

Family Peace

Federico Barocci captured the Holy Family escaping to Egypt. Although they are refugees in a dramatic, stressful situation, he chooses to show the delightful communion among them. Mary sits comfortably in the center of the family, busily

collecting water. Perhaps she will wash the cherries or the toddler's dirty hands. Her face, full of serenity and joy, is lost in thoughts that go beyond the work of the present. She is the model of so many mothers who, in spite of challenging circumstances, focus their energy on loving their children and creating an oasis of peace.

Saint Joseph stands behind the Madonna and reaches up into the tree to pull off a branch for the child Jesus. His strong arm and hand extend straight down toward the child as they both grasp the wood from opposite ends—one giving and the other receiving. This simple domestic gesture of providing for the son is strongly symbolic of what so many husbands and fathers do on a daily basis. Alongside their wives, they care for their families with hard work.

Jesus is next to Mary, and reaches out to Joseph. He receives love from both parents while returning that love with joy and gratitude.

The Holy Family reflects the divine family. One day the heavenly Father will also extend a piece of fruit—this time the bitter passion and the wood of the cross. Although it costs his human nature, Jesus accepts it, thanks in part to the strength he finds in Mary.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, 1570

Artist: Federico Fiori (Barocci)

Location: Vatican Pinacoteca

For Reflection

Does my family know how to gracefully encounter trying times? What attitudes or actions allowed the Holy Family to have peace amidst the crosses?

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

(Luke 2:40)

**Parish of the Visitation
and St. Raymond
St. Andrew's Church**

Msgr. John R. Murphy, Pastor 315-384-4242

Rev. Andrew J. Amyot, Pastor Emeritus at PVSR 315-384-2064

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Masses: Saturday: St. Andrew's~ 4:00pm; St. Raymond's~ 6:00pm

Sunday: St. Andrew's~ 8:30am; Church of the Visitation~ 10:30am

**Confessions: Saturday: Church of the Visitation~ 11:30-12:00pm and upon request
St. Andrew's~ 3:15pm and upon request; St. Raymond's~ before 6:00pm Mass as time allows**

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Dec 30	4:00PM	ST. ANDREW'S - Anticipated Masses Robert Regan by Dominic & Pauline Terminelli
	6:00PM	ST. RAYMOND'S - Intentions of the People of the Parish
Sun Dec 31	8:30AM	+ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ST. ANDREW'S - Elizabeth Brownell by Her Estate
	10:30AM	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - LaPlante & LaRue Families by Jean LaPlante & Family
	4:00PM	ST. ANDREW'S - Anticipated Mass for Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Paul Brownell by the Elizabeth Brownell Estate
Mon Jan 1	9:00AM	+ Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Laura Baxter by Pennie Baxter
Tue Jan 2	8:00AM	+ Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church ST. RAYMOND'S - Rev. J. Everette Denesha & Family by His Estate
	8:30AM	ST. ANDREW'S - A Soul in Purgatory by The Cutler Family <u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
Wed Jan 3	8:30AM	ST. ANDREW'S - Monie Nightengale by the Elizabeth Brownell Estate <u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
	9:30AM	HIGH STREET APARTMENTS, Norfolk - Francis Clary by Laura Clary
Thu Jan 4	8:30AM	+St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious ST. ANDREW'S - Sue Ann Cutler by the Cutler Family
	5:30PM	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Rhonda Bombard Lawrence by Ron Bombard <u>EVENING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
Fri Jan 5 FIRST FRIDAY	8:00AM	+ St. John Neumann, Bishop CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Lucille R. Martin Harvey-Moon by Harvey Moon & Family <u>7:55AM - NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. PERIGRINE</u> <u>MORNING PRAYER AND MASS</u>
Sat Jan 6	9:30AM	ST. RAYMOND'S - First Saturday Devotions Rosary 9:00am
	4:00PM	+ St. Andre Bessette, Religious ST. ANDREW'S - Anticipated Masses Dart Fefee by Beverly
	6:00PM	ST. RAYMOND'S - Bob Matthews by Debbie Villnave
Sun Jan 7	8:30AM	+ The Epiphany of the Lord ST. ANDREW'S - Intentions of the People of the Parish
	10:30AM	CHURCH OF THE VISITATION - Rose Marie Bombard by Jim Todd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 31 - No PVSR or St. Andrew's Religious Education Classes – Happy New Year
Dec 31 - No St. Andrew's Coffee Hour
Jan 2 - NHN Nursing Home Crafting 10am-12pm FAPC & NHN Bingo 1:30pm-3:30pm FAPC
Jan 2 - PVSR Altar Rosary Society Mtg - 6:30pm-8:30pm - FAPC
Jan 4 - St. Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council Mtg - 3:30pm - St. Andrew's Rectory
Jan 7 - St. Andrew's Coffee Hour - St. Andrew's Rectory after 8:30am Mass
Jan 7 - PVSR Religious Education Classes - 9:20am-10:20am - FAPC
Jan 7 - St. Andrew's Religious Education Classes - 9:30am-10:30am - St. Andrew's Hall
Jan 8 - NHN Bingo at Baldwin Acres 1:30pm-3:30pm

