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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2022

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 12/24</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<i>"Pro populo"</i>	
	<b>10:00pm</b>		
<b>Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<i>"Pro populo"</i>	
	<b>11:00am</b>		
<b>Monday 12/26</b>	<b>12:05pm</b>	<b>Helen Moran</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12/27</b>	<b>12:05pm</b>	<b>Delia M. Sutton</b>	
<b>Wednesday 12/28</b>	<b>12:05pm</b>	<b>Dorothy Norris Helen Bridges</b>	
<b>Thursday 12/29</b>	<b>12:05pm</b>	<b>Jack De'Marco Jaime Garcia</b>	
<b>Friday 12/30</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	<b>12:05pm</b>	<b>Jose Rodriguez</b>	
<b>Saturday 12/31</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Joyce Reffi John Robinson</b>	
<b>Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Mary Zayac Betty Stanko</b>	
<b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Anne O. Lundgren Patricia Fitzpatrick</b>	
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Delia M. Sutton Anne Savacool</b>	
			

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## "OREMUS PRO INVICEM"



Kindly remember in your prayers the following members of our parish family:

Phyllis Adams, Ron Ayers, Kevin Baisley, Michele Castagna, Dorothy Charette, Derya Demirtas, Peggy DiBello, Kathie Fetchko, Rita Figredo, Dante Fortini, Theresa Fusco, Anna Galuppo, Catherine George, Agnes Gubernard, Paul Harris, Agnes Hayek, Gloria Keenan, Patricia Lane, Frank Matthew, Charlie McGowan, Sean Mendres, Tom Mullane, Michael Palumbo, Louis Read, Eleanore Shaffer, Michael Squillante, Gloria Steets, Emma Testa, Noelle Thibault, Roslyn Tippetts, Jake Tonkin, Daisy Valentin, Cathy Veluta, Elizabeth Wetherall, and Rita Zimich.

## PARISH CENTER

In order that our parish staff may enjoy the Christmas and New Year holidays with their families and friends, our Parish Center Offices will be closed on:

*Happy Holidays!*



**December 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle as a reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, was given in loving memory of:

*Joseph Savage, Jr.*



The hosts and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, were given in loving memory of:

*Robert Morsell*

## MONTHLY FLOWERS

The Marian floral arrangement for the month of December was given in loving memory of:

*The Makarevich & Powell Families*



## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1<sup>st</sup>

Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Saint Luke 2:16-21

## WEEKLY DONATIONS



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collection: \$6,326  
Online Giving: \$1,724  
**Total Donations: \$8,050**  
*Updated Retired Religious \$ 3,500  
Flowers \$1,595*

## ALMOST THERE!

*"I have found that among its other benefits,  
giving liberates the souls of the giver."  
- Maya Angelou*

## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE



### Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:05pm

### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
at 5:00pm  
Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm  
Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am



## FOOD PANTRY

Father has asked each and every parishioner who comes to church to bring at least one (1) can of food for the needy.



**While you are shopping, please keep the following needs of our food pantry in mind:**

- Apple juice
- Juice boxes
- Almond milk
- Coffee
- Instant coffee (*reg. & decaf*)
- Decaf Green tea
- Pancake syrup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Salt
- Vegetable Oil
- Mayonnaise
- Instant white rice
- Spaghetti-O's
- Dinty Moore Stew
- Beef gravy
- Tuna Helper
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Tissues
- Dish detergent
- Laundry soap
- Razors (*men's & women's*)
- Deodorant (*men*)
- Baby Diapers (*size 6*)
- Conditioner

Thank you for your continued generosity and thoughtfulness to those in need!

## WELCOME



*Saint Joseph Parish  
Community officially  
welcomes*

***Marc Centrella**  
as he was blessed by  
Deacon Tom and  
Father ST during the*

*Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens,  
to be baptized at the Easter Vigil this year.*

## FAITH FORMATION



There are  
**NO** Faith Formation  
Classes on **Monday,**  
**December 26<sup>th</sup>** and  
**Monday**  
**January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## THANK YOU



Thank you to Mrs. Liz Roche,  
a First Grade teacher at  
Sparta Alpine School.  
Her class held a food drive and she  
delivered the donations to our  
Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry.  
Shown here are some of our  
volunteers unpacking the food.

