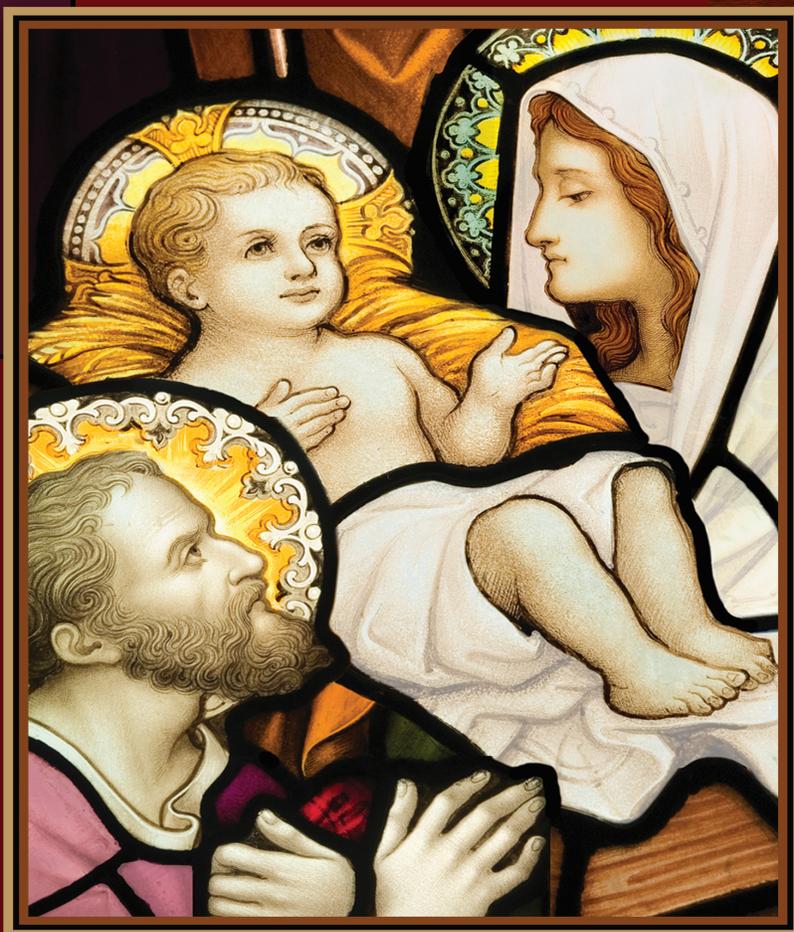


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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

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MASSSES: Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM 1:00 PM (Spanish)

Weekdays: 10:30 AM Saturday: 10:30 AM

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SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat	12/26	4:00 PM	Eileen Wozniak By Helen, Anthony, Kathy Koza
Sun	12/27	8:00 AM	Evangeline Acosta By Dumlao Family
		10:30 AM	Michael Armstrong By Armstrong Family
Mon	12/28	10:30 AM	Erlinda Pascasio Lim By Dumlao Family
Tue	12/29	10:30 AM	President Trump & Family By Tom Fabry
Wed	12/30	10:30 AM	Virginia McCauley Cook By Tom Fabry
Thu	12/31	10:30 AM	Benito Caday By Silva & Soriano Family
		8:00 PM	Parishioners of St John By St John
Fri	1/1	8:00 AM	New Parish of Sacred Heart and St. John
		10:30 AM	Mary Cohen (healing) By Stein Family
Sat	1/2	10:30 AM	John Memmolo By Helen, Anthony & Katahy Koza
		4:00 PM	Nel Delaney By Bill & Maria Nest
Sun	1/3	8:00 AM	Donald O'Connor By Klepper Family
		10:30 AM	Madlen Moson By Moson Family



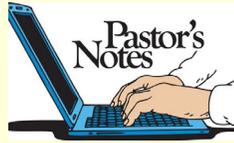
Please remember in your prayers the Sick and/or Homebound of our Parish Family.