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St. Andrew's Church: 2 Park Avenue, Norwood, NY 13668, 315-353-7303

St. Raymond's Church: 8828 St. Hwy 56, Raymondville, NY 13678

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Parish Secretary: Jill Garner **Religious Education:** St. Andrew's Ellie Prashaw, Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond: Carol O'Brien Gonthier

Come one, come all!
To a

SHIVERFEST

at the Church of the Visitation
Fr. Amyot Parish Center
Norfolk, NY
Sunday, January 21, 2018
3:00pm until . . .

This year our sled race competition
will be representatives from the
Youth Group verses the staff from
The Parish of the Visitation
and St. Raymond.

Come and root for the
winners of your choice,
and have some fun
along the way!

Love in Families Today - Our Faith Flows

Lift
Off

Parish of the Visitation
& St. Raymond
Family Ministry

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The contribution envelopes for both of the parishes are prepared and available at the entrance of your church. If you would like envelopes and there is not a box for you, call the rectory office and a set will be prepared.

~All contributors have a box set for use with special/extra collections

~St. Andrews to begin electronic fund transfers as soon as the paperwork is finalized.

~Please include your name on the envelope for the first few weeks. Numbers have been reassigned and this will aid in the accuracy of recording the donations.

~Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond parishioners: if you do not see your box set at one of the church buildings of the parish, check the other site to see if it was delivered there.

Stepping Stones

The Foundation of Our Youth

Our youth group is
collecting returnables
to help raise funds
for their future endeavors.

There will be a receptacle bin outside both
St. Raymond's Church on Saturdays
and the Church of the Visitation on Sundays
for you to drop off your returnables after Masses.
There will also be a receptacle in the
parish center located on the classroom side.

**Please bring your returnables
and support our youth group!**

For more information contact
Carol 212-5004 or Christina 250-0687



FINAL DEADLINE FOR UPC SUBMISSIONS

January 2, 2018 is the final date to submit UPCs into our school's account. All UPCs with the Labels for Education® logo must have been mailed AND postmarked by 1/2/18 for acceptance. (*Ours was sent 12/19/17*)

May 31, 2018 is the last day to redeem merchandise for our school from the 2017-2018 Merchandise Catalog. Be sure to have all your orders in AND postmarked no later than 5/31/18.

A heartfelt thank-you to all the schools and all the families who have made Labels for Education so special over the years.

Sincerely,
Campbell's

Special note: *Boxtops is still an active program, please continue to clip and send them in.*

Thank you!

Religious Education

December 31, 2017-

All grades, Pre k-9th

**Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond's:
No classes - Happy New Year!**

**St. Andrew's Church:
No classes - Happy New Year!**

AS WE PACK AWAY THE TINSEL

The Christmas world can be an unreal, flimsy make-believe world. Our tree, our Santa, artificial snow, decorations and lights are so many stage props. When we pack these away, we are likely to put the spirit too, in a box and label it, "For Christmas Only". As you pack, pause to recall the community of worship, the beauty of the sanctuary, resounding carols and majestic music. Think on the Christmas spirit of prayer, instead of tinsel, crepe paper and holly. You can pack away the joyous love of the Christ Child or hang it on the door of your heart for everyone to see daily.

It's up to you.