I did some digging to find out the history behind a few of my favorite Christmas carols and I discovered some interesting trivia: It's said that for about 300 years, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly, so "The 12 Days of Christmas" was composed as a catechism song for young Catholics that contained hidden meanings. Each element in the carol has a code for a religious reality which the children could remember. "Silent Night" was first performed at the church of Saint Nikola in Oberndorf, Austria on Christmas Eve 1818. Legend has it that mice chewed through vital sections of the church organ, so the local schoolmaster and the parish priest composed a carol that could be sung with just guitar accompaniment. Bing Crosby's version of "White Christmas", written by Jewish songwriter Irving Berlin, is the highest-selling single of all time. Crosby's version of "Silent Night" is the third highest-selling single. In 1906, a violin solo of "O Holy Night" was the second piece of music ever to be broadcast on radio. "O Come, O Come Emanuel" is one of the oldest Christmas carols around. Originally composed in Latin during the 12<sup>th</sup> century, it was translated into English in 1851. Each time I listen to these Christmas carols, I find that they take on a new meaning, much like today's familiar Gospel, which has taken on new meaning to me as well. If I had to choose, I'd say that the person I admire most in the nativity scene is our very own patron Saint Joseph. In Christian tradition and even in Scripture, there's really not much written about him, but with each mention, his trust in God becomes more and more evident. That's especially apparent when we think about his role through the context of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Bear with me as I explain.

#### **The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation**

The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to let her know that she was chosen by God to be the Mother of His Son. We call Mary's response her "fiat", meaning her complete agreement to what was asked of her. Being betrothed to Joseph, that is, being legally married to him but not yet living together, she must tell him that she is expecting a Child who they both know is not biologically his. Joseph responds by saying that he will divorce her quietly to avoid embarrassing her. His trust in Mary seems to be lacking, until the angel of God appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary into his home; that she indeed has conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and will bear a Son whose name will mean "God is with us." Through his trust in God's messenger, Joseph gains confidence in what Mary has told him, and he too responds by sharing in Mary's fiat.

*Dear Lord, help me to always trust in You, even when my trust in others is shaken.*

#### **The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation**

After Mary and Joseph complete their marriage ceremony, Mary decides it would be a good opportunity to visit her relative Elizabeth. I'm sure Joseph spent much of that time they were apart in prayer asking God to guide him. Mary returns and shares with him the news that Elizabeth too is expecting a child, even though she is far beyond child bearing years. Elizabeth confirmed what the Angel said to her and how she (Mary) is blessed to be carrying the Savior. This news strengthens the trust Joseph has in God.

*Dear Lord, when the impossible seems to be happening around me, give me the courage and strength to trust in Your divine plan.*

#### **The Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Following the decree of the Roman Emperor Cesar Augustus, Joseph and his wife Mary travel to Bethlehem to be enrolled in the census, since Joseph was a descendent of David. We don't read anything about the

journey in scripture, so it would seem to have been uneventful. But anyone who has ever travelled with a pregnant woman shortly before she's about to give birth knows the stress that accompanies such a trip. Joseph was probably thinking, "We'll travel to Bethlehem, enroll in the census, return home, then the baby will be born." But Joseph's plan was not God's plan. So while in Bethlehem Mary gives birth to her Son in a stable, because there was no inside place for them to stay. With everything happening just as Isaiah had foretold, Joseph's trust in God becomes even stronger. Once again, the angel of God appears to Joseph in a dream telling him to take his family and flee to Egypt where they will be safe until they can return home to Nazareth in Galilee.

*Dear Lord, let my trust in You overcome the anxiety and stress I feel when things happen that are out of my control.*

#### **The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation**

Knowing that Mary and Joseph were devout Jews who fully embraced their faith, it's not surprising that after returning to Nazareth, they bring Jesus to be presented to the Lord in the temple. It is outside the Temple where this man, Simeon, tells Mary that her Child will be the cause for the fall and rise of many in Israel. This foreshadows the life of Jesus that is to come. Not understanding everything that was being said, Joseph continues to trust in whatever plan God has prepared for him.

*Dear Lord, let my trust in You deepen each time I am obedient to Your commands.*

#### **The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple**

Time goes on and as was their custom, Joseph travels with his family to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover. As they are returning home, Mary and Joseph realize that Jesus is not with them. For 3 days they search frantically and finally find Him in the Temple sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. When Mary tells him how worried she and Joseph have been, Jesus responds by asking why they didn't expect He'd be in His Father's house? Jesus, Who is 12 years old, disappears from scripture until He's 30. I know of at least one "motherly scholar" who theorizes that Jesus was then grounded for those 18 years. Yet again, Joseph's actions speak much louder than his words. Trusting the will of God, Joseph lives a regular life as he cares for his family, and teaches his son to be a carpenter like himself.

