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ST. JOHN CHURCH 1405 FIRST AVENUE SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

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201 CLARK STREET SUNDAY 9:00 AM This Mass Live Streamed ADORATION POSTPONED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

December 25, 2020

Nativity of the Lord

Wishes for a Blessed Christmas to all from Fr. John Civille, pastor, and the staff of Holy Family Parish. Welcome and thank you to Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM, celebrating Christmas Eve Masses with us.

Thanks to everyone for following the guidelines below from the Bishops of Ohio.

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According to the guidelines from the Bishops of Ohio



Thank YOU for

- wearing a mask
- social distancing coming and going, choosing a seat, and using a single line when receiving Communion
- taking a bulletin/missal home
- using hand sanitizer found at the doors of the churches

Fr. Civille & Fr. McCloskey are

- staying on the altar
- keeping the Mass moving and shortening the sermon

The Staff is

- on hand to help with seating
- keeping the air circulating and the doors open
- carefully cleaning the churches after every Mass



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Mass Holy Trinity Church

People of Holy Family Parish

3:00 PM Mass St. John Church

Roger, Barbara, and David South

5:00 PM Mass Holy Trinity Church

Lucy Dillon - Anniversary Remembrance

5:00 PM Mass St. John Church

Florence and Clifford Sweeney

12:00 AM Mass Holy Trinity Church

Joe Stugmyer

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 AM Mass Holy Trinity Church

Robert Wise

10:00 AM Mass St. John Church

Mary Mikula

Introductions to Christmas Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Isaiah 9:1-6 The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. In his time, the northern Jewish kingdom of Israel was laid waste by the armies of Assyria. Today's passage offers the conquered people hope for a glorious future under a wonderful king. Christians have seen Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy.

Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14 The letter to Titus was written about 30 years after Paul's death, and was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, and later was in charge of a Christian community on the island of Crete.

A BIG THANK YOU to our Volunteer Tech Crew!!

What began back on April 12th with the Easter Sunday Mass continued for now thirty-eight Sundays PLUS Christmas Day



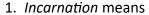
— the Live Streaming of the 9 AM Mass at Holy Trinity! Months ago five parishioners approached Fr. Civille and offered to live stream the Easter Mass - Evan Dobrozsi,

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Adam Lewis, George Nenni, Ryan Mulligan and
Rob McCulley (lost in August). They selflessly offered
the use of their equipment, expertise, and time to help
our parish stay connected during the pandemic, and with
a \$2,500 equipment donation by the Knights of Columbus,
they're still at it! Thanks go to their families as well, who
also made sacrifices to make live streaming happen!

How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith?



Find the answers on the page 5!



- (a) all nations will bow to Jesus
- (b) carnations will be used to celebrate Christmas
- (c) God took on human flesh
- (d) the Virgin Mary is among us
- 2. The Christmas Season ends with the feast of
 - (a) the Lord's Supper
 - (b) Thanksgiving
 - (c) the Archangels
 - (d) the Baptism of the Lord
- 3. Jesus' first visitors were
 - (a) the shepherds
 - (b) the little drummer boy and his guitarist
 - (c) the innkeeper
 - (d) Herod's soldiers
- 4. This solemnity celebrates the magi from the east giving homage to the infant Jesus.
 - (a) Holy Trinity
 - (b) Tres Leches
 - (c) Immaculate Conception
 - (d) Epiphany
- 5. How did the magi find the baby Jesus?
 - (a) followed the GPS on their camels
 - (b) found Bethlehem on Google Maps
 - (c) followed the star
 - (d) asked the locals for directions to the Church of the Nativity
- 6. A "crèche" is a
 - (a) holy vessel used at Mass
 - (b) priest's vestment
 - (c) container for consecrated hosts
 - (d) Nativity scene
- 7. Traditionally, the 12 Days of Christmas refers to
 - (a) the time between Christmas and Epiphany
 - (b) the last twelve days of Advent
 - (c) an Advent calendar
 - (d) the O Antiphons



Mass Prayers and Responses

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.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Profession of Faith

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, At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all 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.

Readings for Christmas Masses

First Reading - Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Luke 2:1-14

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.
Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Annual 365 Lotto

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Answers to the Special Christmas Faith Quiz

- 1. (c) Christmas celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation when God took on human flesh. "The Word became flesh to be our model of Holiness" and "The Son of God became man so that we might become God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 459 and 460, emphasis in original).
- 2. (d) The Christmas Season lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when we celebrate Jesus being baptized by his cousin, John, in the Jordan River.
- 3. (a) In terms of their social status, shepherds then were similar to today's homeless population.
- 4. (d) The visit by the three kings (the wise men or the magi), traditionally celebrated on January 6th, revealed even more deeply that the child born to Mary was the Son of God.
- 5. (c) Matthew 2:1-2 describes how the magi came to Jerusalem after seeing a star in the east that indicated the birth of a great king.
- 6. (d) Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) began the custom of having a Nativity scene at Christmas. The word derives from the place where he arranged it: Greccio in Italy.
- 7. (a) Epiphany used to be fixed on January 6th, and Christmas was celebrated for the whole 12 days.

Entrance Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

- O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant;
 O come ye, O come ye
 To Bethlehem.
 Come and behold him,
 Born the king of angels;
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!
- 2. Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation;
 Sing, all ye citizens
 Of heav'n above!
 Glory to God,
 All glory in the highest;
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!

Adeste Fiedeles, attr. to John F. Wade, 1711-1786; Tr. by Frederick Oakley, 1802-1880, alt.

Hymns for Christmas Masses - Entrance Hymn on previous page!

Communion

O Little Town of Bethlehem

- O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.
- For Christ is born of Mary,
 And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth!
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to all on earth.
- 3. How silently, how silently,
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of his heav'n.
 No ear may hear his coming,
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 4. Where children pure and happy Pray to the blessed Child, Where misery cries out to thee, Son of the Mother mild; Where charity stands watching And faith holds wide the door, The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, And Christmas comes once more.
- 5. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893; Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

Communion

Silent Night

- Silent night, holy night,
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
- Silent night, holy night,
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 Glories stream from heaven afar.
 Heav'nly host sing Alleluia;
 Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born!
- Silent night, holy night,
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from the holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at they birth, Jesus, Lord, at they birth!

Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848, Eng. tr. by John F. Young, 1820-1885

Closing

Joy to the World

- Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
 Let all their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
 The glories of his righteousness,
 And wonders of his love,
 And wonders of his love,
 And wonders, wonders of his love.

Ps 98 Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt; George F. Handel, 1685-1759

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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Becoming Catholic - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com by noon Tuesday.

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

Marriages - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

Parish Religious Education Program - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

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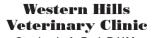
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