Anna Hick-ey, Larry Goswick, Anne O'Connor, Gino Galante, Kristen Lynn, Nijole Paronetto, Johanna Krumm, Tim Armstrong, Eileen Moson, Michael McCormack, Joe Dennerlein, Guadalupe Martinez, Julie Cawley, Mary Clifford, Nancy Doraza, Connie Lynch, Kevin Giblin, brother of Scott Giblin

As a Parish Family, let us remember in our prayers all our beloved departed members of our Parish Community

Phil Kohlbrenner, Cathy Kohlbrenner—Alicia Rogawski, mother of Elaine Pontone, Virginia McCauley Cook, Aida Carchichabla, Helen Bark, Frances Palaia, Delores Timpson, Sharon Dunn Yankow, sister of Kathleen Dunn, Florentino Murcia

PLEASE ADVISE THE RECTORY (359-0078) WHENEVER A PARISHIONER BECOMES HOMEBOUND, ILL, OR HOSPITALIZED SO ARRANGE-



Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, I invite you to reflect on your own family. The family is the temple where the flame of life is transmitted. It is a temple dedicated to the Lord of Life. The family is naturally ordered to serve what John Paul II has called the Gospel of life, the *'Evangelium vitae'*. Every birth ought to declare: Life is good news! The family is therefore an intensely spiritual society, and the conjugal act that is at the heart of the marriage and which is its fire has a spiritual dimension which is too often forgotten in our day. Fatherhood and motherhood represent a responsibility which is not simply physical but spiritual in nature.

'Three to Get Married' was the name of a popular book written by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The title of this book holds a great truth. Marriage involves more than two parties: one man and one woman. The third party--often forgotten in what Bishop Sheen called the "dis-God-ed" generation--is God. The institution of marriage, one must not forget, is not one designed by the will of the parties. One of the benefits of marriage is conjugal love. Here, too, God is the author conjugal love. It is His plan and he saw 'it is good' (as we read in Genesis). He has endowed it with various benefits and purposes. The benefits do not come without responsibilities. Perhaps the most apparent and perhaps the most abused in our own age: "Conjugal love is by its nature open to the acceptance of life." Not only have we modern humans have severed the tie between sex and marriage, we have severed the tie between sex and procreation. Modern man has a penchant for separating things that ought to be together and putting things together that ought to be separate.

In family life and marriage we must remember with reverence that what we do involves persons, and this changes the entire complexion of the matter. No brute animal shares in this privilege. Here are characteristics of a Catholic Family. May be around the dinner table read this and find out where you excel and where you need to improve. 1. Catholic Families Worship Together: The Eucharist is the source of the deep love and intimacy Catholic families are called to live out. To celebrate this, Catholic families attend Mass together on Sundays and holy days (and at other times as we are able) and actively participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

2. Catholic Families Pray Together: Catholic families are called to love with the love that flows from God's own heart. Therefore, in addition to both our individual prayer life and our worship with our parish communities, we gather together for family prayer each and every day.

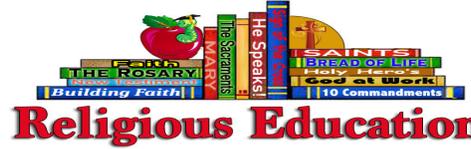
3. Catholic Families Are Called to Intimacy: To do this, we constantly seek new ways to be even more open with and loving to one another as husband and wife, parents and children.

4. Catholic Families Put Family First: We treat family life as the most important activity in our week. We create and protect family rituals — like regular family dinners, time for prayer and worship, weekly game nights and family days, and regularly scheduled times for communication and relationship-building — that give us regular time to work, play, talk and pray together.

5. The Catholic Family Is a Witness and Sign: We intentionally practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy within our home and outside of it (Help children understand what this is!). We regularly talk about how we can do a better job of living out our family mission to be a sign of God's love in the world.

Happy Feast of Holy Family and God's blessings on the New Year.

Fr. Tom Kunnel C.O.



Sun	27-Dec	10:30 AM	Webcast English Mass
		11:30 AM	Baptism
		1PM	Webcast Spanish Misa Mission
Mon	28-Dec	10:30 AM	Webcast Daily Mass
Tues	29-Dec	10:30 AM	Webcast Daily Mass
Wed	30-Dec	10:30 AM	Webcast Daily Mass
		7PM	Amigos de Jesus Choir Practice
Thurs	31-Dec	10:30AM	Webcast Daily Mass
		8PM	Bilingual New Year's Eve Mass
Fri	1-Jan	8AM	Solemnity of Mary Mass
		10:30 AM	Webcast Solemnity of Mary Mass
		1PM	Webcast Spanish Solemnity of Mary Mass
Sat	2-Jan	10:30 AM	Webcast Daily Mass
		4PM	Holy Mass -

Religious Education

Good News from our Religious Education

I hope you are all getting some much needed rest from the hectic lead up to Christmas. Since we cannot gather this year, you can let the house go a bit and just reheat the leftovers. Take the time and spend it with the kids. Watch some old Christmas movies and drink hot chocolate. This could turn out to be a time to build some of your best memories.