*Dear Lord, in the ordinary circumstances of life, let me always trust in You.*

It's easy to overlook Saint Joseph, much as we ignore those millions of men and women who support their families and do their work quietly and well, day after day, without any sort of fanfare. I think it is this sense of being a face in the crowd, that attracts me to Saint Joseph.

Saint Paul tells us that that we are all called to be holy. By always trusting in God, putting his own plans to the side in order to follow God's plan, and by constantly serving others, Saint Joseph shows us what being holy means. As we enter into the final week of Advent, there is still time for us to do the same thing.

And as Judy Garland sang in the 1944 film "Meet Me in Saint Louis," don't forget to "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!"

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**We are closed December 29-31<sup>st</sup>**  
 so that our volunteers may enjoy the Christmas  
 and New Year holidays  
 with their families and friends!



**STORE HOURS:**  
**Thursday and Friday:**  
 10:00am-4:00pm  
**Saturday: 9:30am-12:30pm**

**HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN**



The Columbiettes are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the **Peace of Christ**.

Please support this endeavor to pray **ONE MILLION HAIL MARY'S**. Please ask family members, friends neighbors, church groups etc. to pray Hail Mary's to help in obtaining this goal.

All Hail Mary counts can be emailed to:  
[hailmarysforthePOC@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforthePOC@gmail.com)

**Our tally so far is: 1,160,811**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**



Seeking low and moderate income families to partner with Sussex County Habitat for Humanity on the construction of a new 3-bedroom home in Franklin, New Jersey

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VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION	IN PERSON INFORMATION SESSION
<b>January 7</b> 9:00am-11:00am (English) 11:00am-1:00pm (Spanish)	<b>January 11</b> 6:00-8:00pm (Spanish)
<b>January 21</b> 10:00am-12:00 Noon (English)	<b>January 19</b> 6:00-8:00pm (English)

Please contact **973-891-1934** or **pick up a flyer at the entrance to the church** for more details.  
**REGISTER IN ADVANCE** for all sessions at: <https://www.morrishabitat.org/homeownership/apply-for-home-ownership>.  
**LIMITED SEATING AT THE LIBRARY.**

**BAPTISM PREP CLASS**

Do you have a new baby or are you expecting your first child? In order to have your child Baptized, all parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class.



(which only needs to be attended once). The class is presented by Deacon Tom and his wife Joanne.

Our next class will be offered on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Parish Center and lasts approximately one (1) hour.

Please call the Parish Center Office to register.

**PIZZA PARTY**



Congratulations to our Salesian Sisters on their successful Pizza Party with Santa at Camp Auxilium. Over eighty (80) families came to

visit with Santa, have a piece of pizza and even enjoyed some arts and crafts! This is another great example of how our Salesian Sisters minister to our families at Saint Joseph Church both physically and spiritually.



**PROCESSIONAL** “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. **R.**

**Refrain:** O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore, Him, Christ, the Lord!

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest. R.*

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. **R.**

*Adeste fideles laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte Regem angelorum. Venite, adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus Dominum.*

**PSALM RESPONSE**



**OFFERTORY** “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray. **R.**

**Refrain:** O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

*In Bethlehem in Judah this Blessed Babe was born, and laid within a manger upon this blessed morn, for which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn. R.*

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. **R.**

*The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a feeding in tempest, storm, and wind, and went to Bethlehem straight way, this Blessed Babe to find. R.*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and charity each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all others shall replace. **R.**

**COMMUNION** “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: “Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious King.” The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world. Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heav'nly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing.

*For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

“Silent Night, Holy 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 hosts 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 Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**RECESSIONAL** “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 us our 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.



This week we remember our fallen heroes: Police Officer Branden Estorffe, Detective Paul Newell, Senior Corrections Officer Scott Riner, Sergeants Steven Robin and Donald Scoby, Deputy Sheriffs Oscar Bolanos-Anavisca, Jr. and Daniel Kin and Chief of Police Joe Carey who were killed in the line of duty this past week.



We continue to pray for all those heroes who gave of their very lives in the course of serving and protecting their communities. May they be resting in the peace of the Heavenly kingdom and may all their good deeds

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-Saint Ignatius of Loyola



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*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, 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.*



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-Pope Leo XIII (1864)

In Loving Memory of  
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