

Holy Redeemer Newsletter

January 2021

Christmas at Holy Redeemer



This year, our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord was particularly joyous as we safely came together to celebrate the Incarnation while navigating the challenges of Covid.

Anticipating that we would need to make some accommodations to safely welcome larger than normal weekend crowds for our Christmas Masses, we added two additional Masses to our schedule at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. The 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses took reservations, and our Health & Safety Ministry took temperatures and safely escorted those in attendance to their assigned seats. We had the perfect amount of people at each of the Masses, below capacity but also comfortably full.



In order to include in the Christmas festivities those who could not leave their homes to come to Mass, we recorded the 7:30 p.m. Mass and sent it out on Christmas morning. Our new videographer, Catholic Terp, Vinny Maltagliati, also came back the following Friday to record the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass on January 1st. Vinny follows Matt Aujero, Kevin Berard, and Colin Keane who have in the past volunteered their time to record Sunday Masses for us. We are so grateful for their efforts in keeping us all connected!

We joyfully welcomed back Fr. Daniel Issing, CSC, who grew up at Holy Redeemer, to celebrate the 7:30 p.m. Mass, as well as Fr. Conrad Murphy, chaplain of the University of Maryland Catholic Student Center, to celebrate the Midnight Mass. It is always great to have them back with us!

Adding additional Masses, meant that our new Director of Music, David Bond, arranged music for six Christmas Masses during this, his first year at Holy Redeemer! The music was absolutely lovely. Check out the amazing rendition of **"O Holy Night"** from the 7:30 p.m. Mass. You can view it on YouTube!

Despite the restrictions of Covid, our two days of Christmas Masses were really beautiful and joyful. Our prayers remain that next year, we will be back to normal and able to safely be together to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord together as a parish family.

Wishing you and your family and all whom you love a Safe and Healthy New Year!



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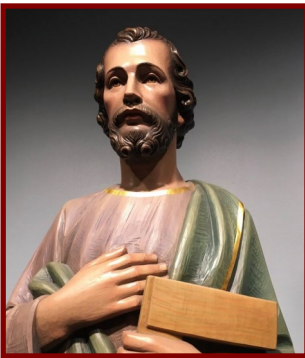
Ways to Keep Connected

Do you have a computer or tablet? Most information that we send out these days is delivered via email.

Please consider signing up for our Holy Redeemer Email Newsletter, **Holy Redeemer Happenings**. You can do this easily on parish home page. We send out Holy Redeemer Happenings on **Wednesdays** with updates on parish news, on **Fridays** with all you'll need to know to get ready for the Sunday Mass, and on **Sunday mornings** with the recorded Sunday Mass so that we can worship together virtually.

Do you need help setting these up on you tablet or computer? Let your family know, or Fr. Andrew or Carol Savard, who are making home visits, could lend a hand. Just email Marie at parish@holy-redeemer.org or call her at 301-474-3920!

Pope Francis Declares The Year of St. Joseph **December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021**



On December 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart").

In that beautiful letter, the Holy Father proclaimed a "**Year of Saint Joseph**" from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021. The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a Decree granting plenary indulgences for this special year.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph

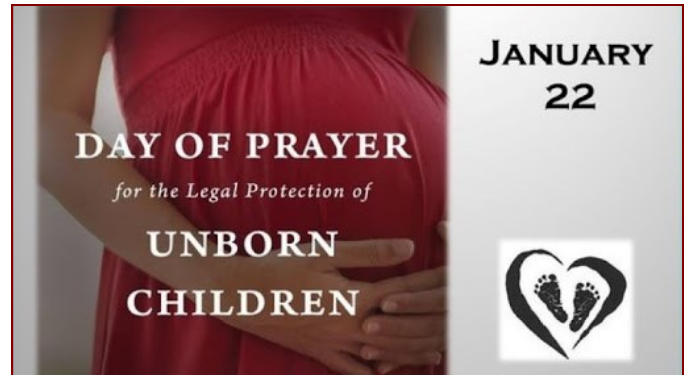
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.*

Amen.



