

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 28, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear brothers and sisters of Sacred Heart,

On this day during the Octave of Christmas, the Church invites us to step back and to reflect upon the context of the family in which Jesus was born and grew to adulthood. In our first two readings, Sirach in the Old Testament and St. Paul in the New Testament pick up on the theme of marriage and family, describing it at its best as a dynamic series of relationships between husband and wife, parents and children, in which authority and respect, patience and forgiveness, act together to bring about a partnership between family members, who can identify with each other and help each other to find security and happiness; and whose lives are enriched because they don't stand alone; but rather because they have others at their side who care about, and who understand and love them, in spite of their weaknesses. The Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—have always presented Christians with an inspiring and challenging model of what family life is meant to be. It was a family that grew and thrived despite—or perhaps *because of*—the obstacles and difficulties they faced on a very human level.

The family has often been called the basic building block in society, things going well or ill in the community depending on the overall health of family life. From the Christian perspective, moreover, the family has been called in the words of St. Augustine “the domestic church,” since faith is handed on first and foremost from parents to children, not by authority or intimidation, but through the testimony of good lives and of the shared and genuine love and justice, in which the reality and presence of Jesus Christ is revealed and offered as the greatest of all gifts. It is an absolute priority in the ministry of the Church today to help families to remain united in faith and love, to offer them means to overcome their problems, to stand by them in times of trouble through our prayers and support. And it is important for each one of us to maintain good family relations by listening to each other, trusting in each other and, in turn, being more trustworthy, having patience for each other's shortcomings, being willing to forgive and learn from our mistake, and by sharing in the burdens and responsibilities, but also in the joy and personal enrichment that come from life together.

May we call upon the intercession of the Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, to bless all Christian families today and in the New Year with good will toward each other; that they may be strong in their love for each other and work toward creating a

community that is truly one in mind and heart on the way to God.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR

Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR

Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR

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O' God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity.

We humbly ask that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and St. Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Happy New Year!

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Wednesday, December 31, 2025**

Vigil Mass – 5:30pm, 8:00 Español

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM -4:00PM – Español



NO 5:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

January 2, 2026. Exposition beginning at 1pm and Holy Hour beginning at 7:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Rosary, and Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 28

Monday, December 29

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass
Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

CYO –gym

Tuesday, December 30

CYO –

Wednesday, December 31

Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, January 1 Happy New Year!

All Closed

Friday, January 2 – First Friday

Rectory Closed

Exposition – 1pm

Holy Hour – 7pm

CYO Gym

Saturday, January 3

NO - Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH for LIFE in Washington, D.C.

Friday - January 23rd, 2026

~ more info will be shared in the near future ~

Questions: email-rocklandrighttolife@gmail.com

The Respect Life Office bus will depart at 5:00AM from **St. Joseph's Seminary**, 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY (new location!) and return between 9:00PM and 10:00PM.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**3rd Sunday of Advent - \$9,729. Snowstorm
Last Year's - \$13,325.**

**Retired Religious - \$3,248.
Last Year's-\$3,121.**

2025 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2025 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2025 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

CYO

BASKETBALL CLINIC

GIRLS AND BOYS

GRADES K – 1ST AND 2ND

Registration starts at 1pm

BEGINS JANUARY 4, 2026

K – 1ST – 1:30

Registration is 15 minutes before

Grade 2ND – 2:30PM

Registration is 15 minutes before

Cost: \$150

RUNS FOR 8 SUNDAYS



SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.org

BOOSTER CLUB WEEK 15 CECILIA SOVAK

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

SAVANNAH JENNIFER CURLEY

RILEY PATRICK CURLEY

Children of James and Ericka

THIAGO RICARDO MENENDEZ

Child of Paulo and Rosanna

KAYLA MACKENZIE ALAS ROMERO

Child of Basilio and Nancy



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MON. – FRIDAY)
SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)
SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM
SUNDAYS
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)
& 5:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00am – † Stephen Kruzik

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30pm – † Janet Tamburro

7:15pm – † Aurora Espinoza Zevallos

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30am – † Vincent De Paul

10:00am – † Agnes & Harold Gravius / Jerry Peden

11:30am – † Palma & Henry Heck

4:00pm – Familia Ramirez Recinos –
Accion de Gracias

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00am – Special Intention Sabrina Neptune
(Deliverance)

9:00am – † Carola Gumucio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00am – Special Intention Eric Hendricksen

9:00am – † Eugene & Rose Magurno

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00am – Spec. Int. Julian & Wolfie Metzger

9:00am – † Raquel & Alfred Ramirez

5:30pm – Janet Tamburro

8:00pm – Familia Ventura – Accion de Gracias a la
Virgen / † Filomena Santos y Tomasa Andrade y
Santiago Rios

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

8:30am - † Celestino Pitingolo

10:00am - † John Bukowski II

11:30am - † Maria & Ruben Rosadio

4:00pm - † Zoila Tama -Spanish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 1ST FRIDAY

7:00am – †

9:00am – †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00am –

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

5:30pm – Spec. Int. Luz Atienza / Dr. Robivar (50th)

7:15pm – Familia Ramirez Recinos – Acc de Gracias

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30am – † Joan Gaudreau

10:00am – † Vincent DePaul

11:30am – † Janet Tamburro

4:00pm – † Maria Ascencion Gonzales

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial



*Please pray for those who are ill
and have asked us to pray for
them: Helene Marie Biby, Andrew*

*Bylec, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci,
Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Crelencia, Angie Clifford,
Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family,
Gina Conklin, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina
Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey,
William Daniels, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony
DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge
Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui
Elder, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, , Teddy Girvan,
Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary
Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Maureen Hayes, Catherine
Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR,
Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne
Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas
Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp,
Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger
Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis,
Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard
McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin,
John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob
Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales,
Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Thomas O'Connor,
Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita
Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen
Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Danny
Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr.,
Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph
Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean
Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan,
Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun
Stein, Patricia Steiper, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Lissette
Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli,
Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.*

ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 28, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
JOHN DANIELLO



Let us pray for our deceased
parishioners, and family members and
loved ones, especially: