



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 31, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family
5:30 PM Stiano Family, Calvi Family
Sunday, December 31 ~ The Holy Family
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus, Jim Barnett
Monday, January 1 ~ Mary, Mother of God
9:30 AM Lena Ferrara ~ 100th Birthday
Wednesday, January 3
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Friday, January 5
9:00 AM
Saturday, January 6 ~ Vigil/The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 PM Francis & Felix Myruski
Sunday, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 AM Frank Schmaus, Jim Barnett

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Monday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of The Blessed Mother
9:30 AM Beth Texter
Saturday, January 6 ~ Vigil/The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 PM Jen Zupetz
Sunday, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 AM AnnMarie Minerly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Monday, January 1 ~ Mary, Mother of God
9:30 AM Lisa Dyer (a), Colleen Wall (c)
Saturday, January 6 ~ Vigil/The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Mary Morse (c)
Sunday, January 7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 AM Marie Barnett (a), Liz Klimchak (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)
Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Joseph Ruize (Navy)
Robert Pape-Laucella (Marines)
Pashko Shkreli (Army) Carissa Tironi (Army)
Nicholas Turner (Army) Elliott Weidel (Marines)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Barbara Ceriale, Gina Lempka,
Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Elissa Zahn

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale,
Brad Ceriale, Lois Chanofsky, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
John & Lorraine DiCicco, Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare,
Maria Elena DiMare, Michael DiMare, David Felter,
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Krystyna Grzybek,
Margaret Hale, Mike Hurd, Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski,
Kerry Roberson, Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus,
Chris Strobl, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Certain Saturdays by Appointment. Call 845-733-1477
(9 AM start)

AA Meetings
Sundays 3:00 PM ~ Thursdays 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 26
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Saturday, December 30
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at **9:30 AM**
"The Holy Family"



*Solemnity
of Mary
Mother
of God*

**Monday
January 1**
New Year's Day
Mass at **9:30 AM**
"Mary, Mother of God"

Tuesday, January 2
Religious Education Classes ~ 630-7:30 PM

Friday, January 5
First Friday Holy Hour ~ 9:30 AM after Mass

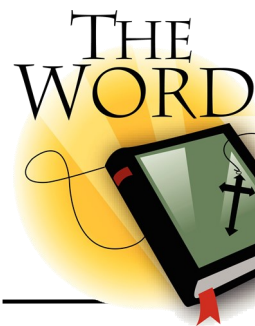
Monday, January 8
Parish Council ~ 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 14
Finance Council Meeting ~ Immediately After Mass

Tuesday, January 16
Religious education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 23
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursday, January 25 ~ 5:30 PM (pizza start)
Meeting About Outreach: Pantry/Thanksgiving Baskets/
Bells & Stars



Today's Scripture The Holy Family

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3(17B)
Hebrews 11:8, 11-2, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40

ABOUT THE LITURGY: The Holy Family

On this special Sunday, tucked between Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary on January 1, we are invited to contemplate the Holy Family. Usually the focus is on the three who made up the Holy Home in Nazareth: Saint Joseph, the Virgin Mary, and the Child Jesus. Today, however, the Readings invite us to consider how they are part of a larger, human family that spans generations.

The First and Second Readings remind us that we are all part of the family established by Abraham and Sarah. The Gospel Reading then introduces us to Simeon, a righteous and devout elder who is able to see Jesus as he truly is. We also meet Anna, the prophetess. Advanced in age, she experienced various forms of family life over the years. Now widowed, she worships in the Temple day and night, with prayer and fasting. She, too, recognizes who Jesus is and is eager to present him to the world.

These elders show that wisdom and understanding come when all people, young and old, are brought together in mutual love and concern. In the Holy Family, we all have our place for sharing the gifts we have. In the Holy Family, we all are united in the love of God.

**THESE WERE ALL COMMENDED FOR THEIR FAITH,
YET NONE OF THEM RECEIVED WHAT HAD BEEN
PROMISED, SINCE GOD HAD PLANNED SOMETHING
BETTER FOR US SO THAT ONLY TOGETHER WITH
US WOULD THEY BE MADE PERFECT.**

LUKE 2:39-40

May Her Soul Rest in Peace Krystyna Grzybek

Beloved Mother-in-Law of Kim Grzybek
Entered into Rest 12-27-23

The people of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue
to pray for Krystyna's soul and the solace of her family.

Mass Attendance/Collection

At Mass on December 23 & 24: **101**
Weekend's Collection: **\$3,0640.00**
At Mass on Christmas Eve & Day: **170**
Christmas Collection: **\$1,896.00**



With all that has occurred during 2023, considered by some as *annus horribilis* from many viewpoints: the pandemic that is still causing a lot of suffering, has claimed a lot of lives, disrupted personal plans, caused upheavals in socio-economic

life, etc., the year which is about to commence offers us a **new beginning**, thus, a **new hope**.

It is a time **God gives us to begin again**, to recommence in our struggle to be better persons in a holistic and realistic sense. People usually say to themselves: "A New Year, a new life", but this is not the case for we cannot change ourselves overnight. Rather, as St. Josemaria wrote:

"I don't believe in the proverb that says: 'a New Year, a new life.' Nothing changes in twenty-four hours. Only our Lord, with his grace, can instantly convert a Saul from being a persecutor of Christians to an Apostle. He knocks him off his horse, he leaves him blind, he humbles him, he makes him approach another man, Ananias, to learn what to do. And Saul was one of the leading figures of Israel, educated at Gamaliel's feet, and a Roman citizen to boot. Do you remember? Civis romanus sum, I am a Roman citizen. I like that. I also like you to feel true citizens of your country, with all the rights which that entails, because you fulfil all your obligations.

Do you think that an easygoing type who is reluctant to train seriously can hope to win an international athletics competition, without a great miracle? St Paul resorts to this simile, as do I. We have to struggle repeatedly and train every day – sometimes winning and sometimes losing – in little things that in themselves aren't sinful and don't have very significant moral implications, but which do indicate human weakness, a lack of love, a lack of generosity. **ONLY BY FIGHTING IN THAT WAY CAN A PERSON AT LAST SAY TRUTHFULLY THAT HIS IS A NEW LIFE. ONLY THOSE WHO PERFORM THESE SPIRITUAL GYMNASTICS WILL REACH THE GOAL.**" Truly, the new year about to start is a divine gift to begin again. Hence, let us approach this incoming year with enthusiasm for God-is-with-us.

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