Please join us in prayer either in person or from your home as we pray for **Respect for Life from Conception to Natural Death on Friday, January 22nd**. The church will be open from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "*throwaway culture*." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Evangelium vitae, 100

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Martin Luther King Day - Parish Office Closed
January 18, 2021

Holy Redeemer School 5th Sunday Collection
January 30 & 31, 2021

Catholic Schools Week
January 31 - February 5, 2021

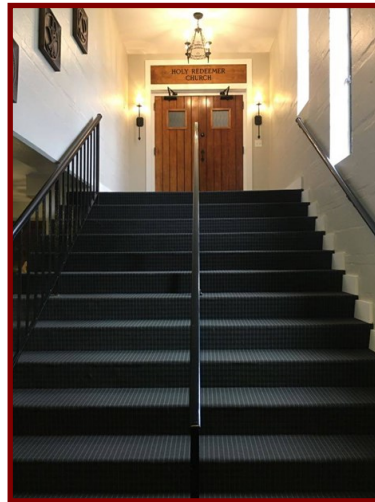
St. Blaise Blessing of Throats after Masses
February 6 & 7, 2021

Presidents Day - Parish Office Closed
February 15, 2021

Ash Wednesday Masses
with Distribution of Ashes at
8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.
February 17, 2021

What's New Around Holy Redeemer

For some, it may be nine months or more since they've been back to Holy Redeemer. Take a look at some of the projects that we've been working on around here during that time! This month, the Mezzanine: new carpet, new paint, new baseboards, new signage, new lighting, and refinished doors leading into the church!



A Catechesis: Anointing of the Sick vs. Last Rites

At times even some "seasoned Catholics" get stumped by the question "What is the difference between Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites?" Many of us get confused and believe it is the same thing just a different way of naming it. Well, there is a difference, and it is important for us to know these differences so that we can better understand and take full advantage of both sacramental signs.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Most of us usually think of asking for this anointing only when we are nearing death through sickness or old age. However, if this is the case, we would be missing out on the opportunity for God to heal and help us at times when we might need Him the most - when we are having surgery, dealing with a physical, mental, emotional, or even spiritual affliction. It is during these difficult times that we need the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. It is during these times, as well, that we should seek to receive this God given sacrament. And if you are still unsure, when in doubt... ask a priest!

The Anointing of the Sick is administered, by a bishop or priest, to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness. This sacrament, unlike some of our other sacraments, can be administered more than once, especially if a person has a chronic illness. ***Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No.***

Last Rites & Viaticum

Last Rites, on the other hand, is the final Sacrament received when death is near. It includes the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum, Holy Communion or "Food for the Journey"!

Christmas Flowers 2020

In appreciation to all who contributed to our Christmas flowers in the church this year:

Ms. Emmerencia Atanga

Mrs. Eileen Banner

Mr. Tom Brennan

In Loving Memory of Thomas & Julia Brennan, Betty & Jim McGuinness, Sr., and Mary Charlotte Brennan

Mr. Tyler Castrucci

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Chismar

In Honor of the Chismar Family

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Corrado

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Drevo

In Loving Memory of Lois McClary, Chuck & Connie Webb, and Mike Ross

Mrs. Livia Foley

Mr. David Fortuna

Mrs. Iris Gorman

In Loving Memory of Thomas Gorman, Marion Hume, and Murdoch Hume

Mr. Jim Harkleroad

Mrs. Patricia Hughes

In Loving Memory of Charles Hughes and Mary O'Connell

Mr. Michael Langan

Mrs. Mary Lou Milstead

In Loving Memory of Bill Milstead and Steve Milstead

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nelson

In Loving Memory of Florence & John Bryan, Otto & Elsie Nelson, All Deceased Members of the Stanner Family, All Deceased Members of the Nelson Family, and All Deceased Members of the Bryan Family

Mrs. Kathleen Perry

In Loving Memory of Jack Perry, Deceased Members of the Earley & Perry Families

Mrs. Claude E. Petrone

Mrs. Debbie Pickles

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Popish

In Loving Memory of Charles Popish, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Lamont, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Popish, and Joseph & Rose Barbee