CALENDARS

The beautiful calendars for Buck's Funeral home are available at the entrances of the churches. Please take one for your home and others as you see as appropriate to share with family and friends. Thank you to the Plonka family for providing the calendars to the parishes.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

One Mass will be offered in our parishes on the upcoming First Friday, January 5, 2018. It has been scheduled this month for Church of the Visitation at 8:00AM. Parishioners from all 3 churches are encouraged to attend and continue this vital devotion. Adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament will continue into the morning. This will include recitation of the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, and scripture reading appropriate to the season, all offered at appropriate times on the hour and half-hour. Benediction will conclude the adoration at 10 am. Join with us and help offer this as a strong prayer on behalf of our church.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Pray for us,
Oh Holy Mother
of God!
May we be made
worthy
Of the promises
of Christ.

PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

On Saturday, January 6, St. Raymond's Church, Raymondville will host First Saturday Devotions beginning with rosary at 9:00AM and Mass at 9:30AM. All are Welcome!

PVSR ALTER ROSARY SOCIETY

Weather Permitting The January meeting will be Tuesday January 2, 6:30PM-8:30PM at the Father Amyot Parish Center.



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Happy New Year from NHN!

NHN extends a heartfelt thank you for your support of our many outreach ministries throughout 2017. We look forward to continuing our service to all in our parishes & communities in 2018. Be on the lookout for our NHN fundraiser raffle coming up in the very near future. We will be selling chances to win a beautiful live-edge walnut table hand crafted by Deacon John Levison. This table is currently on display at the FAPC. May God bless you with a happy, healthy, hope-filled 2018.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



COFFEE HOUR

The next St. Andrew's Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, January 7th after the 8:30AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to gather at the rectory for refreshments and fellowship. We hope to see you there! *Note that there will not be a coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month in deference to the Norfolk K of C Brunch*

MEETING TIME CHANGE

The St. Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday January 4 has been changed from 3:30PM to 4:30PM.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER GROUP

St. Andrew's prayer group will meet at St. Andrew's Church Hall each Monday at 7:00PM. All are welcome to participate.

~ HAPPY ~
New Year
★ 2018 ★



NOTICE

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: January 1 is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday. Two Masses will be offered for the feast: a 4pm Anticipated Mass at St. Andrew's on Sunday 31, December, and a 9am Mass at the Church of the Visitation on New Year's morning. This rich feast remains a fine day to share in Mass. Join us!*

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

December 24/25, 2016 - \$5,159.00
December 23/24, 2017 - \$2,579.00
Adult env, \$1,581.00 - Plate, \$28.00
Maintenance, \$10.00
Christmas flowers, \$40.00
Christmas Collection, \$370.00
Religious Retirement, \$205.00
Fiscal year-to-date adult envelope comparison: 12/24-25/16: \$50,394.00
12/23-24/17: \$49,375.00
Adult weekly envelopes:
2016 - \$2,725.00 ~ **2017** - \$1,581.00
Adult envelopes used:
12/24-25/16 - 69 ~ **12/23-24/17** - 47
12/16-17/17 - 54

St. Andrew's Church

December 24/25, 2016 - \$4,705.64
December 23/24, 2017 - \$2,457.00
Adult env, \$1,818.00 - Plate, \$353.00
Maintenance, \$47.00 - Candles, \$22.00
Christmas flowers, \$50.00
Christmas/Priest's Retirement, \$90.00
Respect Life, \$20.00
Immaculate Conception, \$57.00
Fiscal year-to-date adult envelope comparison: 12/24-25/16: \$40,983.00
12/23-24/17: \$43,075.00
Adult weekly envelopes:
2016 - \$1,406.00 ~ **2017** - \$1,818.00
Adult envelopes used:
12/24-25/16 - 68 ~ **12/23-24/17** - 63
12/16-17/17 - 75

LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically. If you wish to have the name of a relative or friend listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

*Anyone from **Our Catholic Parishes** may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.*

VOCATION VIEW

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? If God is calling you, talk to Msgr. Murphy or contact Fr. Doug Lucia at (315) 386-2543/ dlucia@rcdony.org or Fr. Tom Higman at (518) 594-3907/ thigman@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1450/ crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

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PARISH OF THE VISITATION AND ST. RAYMOND

