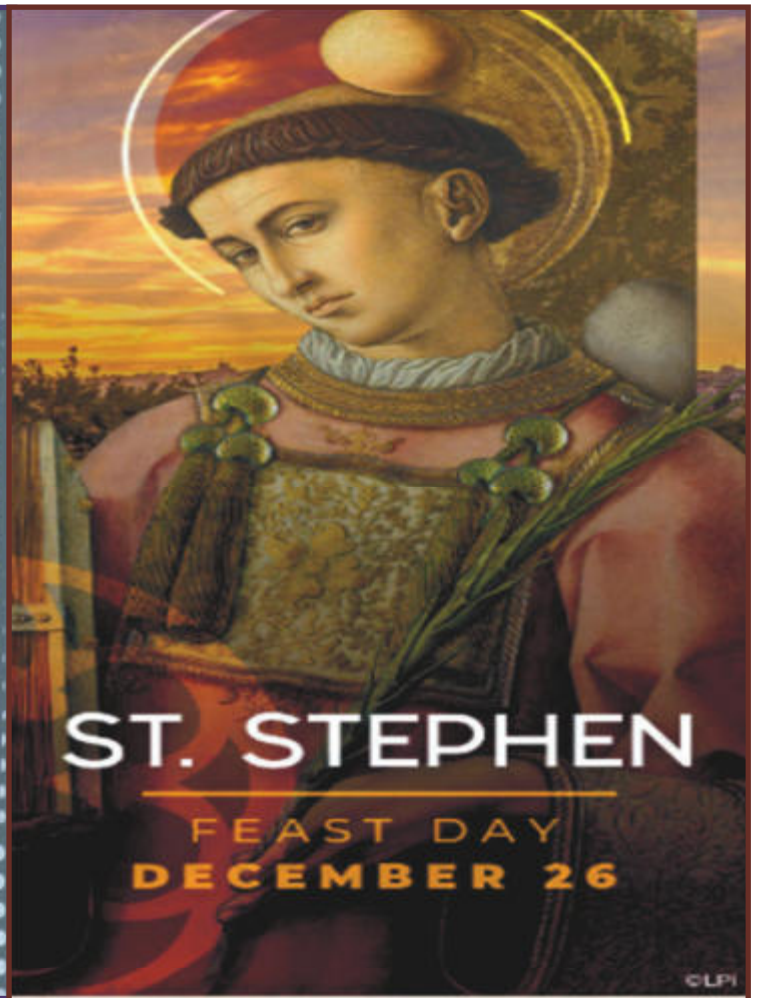
4:00 pm **†MARLENE WOODCROFT**
by Richard Woodcroft

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 am **†THOMAS DILL** by Margaret Ellis
†ANTONIO & DELFINA SORTO
10:00 am **†CHUCK KAHLER** by Wife, Jo
The Epiphany of the Lord
Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6
Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Parish Office Closed for the Holidays
December 24-27, 31, January 3



WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

(January 8/9 to Easter Sunday)

Daily Mass

8:15 AM

Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday)

3:00 PM

4:30 PM

Sunday Morning Mass

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Weekend Reconciliation - Saturday 2:00 PM -2:30 PM

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.

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN COLLECTION



Each year, the first weekend of January we participate in the annual Seminarian Collection. We are invited as the faithful of our Diocese to share in the Seminarian education of our future priests, who are our “Hope for the Future.” The Annual Seminary Collection will be at the vigil Mass on January 1 and Sunday Masses on January 2, 2022. Bishop Dewane thanks you for your continued support for the Seminary Formation and discernment of Diocesan Seminarians, and your prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

What is holy water and what is the reason that it is placed at the entrances of our Church?



Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God’s grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our DESTINY! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!



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Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon Dec 27			PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—MONDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina - Gospel Prayer - Church
Tues Dec 28	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:45am	9:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	9:00am	11:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry
	10:00am	11:00am	Parish Bereavement Ministry - Parish Conference Room
Wed Dec 29	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs Dec 30	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks & Needles for Angels - Parish Conference Room
	5:00pm	6:30pm	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - Parish Conference Room
Fri Dec 31			PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—EVE OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY
	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
Sat Jan 1			Solemnity of Mary
	9:00am	10:00am	Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Mass - Church
	3:00pm	3:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	4:00pm	5:00pm	The Epiphany of the Lord Mass - Church
Sun Jan 2	8:00am	9:00am	The Epiphany of the Lord Mass - Church
	10:00am	11:00am	The Epiphany of the Lord Mass - Church

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