Mrs. Kathy Schoffstall

In Loving Memory of David Schoffstall, Martin Reynolds, and Esther Reynolds

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Shaffer

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Snider

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio F. Tavares

In Loving Honor of Our First Responders and In Loving Memory of Those Who Passed from Covid-19

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Williams

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the DeFranco & Williams Families, Connye Perry, Flore Gooch, and James Cooley. In Loving Honor Fr. Charles Smarsh and Maria Balducci

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wilson

As We Begin a New Year, a Prayer for the Intercession of Mary, Mother of God and Patroness of the United States



O God,
who through the fruitful virginity
of Blessed Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may experience
the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

In Your Prayers:

FOR THE ILL & INFIRM: Gary Albright, friend of the Krug family, Ana Andura, Nancy Baker, Kathie Bernitt, Clarice Briscoe, Michael Chismar husband of Carmen Chismar and step-father of Marlyne & Sofia Anaya, Dorothy Day, Debbie Garner, cousin of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Tom & Kathy Hallica, Natasha Hallenberger, cousin of Marie Winterson, Leslie Hilliard, Margie Holt, Cathleen Izzo, Nicholas Jacob, nephew of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Janet Kidwell, Barbara Krug, cousin of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Lucy Krug, aunt of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Marcela Maes, aunt of Marie Winterson, Deacon Frank Martin, brother of Bob Martin, Simon McNabb, Jaime Morales, father of Ricardo Morales, Sr., Dorothy Myrtle, Roy & Anne Nelson, Ethel Newman, sister-in-law of Agnes Newman, Joe Nucera, brother-in-law of Val Bleau, Ferenc Payerle, father of Tom Payerle, Stacey Rehseberg, niece of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Alan Richwald, Mia Rojas, Fran Ropko, Frederick Schultz, husband of Nancy Schultz, Nicholas Scribner, son of Lee & Beth Scribner, Patrice Sheppard, sister of Agnes Newman, Martha Sheridan, Fr. Charles Smarsh, Argene Stockhausen, Art Streeter, Eileen Walters, Jennifer Wilburn & the Wilburn Family, relatives of Larry Bleau, Marion Wilkinson, aunt of Carole Wilkinson, All who are ill this week throughout the world

FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: Louise Barkley, Patricia Berard, aunt of Kevin Berard, Mary Bradford mother of Steve Bradford, Jane Castrucci, grandmother of Tyler Castrucci, Pia Cataldi, mother of Joanne Campbell, Elaine Colihan, Lucy Cruz, Erlindo deGuia, uncle of George Franco, Stu Eder, friend of Joe & Mary Katherine Theis, Laura M. Glaser, Flore Gooch, Mary Ann Johnston, grandmother of Beth Berard, Sandra Lamprey, aunt of Bobby Shaulis, Philip Carroll McGuire, brother of Mollie Huitema, Cynthia Ray, sister of Mary Armstrong, Randolph Richardson, uncle of Alissa Umanzor, Gaye Schiller, sister of Jennee Chin, Theresa Sefcik, Ronald Seibel, father of Laura Salers & grandfather of Julie Witzgall and Mary & Emily Salers, James Sinio, Jon Snyder, cousin of Patricia Edwards, Rita Sorge, Lydia Timbers, All who have died this week throughout the world

Communion Calls & Safe Visits



Fr. Andrew & our Eucharistic Ministers can visit your home to pray with you, bring you Communion, and safely visit you. We all need the strength that Eucharist provides now more than ever!

Would you like a visit to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Or are you ill or injured or will you be undergoing surgery or have a hospital stay? Please contact the Parish Office to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. These are both powerful Sacraments of Healing.

Our priests and a number of other Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to visit and bring you this beautiful Sacrament, so please do not hesitate to ask! Just contact Marie Winterson in the Parish Office at 301-474-3920.

Are you feeling isolated or lonely? Please let us know, and we will arrange for someone to safely visit you wearing masks and gloves. We can even arrange for someone to sit on your front porch or in your yard for a visit. We miss you, too!