Church of the Visitation

Lector and Ministers of Eucharist

12/31/17 - Terri Clemmo, Nancy Demo, Dorothy Gately
1/1/18 - Peggy Molnar, Kris Layo, Jean Gang
1/7/18 - Nancy Demo, Dorothy Gately, Laurie Dufresne

St. Raymond's Church Lector

12/30/17 - Sue Cobb
1/6/18 - Marlene Grant

Collection Counters

12/31/17 - Molly Pressey, Donna Raab
1/7/18 - Francis Sharlow, Mike LaShomb

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Lector and Ministers of Eucharist

12/30/17 - Rochelle Lashomb, Ted Levison, Pat LaRose
12/31/17 - Mary Ellen Todd, Andy Burnette, Linda Regan

1/6/18 - Kathleen Colarusso, Lisa Levison, Ted Levison
1/7/18 - Andy Burnett, Elaine Haggett, Cathy Crary

Collection Counters

12/31/17 - Reta Donahue, Rose Radell
1/7/18 - Phil Regan, Doreen Valade

FUN FACTS FOR CATHOLIC KIDS

December 31 – It's the last day of the old year - and time to think about a brand-new year! Did you know that if there's a half glass of milk on the table, a "pessimist" looks at it and says the glass is half empty; but an "optimist" looks at it and says it's half full. Which are you? Do you see the good or the bad? Do you see this day as an end or as a beginning? Pray today for God to fill you with all four "themes" of Advent – expectation, joy, hope and acceptance – and you'll begin to have a very Happy New Year.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To comply with the regulations set forth by the Diocese of Ogdensburg, the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond and St. Andrew's Church and have available to them the means for reporting a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers. You may go the diocesan website at www.rcdony.org and click on "Information" in the blue bar across the top of the site. Then you will see the option "Report Misconduct". These steps are in place so we may be assured that our children, young people and other vulnerable people in our parish are kept safe.

The Diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator address: i
Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D, MA, MHT

Adult & Youth Counseling Services of Northern NY
413 Ryan Road
Churubusco, NY 12923

Email: terriannayanulavich@yahoo.com
Phone: 518-483-3261 Fax: 518-483-3383

ST. RAYMOND'S CHAPEL MASS SCHEDULE

Father Jack Downs will celebrate daily Mass in the rectory chapel at 8:00AM according to the schedule:

Week of January 1: Thursday & Friday
Week of January 8: Mon, Wed - Friday
Week of January 15: Mon, Wed - Friday
Week of January 22: Mon, Wed - Friday

Calendar

Monday

January 1

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22–27

Gal 4:4–7

Lk 2:16–21

Tuesday

January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the
Church

1 Jn 2:22–28

Jn 1:19–28

Wednesday

January 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29–3:6

Jn 1:29–34

Thursday

January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious

1 Jn 3:7–10

Jn 1:35–42

Friday

January 5

St. John Neumann,
Bishop

1 Jn 3:11–21

Jn 1:43–51

Saturday

January 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38
or Lk 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38

Sunday

January 7

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1–6

Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6

Mt 2:1–12

Dear Padre,

I worry that I'm cramming too much of my Catholic devotions down my children's throats. Should they have more freedom to choose the faith on their own?

Many of us can connect our faith to our mothers. It was most likely their constancy, love, and devotion that gave us the first hints that faith is important in one's life. When a woman chooses to be a mother, she commits to handing on to her children that which is most powerful and most profound in her own life. Over the years, the children will take what is given, sift through it, and finally add it in some way to their own personalities. But the gift first has to be given, and the commitment of motherhood is giving that gift.

Mary, the patron of the Church and of mothers around the world, is first represented in the Gospels as the one "who believed" (Luke 1:45). It was this deep capacity for faith that became the well that cradled and fed Jesus.

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2226).

The sincerity and reverence of a mother's faith can become a fountain of living water that will naturally overflow, and her children can choose to drink of it. Renew your commitment to handing on your faith to your children freely and without limits!

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A Word From Pope Francis

It is necessary to reaffirm the conviction that every family is the principal setting for the growth of each individual, since it is through the family that human beings become open to life and the natural need for relationships with others. Over and over again we see that family bonds are essential for the stability of relationships in society, for the work of education, and for integral human development, for they are inspired by love, responsible intergenerational solidarity, and mutual trust.

—Address, Food and Agricultural Organization, June 20, 2013