

# Sacred Heart Church



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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm Friday 9am to 1pm

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 4:30pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am Live Stream, 11:30am and 5:00pm (During Advent)**

Weekday: Mon.-Fri. 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday: 8:30am

## Confessions

**Saturday: After: 8:30am Mass**

## Parish Staff

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**December 25 – December 26, 2021**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

### **Parish Registration`**

Our Parish family gladly welcomes new members. Please register at your earliest convenience by filling out a blue Registration Form located on the rack near the Altar Servers Sacristy in the vestibule of the Church or contacting Michele O'Toole, the Parish Secretary, by phone or [email](#) to have a Form sent to you.

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on Sunday at 1PM but other times and days are possible. We encourage parents who wish to have their child baptized to contact Michele by phone or [email](#) to have a Baptism Information packet mailed to you.

Once the Baptism Preparation session is attended, the Baptism Request Form completed and the Godparent Eligibility Certificates sent to the Parish House, a date for your child's Baptism can be set.

### **Baptismal Preparation**

Catholic Godparents are required to complete an Eligibility Certificate and have the Certificate signed and sealed by the Pastor of the parish where they are currently registered and practicing their faith.

Sacred Heart offers a Baptismal Preparation Session required for all parents preparing for their child's Baptism. The date and time for this Session is arranged at the convenience of the parents and the Priest or Deacon who will minister the Sacrament.

### **Sacramental Sponsorship Letter**

This is a form required to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. To receive this form from the Pastor of their parish, the Church requires the following:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- If married, be in a valid sacramental marriage according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Be a registered and practicing member of a Catholic Parish.

### **The Sacrament of Marriage**

Engaged couples who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at our Parish are asked to contact Michele O'Toole, the Parish Secretary by phone or [email](#). Arrangements are to be made at a meeting with the Pastor at least a year in advance of the requested date.

At least one person should be a registered member of the parish. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana Sessions and a number of meetings with the priest or Deacon who will preside at the Wedding Mass/Ceremony

### **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, advanced in age or wishes to receive the comfort and grace provided by this Sacrament may contact Michele O'Toole by phone or [email](#). In case of an urgent need for this sacrament please call our emergency number at 609-267-8940.

### **Care of the Sick, Homebound and Elderly:**

The sick, the homebound and the elderly are valued members of our Parish. Please contact Merry Marcellino, our Coordinator of Ministries by phone or [email](#) to see how we may be of assistance.

### **Funerals**

In all cases, the family of the deceased parishioner should contact the Funeral Home. They, in turn, will contact the Church to make further arrangements. Normally, a member of our Parish Staff will then contact the family to plan the Liturgy and provide any other assistance.

For information regarding our Parish Cemetery, please contact Paula Powell our Cemetery Manager by phone or [email](#).

### **Bulletin Articles**

Articles for the Bulletin need to be submitted **No Later than Friday** to appear the next weekend (**9 days prior**).

Articles can be emailed to

[bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:bulletins@parishofsacredheart.org)

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**Mass Intentions**  
**December 27<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**MONDAY**

7:00am **Tom Canulli** Req. By Sandy Roth  
 8:30am **Father John Wessel** Req. By Msgr. James Dubell

**TUESDAY**

7:00am **Fr. Martin Staunton** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder  
 8:30am **Umeh Muomah** Req. By His Family

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00am **Felixberto Cavan** Req. By Sandy Roth  
 8:30am **Alan Morrison** Req. By The Morrison Family

**THURSDAY**

7:00am **Ursula Csercsevits** Req. By John & Gail Rountree  
 8:30am **Hazel M. Lynam** Req. By Bill & Kate Moran

**FRIDAY**

7:00am **Albert Renk, Jr.** Req. By The Kane Family  
 8:30am **Diane & Bill Basco** Req. By Nicholas & Mary Katkic  
 4:30pm **Carmine Laraia** Req. By The Laraia Family

**SATURDAY Mary Mother of God**

7:30am **The Special Intentions of Marcella Hilkevich** Req. By Jeff & Teresa Redder

9:30am **The People of the Parish**

11:30am **Anthony Rosato** Req. By Rosa Rubler & Family

**SUNDAY**

7:30am **Bob Paccillo** Req. By Mary Verme  
 And **The People of the Parish**  
 9:30am **Rose Richard** Req. By Lynn & Christy Richard  
 11:30am **Anthony Bertone** Req. By Cathy Geysen