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Mass Intentions for January 2021

Friday, January 1, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Joan Laskey
Saturday, January 2, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Max & Kay Swoboda, RIP Requested by the Swoboda Family 5:00 p.m. Phyllis Rosenbaum, RIP Requested by the Gardenhour Family
Sunday, January 3, 2021:	8:00 a.m. ALL PARISHIONERS 10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the DeFranco & Williams Families, RIP Requested by Wayne & Ginny Williams 12:00 noon Pablo Emilio Escobar Gaviria, RIP Requested by Julio Eden
Monday, January 4, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Rev. Alphonsus Smith, RIP Requested by Ray Smith
Tuesday, January 5, 2021:	8:30 a.m. George Berard, RIP Requested by Kevin & Beth Berard
Wednesday, January 6, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Theresa J. Sefcik, RIP Requested by Anthony Sefcik
Thursday, January 7, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Rev. Francis Kazista, RIP Requested by Ray Smith
Friday, January 8, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Kent Winterson, RIP Requested by the Winterson Family
Saturday, January 9, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Owen J. Chin, RIP Requested by Jennee Chin 5:00 p.m. Carol Cottone, RIP Requested by Ray Smith
Sunday, January 10, 2021:	8:00 a.m. ALL PARISHIONERS 10:00 p.m. Sr. Mary Charlotte Brennan, RIP Requested by Kathy Schoffstall 12:00 noon Oscar Nicolas Pinto, RIP Requested by Julio Pinto
Monday, January 11, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Rev. John O'Connor, RIP Requested by Ray Smith
Tuesday, January 12, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Agnes R. Belasco, RIP Requested by Ray Smith
Wednesday, January 13, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Johnston, RIP Requested by Kevin & Beth Berard
Thursday, January 14, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Cipriano Trejas, RIP Requested by Jenn Eller
Friday, January 15, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Elaine Colihan, RIP Requested by Kevin, Lori, & Joshua Young
Saturday, January 16, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Robert Pease, RIP Requested by Iris Gorman 5:00 p.m. Peter Muscardin, RIP Requested by the Muscardin Family
Sunday, January 17, 2021:	8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Hughes, RIP Requested by the Murray Family 10:00 a.m. Teodomira Susana Zevallos de Pinto, RIP Requested by Julio Eden 12:00 noon ALL PARISHIONERS
Monday, January 18, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Rev. Victor Dowgiallo, RIP Requested by Ray Smith
Tuesday, January 19, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Flore Gooch, RIP Requested by Iris Gorman
Wednesday, January 20, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Nicholas Garner, RIP Requested by the Garner Family
Thursday, January 21, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Patrick Reardon, RIP Requested by Iris Gorman
Friday, January 22, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Richard Reardon, RIP Requested by Iris Gorman
Saturday, January 23, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Thomas Gorman, RIP Requested by Iris Gorman 5:00 p.m. Frances DeFranco, RIP Requested by Wayne & Ginny Williams
Sunday, January 24, 2021:	8:00 a.m. Frances Vinansky, RIP Requested by the Lattanzi Family 10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the DeFranco & Williams Families, RIP Requested by Wayne & Ginny Williams 12:00 noon ALL PARISHIONERS
Monday, January 25, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Rev. Sylvester Hoffman, RIP Requested by Ray Smith
Tuesday, January 26, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Mary Rigovich, RIP Requested by the Muscardin Family
Wednesday, January 27, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Myrtle Meyers, RIP Requested by Iris Gorman
Thursday, January 28, 2021:	8:30 a.m. John L. O'Brien, RIP Requested by the O'Brien & Krug Families
Friday, January 29, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Regina "Geri" Rice, RIP Requested by the Rice Family
Saturday, January 30, 2021:	8:30 a.m. Joe C. Maes, RIP Requested by the Winterson Family 5:00 p.m. Max L. Reuss, Jr., RIP Requested by the Muscardin Family
Sunday, January 31, 2021:	8:00 a.m. Janice E. Wells, RIP Requested by Lisa Nelson 10:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Lorea Requested by Julio Eden 12:00 noon ALL PARISHIONERS

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