

Church of the Holy Family

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Pastoral Service Director

and

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Mr. James Browne

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Ages: Infant (6 weeks) through PreK-4

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year round care

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Welcome

We welcome all who join us for worship and we invite you to become part of our parish family. You may register as a parishioner in the rectory on any Sunday morning after the 8:00am or 11:00am Masses or any time in the rectory.



CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday Evening Mass 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 11:00am

Weekday Mass: 8:00am

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00pm

Holy Day Mass: 8:00am

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00am Mass. Please contact the rectory for details about the Pre-Jordan program which is held on the first Sunday of the month at 12:00pm in the rectory.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm

After Stations on Wednesday evenings during Lent and any time upon request.

MARRIAGE

Couples must make arrangements with one of the priests at Holy Family at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Call the rectory at 215-482-0450 for an appointment.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

We visit the homes of those unable to attend Mass due to sickness or age on the first Monday of each month from 11:00am to 12:30pm and every Sunday after the 8:00am Mass.

Holy Hour: second Sunday of each month after the 11:00am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena: every Friday after 8:00am Mass

Alter Servers: serve at Mass

Cantors: lead singing at Mass

Choir: sings at Mass & Liturgical Services

Extraordinary Ministers: bring Holy Communion to the sick

Guitar Group: sings at the 11:00am Mass once a month

Lectors: read at Mass each Sunday

RCIA: prepares and instructs converts to enter the church and for Catholics not yet Confirmed; Wednesday at 7:00pm

PREP: teaches students' not attending Catholic school; Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45am

Pre-Cana Team: workshop for engaged couples

Ajax Committee: cleans sanctuary and church twice each month

ALPHA: discuss religious matters in a relaxed setting

Finance Committee: meets six times per year to advise the Pastor

Liturgy Committee: plan religious services

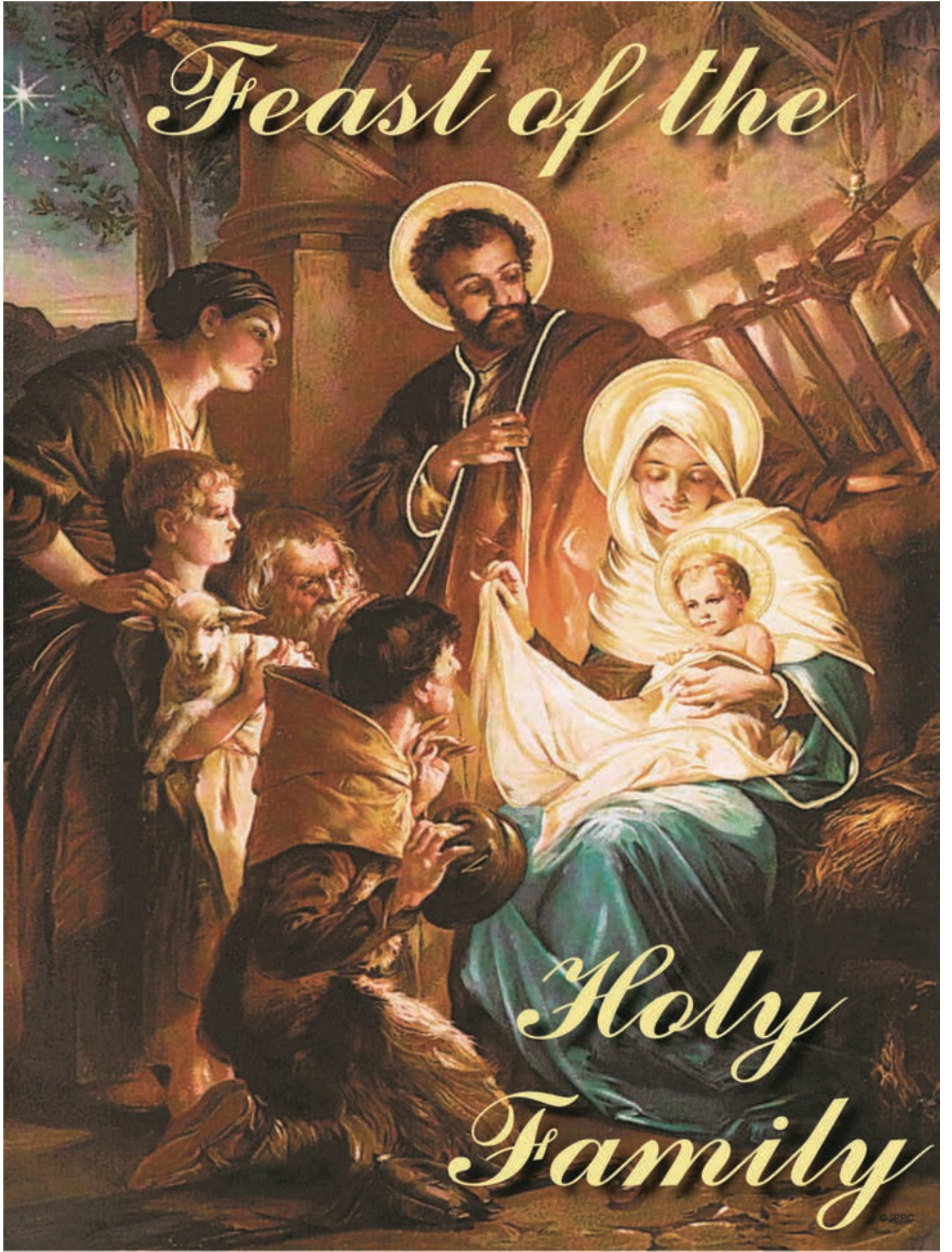
Parish Pastoral Council: meets several times per year to confer on Pastoral planning