*The Devotional Candle in the  
 Chapel of the Two Hearts*



*Will Burn in Loving Memory of  
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fox and  
 Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Ferrara*

Be one with Jesus in

*Eucharistic Adoration*



**Eucharistic Adoration** – Come and spend time in the quiet with Our Lord in the Chapel of the Two Hearts located next to the Parish House. Our Chapel is open for you and Jesus to spend some time during the following hours:

**Monday through Friday  
 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**GRATITUDE**

Your Parish Community is

**GRATEFUL**

for your consistent contributions.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**Weekly 12/11 – 12/12 \$14, 149.06**  
**Support Retired Religious \$ 1, 026.00**  
**Christmas Flowers \$ 2, 753.00**

*Thank you for the faithful and generous support that  
 you continue to give to our Church.*

*Your generosity helps to support and sustain our  
 Parish in so many ways.*

*May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.*

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**Please remember in your prayers:**



Rose Colling, Betty White, Peg Nelson, Terry Rensman, Toni Rudd, Catherine Verme, Kristianne McGhee, Pete Giambalvo, Rich Yasick, Joan Cole, Mary Borm, Lina Sumanga, Monica Fredrick, Phil Ryan, Don Hartman, Pam Barber Alexander, Noel M. Long, Tom Mehling, David Michael Benn, Connie Warhol, Ruth Staub, Maureen Sampson, Clarence Pugh, III, Peggy Mahan, Theresa Matrisciano, Megan Dezur, Denise Logan, David Bailey, Frank Danley, Jeanette McGhee, Joseph and Dolores Chepega, Mary Wall, William Bromley, Catherine Jefferson, Liz Finn, Bernadine Eppolito, Tammy Witt, Eleanor Voorhees, Jake Potavin, Ed McGinley, Michael Johnson, Harold Fahn, Ryan Clark, Raymond Bishop, Sr., Carlyle Clark, Judith Gomez, Marion Kempke, Arthur Netti, Martha Evans, Annmarie Laraia Bette, Ann Graff, Helen Hannon, Gail Marchese, Joy Geller Simmerman, Peggy Stewart, Ann Graff, Greg MacDonald, Karen Buller, Brandon Trojak, Joel Rivera, Eric Wall, Vickie Robles, Frank Anton, Jenise Lebron, Richard Dow, Stephanie James, Nicholas Gonzalez, Caellie Boyd, David McCoy, Benjamin & Molly Schuyler, Betty Doviak, Michael Dow, Marie Chirico, Margaret Jeffers, Janice Staff, Robert Lally, Gail Reilly, Arleen Bishop, Christopher Pierce, Fred J. Faber, III, Maria Wolfe, Kristal Faber, Tonya DeMaio, McKenzie Hunter, Alva Marino, Stephanie Martin, Corey Kaiser, Daniel DeMaio, Sue Troise, Kay Weiss, Jenny Hand, Daniel Toussaint, Zoey Reed, Morgan Ackerman, Patricia O'Connor, George Schneider, Marie Donahue, Michelle Schafle Reed

**As a parish family, we remember all who are struggling or suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those who have requested our prayers.**

**Please pray for the men and women now serving in the military, especially the loved ones of our parishioners who are serving overseas:**

Jason Brenner, SPC- US Army  
 Maj. Travis Aiello, USMC  
 Corporal Noah Stimiloski, U.S.M.C.  
 Maj. Karen Quintana, Army Reserve  
 Patrick Arpaia, TSgt. Paul J. Stoshak U.S.A.F.  
 Capt. Robert J. Boccio, U.S.A.F.  
 Douglas Schwenck, Army Reserve  
 Richard DeLorge U.S.M.C.  
 Peter Liedman, Dorinia Dibuono  
 Capt. James Rankin U.S.M.C.  
 SSgt. Daniel E. Naro, Sgt. Alison Lyport  
 Sgt. Stephanie Robertson, U.S. Army  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Russell Norton, NG Army  
 Sgt. Marshall Norton, U.S.M.C.  
 Capt. Matthew Carr, U.S.M.C.  
 Lt. Victoria Carr, U.S.M.C.

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

As a precaution as we enter the flu and cold season and continue to deal with effects of Covid and its Variants, we will refrain, at this time, from passing the basket at the Offertory. Please place your Offerings in the basket by the last pew in the back of the Church or in the basket by the piano in the front of the Church. Thank you for your understanding and your generosity.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to keep you in His care,

*Father John*

**Tragic Death of a Young Priest**

A young priest Father John Wessel, a native of Mt. Holly and a graduate of Sacred Heart School (1953), was shot and killed while counseling a young man at St. Joseph's Church, Toms River in 1971.

This December 26<sup>th</sup> marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. He is buried in his family plot at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for him at 8:30am on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Father Wessel was very zealous, especially for the youth in his saintly priestly ministry.

*Monsignor Dubell*





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God of nighttime's deepest silence  
and heaven's brightest glory,  
whose radiant majesty angelic choirs praise  
and whose hidden glory lowly shepherds  
adore,  
your grace has appeared,  
bringing salvation to all,  
in a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and  
lying in a manger.  
Upon the deep darkness of our world shine  
the light of your countenance that our  
hearts may exult and sing for joy at the  
savior's coming,  
with angels and shepherds, with Mary and  
Joseph, and with all people of good will who  
long for your peace. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,  
May you treasure in your hearts the peace  
of our Lord Jesus which he offers to us this  
Christmas and may it abide in your homes  
throughout the New Year.

Father John



Merry  
Christmas



**NEW YEAR'S EVE – FRIDAY 12/31/21  
4:30 PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY – SATURDAY 1/1/22  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM ([LIVESTREAM](#)), 11:30 AM  
(THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
MASS)**

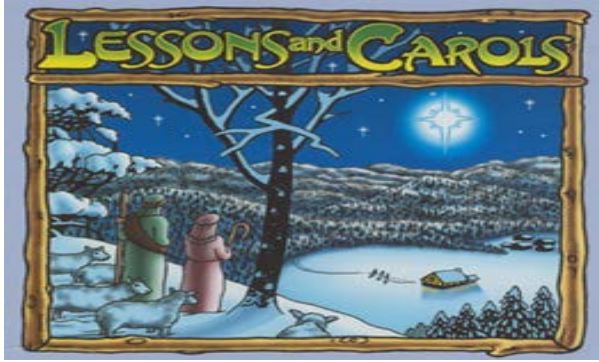
**Sacred Heart Religious Education**



Our families have been preparing  
their hearts for Jesus, and we would like  
to thank them for sharing their beautiful  
Advent projects! We wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas!



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**Sunday, January 9th, at 3:00pm,**  
we will hold our annual  
**Celebration of Lessons and Carols**  
This beautiful service celebrates the Christmas season by taking us through the coming of the Christ Child to His birth. Please help us worship the Christ Child through scripture readings and some of the best music from our own Sacred Heart musicians.  
We look forward to seeing all of you at this celebration in the Church.

**VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE**



***Prayer for Vocations***

God of blessing and generosity, You enrich us with Your presence through the priests, religious, deacons and laity who minister to us. May You bless these ministers; we give thanks for them and the gifts they share. Inspire others to hear and respond to Your call to ministry in the Church today.

*Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy*

*Thank you  
for praying for vocations.*



**One Family – Children of God**

Today's Feast of the Holy Family was introduced into the Catholic liturgy early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Today's Gospel ends with the home at Nazareth where Jesus is obedient and grows to maturity in a simple and God-centered family setting with Mary and Joseph. This feast encourages us to glimpse the wider implications of family. We have become one family in the miracle of Christmas. The Word became Flesh. The Creator of all human beings became a human being- uniting us to each other in the most intimate and inclusive family ever known in human history.

"God and Father of all, grant to all people the grace to hold in honor the bonds of love and respect which bind the human race chosen for adoption as Your children."

Blessings of Peace - Joy - Love  
In the New Year of 2022!

**The SVDP Pantry is in need of the following:**

**Bath Tissue, Jelly, Tuna, Pasta Sauce (Not Pasta), and Desserts.**

Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to:

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**  
**Thank you!**

**Bible Study**

**Monday Mornings 9:30am**

We invite you to join us for another Bible Study- on Monday mornings with Deacon William Rowley.

**DATES:** January 10<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 9:30am till 11:00am.

**PLACE:** PHCR

To enroll: Please contact

Deacon William 848-525-9588 if you are interested in attending.



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We have received so many questions about how to give to Sacred Heart School—thank you and God bless you! We are pleased to share that there is now a safe and secure way to give to Sacred Heart School through Parish Giving! Just go to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org). You can either create an account or choose the “Pay Now” option and search our zip code 08060 Sacred Heart Parish. This is a convenient way to make your weekly collection donations to the Parish, but there is now also a drop down option to make a donation to the “Sacred Heart School Fund.” Many thanks for your continued generosity with our school!

**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org). The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



**CEMETERY NEWS**

Christmas decorations may now be placed and remain throughout the Christmas season until January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please retrieve items that you wish to save before that date

**Columbiettes Trex Challenge**



RECYCLE your CLEAN plastic bags, bread bags, dry cleaner bags, and plastic wrappings from paper towels, bath tissue, and cases of water, etc. Join Santa Maria Columbiettes #1179 in the TREX CHALLENGE. Our goal is to collect 500 lbs. of plastic in a 6 month period to be awarded a Trex bench. The bench will be placed on the church or school property. The bags will be weighed and delivered to a participating store to be recycled through a reverse logistics channel.

**Please use the side walk between the Parish House and the Church. Please place plastics in the white bin that is on the raised small porch, on the side of the Parish House that faces the Church.**

The bags will be picked up daily. This project will run from November 1, 2021 to March 30, 2022. We will ensure that this project will not interfere with bags that SVDP needs for their guests. For further information call Joelle Wentz, 609 267 0061 or [davjo106@gmail.com](mailto:davjo106@gmail.com).



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to assist with the expenses of decorating our Church for Christmas, please mark your offering “Christmas Flowers.” If you use weekly collection envelopes, one is provided in your packet. Your envelope may be placed in the collection basket or you may bring or mail your donation to the Parish House. Your generosity will be appreciated.

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**Good News Reflection**

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 26, 2021

**Pray:** Beloved Jesus: Give me the grace of being aware of the ways I stray from You and renewing a firm decision to resume the path which leads me to re-encounter You. Amen.

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or  
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3,5-6,9-10  
Colossians 3:12-21 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52

**Trusting the truths we don't understand**

"Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth [joyful] mystery," wrote Saint John Paul II in his encyclical on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (paragraph #20), as he reflected on today's Gospel story about Mary and Joseph losing the boy Jesus and finding him in the Temple. "Here he appears in his divine wisdom as he listens and raises questions, already in effect one who 'teaches'."

This scripture, he pointed out, reveals that Jesus was already wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs. That's the first part of the mystery: How early did he feel inspired to serve as the Son of God?

The second part of the mystery, John Paul II explained, is "the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom." Which relationships? Family relationships! In this scripture, Mary and Joseph faced the challenge that every parent experiences. They were "fearful and anxious," because they did not understand what was happening to their child.

Today, we are like Mary and Joseph in their moment of failing to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, taking a stand against injustices, standing up for Christian values, getting persecuted for it, turning the cheek

and going the extra mile, a life of courageously adhering to the ways of God.

Our preference, when it's inconvenient or unpleasant to be so holy, is to rationalize and make excuses for any behavior that the world says is good and right but which contradicts the Church's scripture-based teachings. However, if we are sincere about following Christ, we are willing to do what is difficult. And it's usually in the doing that we begin to understand the benefits of becoming more like Christ.

Without this understanding, however, we have to trust that the words of Jesus are truth. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we do not understand and at the same time move forward in holy living. Then we discover the joy that comes from a life that's lived wholly in Christ.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray that Mary and Joseph will help us hear Jesus whenever our troubles or temptations get so distracting that we lose sight of him. Let us learn to recognize that Jesus is always present with us in his Holy Spirit, helping us, guiding us, and mercifully loving us, especially in the challenges we face.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What teaching of the Church have you rationalized away so that you don't have to obey it? Or what teaching of Christ do you excuse yourself from? Assume that your disobedience is due to not understanding what is really being taught. What will you do to seek and gain a better understanding?

**Questions for Faith Sharing:**

How meaningful is the Holy Family to you? What is it about the relationships between Jesus, Mary and Joseph that appeals to you? What has this taught you about Christian living?

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**Living the Good News Today**

*"All who heard Him were astounded."*

When the current school year started, we learned that the parish would soon be starting a program to train new altar servers. Because our twin grandchildren were now in fourth grade, they were eligible. When our daughter told them about this, they were so excited (and so were we as grandparents). After their training concluded, there was great anticipation for Advent to arrive and the altar server schedule to require commitments. On the first weekend of Advent, my husband Jeff and I were very conscious of the many families that we knew whose children were serving for the first time, so joyful to see their children serving the Lord with gladness.

While visiting my 91-year old uncle, I mentioned to him that our grandchildren were preparing to be altar servers. With a mischievous grin on his face, he asked me how they were doing with their Latin responses. 😊 He took great pride in sharing his own experiences as an altar server during the late 1930s and throughout World War II while his older brothers were serving overseas. The pastor of our Camden parish frequently requested Uncle John and his best friend to serve. We had to laugh as he recounted the story of serving at midnight Mass one Christmas Eve until almost 3 AM, and then leaving with the monsignor to celebrate the first Christmas Mass for the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Cherry Hill before the sun rose. He said he was too tired to think of presents!

Our families are the privileged places where we form the values in our lives, learn the traditions that are important in our heritage, and lay the foundation for a strong faith commitment. The call to holiness begins at our Baptism, but only because our families desired us to have a life with Christ.



On the Sunday between Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>), the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This weekend's Gospel tells us that Jesus was 12 years old (equivalent to a 6<sup>th</sup> grader) when He accompanied His parents to Jerusalem. As the family started their return to Nazareth, Jesus stayed behind without His parents' knowledge, giving them a five-day search to find Him finally in the temple area with the learned teachers. St. Luke tells us that *"All who heard Him were astounded."* Just imagine an adolescent in such a sacred setting, listening intently, asking profound questions, and speaking with wisdom that astonished the elders. Did they wonder what great things that God had

in mind for this young boy, as happened so many generations before when Hannah dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord and left him with the prophet Eli?

In 1994, the United Nations declared the International Year of the Family. Pope St. John Paul II decided to bring this theme into the Church and celebrated the First World Meeting of Families from 8-9 October. In 2022, the Church will observe the X World Meeting of Families in Rome from 22-26 June. The theme is: ***Family Love: A Vocation and A Path of Holiness***. Even though we may not journey to Rome to be part of this event, we can still participate as families in this faith-building event, striving to capture the spirit of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

While visiting the website for the Tenth World Meeting of Families

(<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/sezione-famiglia/incontri-mondiali-delle-famiglie/wmof2022.html>).

I found a link called "Catechesis," which directed me to a page that offered seven catecheses for families on the spiritual journey to the World Meeting:

1. Vocation and family;
2. Called to Holiness;
3. Nazareth: Making Love Normal;
4. We Are All Children, We Are All Brothers;
5. Fathers and Mothers;
6. Grandparents and the Elderly;
7. Excuse Me, Thank You, Sorry.

Although each catechesis lent itself to use by families of all generations, it was the seventh catechesis that intrigued me the most. I tried to imagine our family reading the reflection together and then following the instructions of the catechesis:

**Points of discussion for couples/for families**

Give examples where we could learn to say in our families:

- May I
- Thank you
- Pardon me

When did I say, "May I", "thank you", "pardon me" today?

**Points of discussion within the community**

- Are we capable of saying "May I," "thank you," "pardon me" in our community, in our relationships with one another?

While the words may seem so simple, they require diligence and sincerity to put into practice.

In his epistle this weekend, St. John reminds us that we are to love one another as Christ commanded us. The Holy Family exemplifies a profound love of God in their relationships as mother, father, and obedient Son. As 2022 begins, let us cherish our own relationship in God's extraordinary love:

*"Beloved, we are God's children now."*

Teresa S. Redder, OFS

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**WEEKLY PLANNER**

**SUNDAY December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mass times  
 7:30am, 9:30am with Live Stream, 11:30am  
 NO 5:00pm  
 Parish House and Chapel Closed

**MONDAY December 27<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am  
 Parish Office, Chapel and School Closed

**TUESDAY December 28<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am

**WEDNESDAY December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am Live Stream

**THURSDAY December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am

**FRIDAY December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Daily Mass times  
 7:00 am and 8:30 am  
 Parish Office, Chapel and School closed  
**Mary Mother of God Vigil 4:30pm**

**SATURDAY January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mary Mother of God**  
**7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (LIVESTREAM), 11:30 AM**  
**(THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY 4:30 PM**  
**MASS)**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**The Children's Worship Bulletins are now online!**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY January 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Mass times  
 7:30am, 9:30am with Live Stream, 11:30am  
 NO 5:00pm  
 Parish House and Chapel Closed

**MONDAY January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am  
 Parish Office, Chapel and School Closed

**TUESDAY January 4<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am

**WEDNESDAY January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am Live Stream

**THURSDAY January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass  
 7:00am, 8:30am

**FRIDAY January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Daily Mass times  
 7:00 am and 8:30 am

**SATURDAY January 8<sup>th</sup>**

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