Remember today is the Feast of the Holy Family. They had very little in the way of worldly goods, but they were oh so happy together.

Online classes will resume next week.

Many blessings to everyone from Religious Education.

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Feast of the Holy Family

Webcast Schedule:

Daily Masses:

Monday—Saturday: 10:30 AM

Sunday Mass:

Domingo Misa:

English—10:30 AM

Espanol — 1:00 PM

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimaginable life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).



As usual, you were so generous in your Thanksgiving collection, this year with money to help to purchase ShopRite Gift Cards. Because of you and some others, Albertus Magnus HS, ShopRite, and benefactors we were able to provide \$100 gift cards to 70 of our students at One to One Learning. Many families had a happier Thanksgiving because of you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Please continue to send your offerings to support the church either by mail or through online payment:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

I hope that your own celebration was made more satisfying because you reached out to assist others.

Thanks to Maria Nest and the Outreach committee for coordinating this. I wish you all many blessings during the Advent season.

Peace, love, hope, be safe, Sister Cecilia

10 Biblical New Year's Resolutions

- 1** Pray Every Morning
- 2** Study a Book of the Bible
- 3** Memorize weekly Bible verse
- 4** Exercise Regularly
- 5** Eat healthier
- 6** Read a book on prayer
- 7** Save money
- 8** Do something nice for someone
- 9** Give rather than receive
- 10** Pray for wisdom

Feliz Año Nuevo

Happy New Year

2021



1. spend more time with family and friends



2. limit social media



3. keep in touch with loved ones



4. sign up for something



5. assume positive intent



6. get to know your neighbors



7. show support

ANOTHER
YEAR GONE BY...
I WONDER WHAT
THIS NEW YEAR
HOLDS IN STORE
FOR US ?

ANOTHER
365 DAYS
IF WE'RE LUCKY!



Para los cursos pre-bautismales llamar a: Alex Aguilar 845-480-1502 y Natalia Lemus 845-480-1682. Los cursos se dan previa cita los martes 7pm y domingo 11am. **Aquellos que deseen recibir el Sacramento del matrimonio**, por favor llame a Yolanda Zamora 845-300-1920 o Jenny Aguilar 845-825-1157

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Sirácide 3: 3-7, 14-17) ó Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Salmo — Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos Salmo 127 ó Salmo 104.

Segunda lectura — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús (Colosenses 3:12-21) ó Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Evangelio — María y José llevan a Jesús al templo para consagrarlo al Señor (Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lunes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 123:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

Martes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 95:1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 95:7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 95:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Viernes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 97:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SOMOS LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE DIOS

Las lecturas de Israel están repletas de relatos de parejas estériles a quienes Dios les concedió el milagro de tener hijos. Sin duda el relato más conocido es el de la primera lectura de hoy: Lucas se inspiró en este relato para contar el milagroso nacimiento de Juan Bautista, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, y el nacimiento aun más milagroso de Jesús, hijo de María y José. En ambos casos, vemos ejemplos o modelos a seguir de personas que confiaron en Dios. Más que ser ejemplos de personas que confiaron, son modelos de entrega incondicional de sí. Abandonaron sus propios preconceptos y prejuicios sobre el funcionamiento del mundo y entregaron sus vidas a creer en un Dios que puede hacer que haya vida en lugares en donde era inconcebible que la hubiera; un Dios que puede convertir la muerte en una vida nueva e inimaginable; un Dios que puede, hoy, tomar a un niño de padres humildes en un pueblo insignificante y convertirlo en una luz para el mundo entero. Esto es a lo que se nos llama a hacer cada día como Sagrada Familia de Dios: confiar no sólo en nosotros mismos y en la manera en que pensamos que deberían ser las cosas, sino a abrimos y entregarnos en fe a un Dios de

EL NIÑO IBA CRECIENDO
Y FORTALECIÉNDOSE,
SE LLENABA DE SABIDURÍA
Y LA GRACIA DE DIOS
ESTABA CON ÉL.

LUCAS 2:40



LA
**SAGRADA
FAMILIA**
DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

27 DE
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DE 2020

José y María presentaron a Jesús en el Templo a los ocho días, como prescribía la Ley de Moisés. Para muchas familias católicas, el ropón del bautismo pasaba de generación en generación y la celebración del Bautismo era espléndida. Lamentablemente, en nuestra cultura, los bautismos están disminuyendo. Hay muchas razones para que esto esté pasando, hay pocas personas que practican su catolicismo, más matrimonios interreligiosos, se realizan más matrimonios civiles y menos en la Iglesia también hay problemas o malentendidos que alejan a las personas. Muchos católicos han abandonado por completo a la Iglesia debido a la forma en cómo fueron tratados. Para algunos la parroquia no es un lugar donde son bienvenidos. Para otras personas, el Bautismo se ha convertido en solo un ritual que tienen que hacer por la ocasión del compadrazgo de los padrinos.

EL EJEMPLO EN NUESTROS MAYORES

Cuando alguien presenta a un bebé o niño para su bautismo, algunas personas podrían juzgar fácilmente esta

situación ya sea porque los padres no conocen bien las respuestas o no están bien vestidos, o “¿por qué esa madre soltera pide el Bautismo para su bebé durante la Misa?” Pon atención que el Evangelio no dice nada acerca de la forma cómo los sacerdotes recibieron a Jesús; por el contrario, habla de Simeón y Ana. Ellos merecen una reflexión aparte. Simeón es un hombre devoto que está ahí esperando una señal especial, que él ve cumplida cuando ve al Niño Jesús. Ana solo está orando en el Templo, como acostumbraba. Después de la presentación de Jesús, ella hace lo mejor que sabe hacer, ella regresa a orar al Templo. Quizá estas lecturas nos enseñan cómo siendo una comunidad de fe puede ver lo sagrado en aquellas familias que piden el Bautismo para sus hijos, y los reciben como Ana y Simeón. ¡Qué todos aprendamos de su sabiduría!

Lecturas de hoy: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Sal 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lc 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

PARISH MINISTRIES & CHAIR

Buildings & Grounds	Pat Miele, Alex Aguilar
Eucharistic Adoration	Dcn Robert Pang
Health	Mary Loftus
Hispanic Community	Michaelina Maldonado
Ministerios Marianos	Luis y Aida Cachichabla
Hospitality	Robin Miller
Men's Club	Bill Loftus, Ralph Olsen
Ushers	Jake Miraglia
Music	Elise Espinosa, Chris & Carolyn Yates, Ann Quattrocchi & Eileen Petersen
Spanish Choir	Carlos Cerna, William Martinez
Outreach	Maria Nest
Parish Council	Ralph Olsen
Parish Worship	Dcn Rob Pang
Religious Education	Kathleen Dunn
RCIA	Dcn Robert Pang, Cruz Molina
Catholic Daughters	Marge Olsen
Right to Life	Scott Giblin
Social	May Pang
Spiritual Life	Johanna Krumm
St. Vincent De Paul	Fr. Tom Kunnel

PARISH COUNCIL

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Irma Vasquez

TRUSTEES

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Our Sacramental Life

Baptism: Please call the Rectory well in advance of the expected day of Baptism to arrange an appointment for an interview. **Pre-baptismal meeting** for parents is required. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics. Generally Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 pm.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard from 3:30-4:00 pm on Saturday. You may also make an appointment with Fr. Tom. Spanish confessions is available from 12:30-1:00 PM on Sundays.

Marriage: Marriages should be arranged at least six months in advance. Participation in Pre-Cana is essential. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Fr. Tom.

Anointing of the Sick: Before you enter the hospital for elective surgery or other serious treatment, and for those who have need of spiritual healing. **In an emergency, please call Fr. Tom's mobile 845 608 9358.**

Holy Orders: Any gentleman interested in exploring the question of vocation to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate should contact Fr. Tom Kunnel. We would also be happy to direct anyone interested in living their lives as Religious Sisters or Brothers.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: For instruction for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for adults and to learn about Catholic Faith. If interested please contact Dcn Robert Pang.

For more details and forms—www.stjohnspiermont.org

Parish Registration: All adults (over age 21) should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or parishpay.com. Tithing is 5% of income. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of the parish, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling Baptisms and Weddings.

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**Feast of the Holy Family
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| Sarah | CountTheStars |
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