Women's Club: meets six times per year and sponsors social activities

Seniors: meets twice each month in the convent

* **Please note:** if you are interested in participating any of these activities, please contact the rectory at 215-482-0450

Feast of the



*Holy
Family*

DECEMBER 29, 2019



PARISH SOLEMN FEAST DAY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th - 4:00 PM

Warren Mullen, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

8:00am

Joseph Prechtel, requested by the Prechtel Family

11:00am

Jay Thomas Long, requested by the Long Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30th - 8:00am

Joseph Nizio, requested by his family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st - 8:00am

Helen M. Larkin, requested by Sister Mary Jo Larkin

VIGIL MASS - NEW YEAR'S EVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st - 4:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st - 10:00am

Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd - 8:00am

Deceased Members of the Torres Family, requested by Elias and Elba Figueroa

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th - 4:00 PM

Mary Firth, requested by Harry and Eileen Mullen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th - 29th

8:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

James Gerard, requested by Joe and Mary Ellen Aylmer

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Our bulletin publisher required our bulletins for December 22nd to be submitted to them by December 13th. The bulletin for December 29th be submitted to them by December 19th and the bulletin for January 5th be submitted by December 26th. The weekly collections for December 15th, December 22nd and December 29th will be in the January 5, 2020 bulletin.



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Anna Marie Barry, Theresa Barthold, Robert Brecht, Jr., Linda Brown, Christopher Browne, Ed Cameron, Christina Dougherty Gailey, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jackie Jordan, Anne Marie Kearns, Lisa Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Helen Nagle, Ronald Rigler, Ava Snick, Ed Speece, Frances Sprenkle, Eileen and Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, A1C Matt Dandrea, Nicholas DiCicco, PFC Michael D'Intino, PFC Tyler Manigly, Sr. Master Sergeant Jason Otto, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 28th – 4:00pm

Grace Welsh – Jocelyn Welsh – Kylie Graff

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 29th

8:00am

Frances Arturo – Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Makayla Serbin – Makenzie Serbin

ORGANIST

4:00pm - Joseph O'Brien

8:00 – 11:00am Isaac Young



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th - 4:00pm

Grace Torna

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th

8:00am - 11:00am

Julia Bokunewicz



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 28th - 4:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer – Maryann Raudenbush

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 29th

8:00am

Jack Ray

11:00am

Kathy Saring



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 28th - 4:00pm

Judy Eirich

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 29th

8:00am

Earl Long

11:00am

John Naab

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 31st

3:00pm – 3:45pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS –DECEMBER 31st

4:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – JANUARY 1st

10:00am

NEW YEAR'S EVE and NEW YEAR'S DAY

ALTAR SERVERS

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Frances Arturo – Joseph Arturo

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 10:00am

Michael Torna – Charlotte Welsh

ORGANIST

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Isaac Young

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 10:00am

Joseph O'Brien

CANTORS

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Grace Torna

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 10:00am

Julia Bokunewicz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Mary Alice Missimer

NEW YEAR'S DAY DAY MASS - 10:00am

LECTORS

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MASS – 4:00pm

Judy Eirich

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 10:00am

Mary Reed

*****CHURCH PARKING LOT*****

If you find that the church parking lot is filled there is additional parking down at the Day Care Center.



The distribution day is the Fourth Sunday of the month. The Distribution day for January is January 26th after the 11:00 am Mass. Food can be picked up at the convent. Now that the Summer is over our Food Cupboard needs to be stocked. Some suggestions for donations : boxes of cereal, pancake mix/syrup, cake mixes/frostings, crackers, jellies/jam, peanut butter, cookies, tune fish or canned meats, rice, noodles, cans of juice or juice packs, tea bags, salt/pepper. **NO BABY FOOD IS NEEDED.** We hope this action will help someone in need.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the second Sunday of every month after the 11:00 A.M. Mass until 1:00 P.M. We are praying for a holier church despite the scandal. Please make every effort to attend this parish celebration.



**PRAYER FOR A BLESSING
OF THE NEW YEAR**

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man. Luke 2:51-52 (Year C)

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life.

Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly “just man.” Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus’ public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God’s love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God’s divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

Lord, I do offer myself to You this day and in doing so I offer You my family. I offer every relationship, be it good or difficult, and I offer every challenge we face. Please come and sanctify my family, making it holy in imitation of your family in Nazareth. Jesus, I trust in You.

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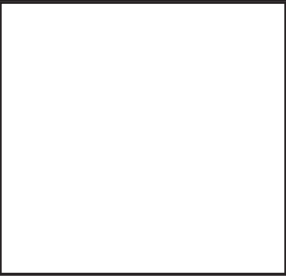


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