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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday: 11am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8am

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays 3:00 p.m. or
 anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: For information, please contact the Rectory at 440-232-8166 during office hours.

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Please call Rectory office.

REGISTRATION: If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

DECEMBER 30, 2018 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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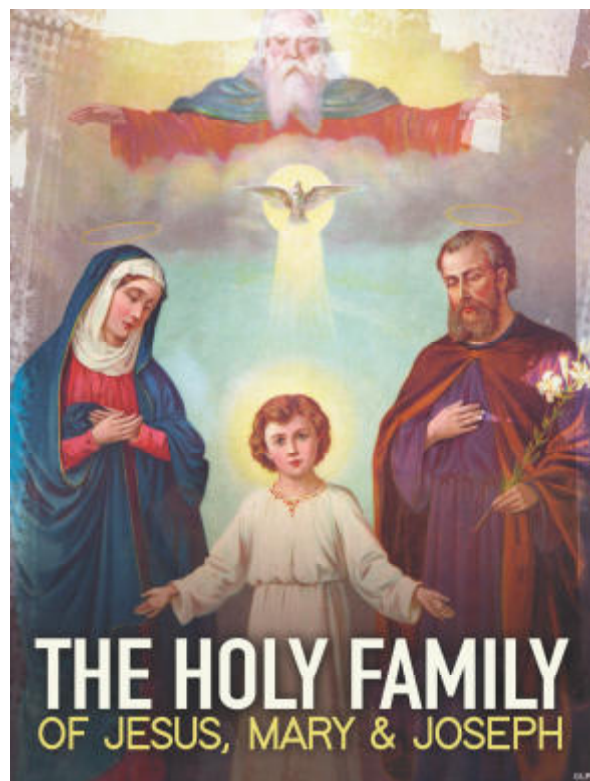
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Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays,
 8:30am –12 noon and 12:30—2:30pm.
 Anytime for emergencies.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:****Saturday, December 29**

3:00 p.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. Robert Stewart

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**Sunday, December 30*****The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*****SM—9:15 a.m.**..... Len & Eleanor Emrein**OLH—11:00 a.m.** Raymond Koenig**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:****Monday, December 31**

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, December 31***Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass
New Year's Eve*****OLH—4:00 p.m.**.....Dec. Mem. of Borrás & Hudak
Families**SM—4:00 p.m.**.....Gregory & Dorothy DePompei**Tuesday, January 1*****Mary, The Holy Mother Of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
New Year's Day*****SM—9:15a.m.**..... Dec. Mem. of Maire Family**OLH—11:00 a.m.**Luz Tulio**ST. MARY CHURCH:****Wednesday, January 2**

8:00 a.m.Dec. Mem. Of Yurichak Family

Thursday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**Friday, January 4**

8:00 a.m.Antoinette Calapa

Saturday, January 5

3:00 p.m. Confession

4:00p.m. Julia Eppich

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**Sunday, January 6*****The Epiphany of the Lord*****SM—9:15 a.m.**..... Mildred Femc**OLH—11:00 a.m.** Holland Family***YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .***

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Jim Waple, Ann Murg, Virginia Vitale, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Ugucini, Carmen Whaley, Trudy Zimo, Jerry Bryndal, Joseph Travagliante, Eileen Salupo, Chuck Deininger, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, James Tench, Andy Mizesak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Alan Parker, R.C., James Smith, Bob Franklin, Sharon Lauricella, Gwen Yates, Harold Fischer, Ronald Richnavsky, Veda Wagner, Rosemary Holycross, Joe McElhone, Mae Saliga, Laverne Krempasky, Larry Krempasky, B.J. Dragan, Paul Melzer, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, John T. Jones, Jr., Nina Jones, Daisy Darus, Sr. Patricia Raelene, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Janet Layne, Ken Hudak, Marc Sylvester...

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Let us know if you or a family member is in the hospital and wants a visit from the rectory.

FOOD COLLECTION

Just a reminder that the Food Collection will take place next weekend, January 5/6. We so appreciate the food items you bring so that the many people in need, within our area, are able to be helped. Also, we thank the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers who work so hard to deliver the food.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to the timeliness of the bulletin for this weekend, the Offertory Contributions for the weekend of December 22/23 will be published in our January 5/6 bulletin.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS

The close of 2018 is just around the corner.

Year End Contributions

A simple rule to remember is that if your donation is **deposited** in the bank in 2019 for 2018 or 2019 it will be recorded in 2019. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the rectory.



Fr. Joe Seebauer, Fr. Isidore, Deacon Starkey and the staff of Our Lady of Hope Parish wish all of you a very Happy New Year! The rectory office will be closed Monday, December

31st and Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's. The office will re-open at St. Mary Church on Wednesday, January 2nd.

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, which typically falls on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day). It is a relatively new feast, and while it was observed in the seventeenth century in some countries, it was only in 1969 that it became a feast for the Universal Church. It's a feast that honors the Holy Family, but it also reminds us that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are a family for all of us to emulate. Obviously, that's a pretty high standard! Two out of the three, Jesus and Mary, were born without sin and never committed a sin in their life. Undoubtedly, Joseph was a very faithful and pious man. Unfortunately, we know very little about the Holy Family other than what we find in Matthew and Luke's infancy narratives. From the little we can glean about the interaction of the Holy Family from sacred scripture, it's fairly obvious that they lived holy lives, but they encountered many challenges and endured much suffering.



When Joseph first heard that Mary was pregnant, he considered divorcing her so as not to expose her to shame. Of course the angel intervened, and Joseph took Mary into his home. At the time of Jesus' birth, there was no room for them in the inn, so Jesus was born in a manger. Immediately, King Herod was searching for Jesus in order to kill him. Joseph had to take Jesus and Mary into Egypt after King Herod ordered the massacre of all boys two years of age or under who lived in the vicinity of Bethlehem. When Joseph returned from Egypt, he couldn't return to Galilee since King Herod's son, Archelaus, was on the throne, and the Holy Family had to settle in Nazareth. In today's Gospel, we hear that Joseph and Mary accidentally left Jesus in Jerusalem as they returned to Nazareth after the Passover. Joseph and Mary experienced much fear and anxiety when Jesus was lost in the Temple for three days.

That's all we know about Jesus' youth. We know nothing else from the Bible about the hidden life of Jesus as he was growing into adulthood. Scripture does tell us in the stories that were recorded that the Holy Family did not have an easy life. There were great challenges and struggles, but Jesus, Mary, and Joseph remained faithful to the will of the Heavenly Father as they navigated through life. That's the example for us to follow. None of us have easy lives, and many of us have to suffer greatly as we journey through life. May the example of the Holy family inspire us to love our own families more deeply as we faithfully carry out the will of God in our lives.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season!
Father Joe

OUR LADY OF HOPE SENIORS NEWS!!

The next meeting for Our Lady of Hope Seniors will be held on Tuesday, February 6th, at 12:30 p.m.. There will be **no** January meeting. All Seniors are invited to attend. A light lunch will be provided.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!!

Just a reminder, there is **no meeting** this month—see you on February 7th. Have a happy, healthy new year!!

THANK YOU FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE!!

A sincere thank you to all who baked and/or bought cookies at the Outreach Committee's Christmas Cookie Bake Sale. Your participation helped us to raise \$460 to be donated to the Our Lady of Hope Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is our hope that it will help defray expenses of the opening of the new Hunger Pantry. God bless you for your support in this matter!!

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who support our Certificate Program, especially during the holidays. As the New Year begins, please take a moment after Mass and check out the certificates we sell. With all the sales in January, there are many things to purchase and help our parish at the same time. Certificates will be sold after all weekend Masses.

Certificates will not be sold after the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses.

OFFICE CLOSURE AT ST. MARY

The boiler at Saint Mary will be replaced beginning Saturday, January 5th. Masses on the weekend of January 5-6 will not be affected nor will the daily Masses on January 9-10 be affected. The Saint Mary office, however, which gets all of its heat from the boiler will be closed on Wednesday, January 9th and Thursday, January 10th. On both of those days, the office at Our Lady of Hope will be open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Rectory office closed for New Years Day.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

Rectory office closed for New Years Day.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Cub Scout Mtg., 6:30pm in School Building.
Boy Scout Mtg., 7pm in Scout Room.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 5/6

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