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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday,



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, January 2

*1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98*

*John 1:19-28*

No Mass

#### Tuesday, January 3

*1 John 2:29- 3:1-6 Psalm 98*

*John 1:29-34*

5:30 pm Mario Amaral

#### Wednesday, January 4

*1 John 3:7-10 Psalm 98*

*John 1:35-42*

5:30 pm Bozena Rupik Family

#### Thursday, January 5

*1 John 3:11-21 Psalm 100*

*John 1:43-51*

5:30 pm Wladzia Zeghinski

#### Friday, January 6

*1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147*

*Mark 1:4-5, 7-11*

5:30 pm Ewa Zieba

#### Saturday, January 7

*1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149*

*John 2:1-12*

5:30 pm Walewski Family

#### Sunday, January 8

*Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72*

*Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12*

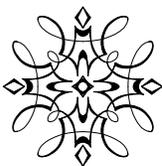
8:30 am David Sylvester +

10:00 am Mariano da Costa

12:00 pm Ed Benson +

7:00pm The Parish Community

Monthly comparison for  
December not available



## The Pastor's Corner Peace and Goodness to All!

Welcome to our home in Christ for the celebration of God with us in Jesus that is Christmas. He is the image of the invisible God, born to us a vulnerable child to the Virgin Mary. He is born to us so we can know and adore him as the Love of God revealed to us as the fulfillment of the scriptures that promised human salvation for eternity. Our liturgical celebrations will remember the true wisdom of God, born to us in this quiet mystery. Our Lord and God, whose love created us to know Him to Love Him and to serve his great majesty, became a child so we might know Him well. As the shepherds are told, do not be afraid, this day a savior has been born to you. We rejoice in gladness and gratitude that God has made it plain in this Child who is Emanuel, that he who loves us is so lovable. What joy we have to see the promise of the Word of God is made flesh to dwell with us so humble, pure and beautiful. In this Child born of Mary and cared for and protected by her husband Joseph, our Savior has come among us to bring the salvation that is the hope of the world. This family brought through the struggles not unlike those of modern refugees, have a story that empowers us to know that God is with us in all of our own human situations, and difficulties. He has become one with us so we might become one people living in peace and joyful love. Throughout this holy season of Christmas, we will proclaim the fulfillment of God's Word in our liturgical celebrations. We celebrate the Word become flesh who dwells among us. He is the light that shines in the darkness that leads us on our Way to salvation.

The Christmas pageant that we celebrate in the Children's liturgy at the 5:30 vigil mass uniquely demonstrates the nativity scene that was first enacted by St. Francis of Assisi in 1223 at Greccio, Italy, with the simplicity and local colour that our children enact once more for all of us to enjoy with great love and appreciation. Once this is finished the parishioners will place the statues of Jesus, Mary and the infant in the place where the enactment had occurred. Monique Le Ray, will give it an artist's touch that will make it a beautiful reminder for us to enjoy for the following Christmas liturgies that will proceed throughout the holy season. We are so grateful to all who make our liturgies bright and wonderful. The choirs, lectors, and ministers have prepared themselves to lead us in the worship of our God, so we may praise and adore his glorious majesty with all of our love. Thank you for participating in our joyous celebrations. You are such a great gift to all of us.

We hope you will feel at home in this parish, if you are new to St. Joan of Arc, we greet you and hope that you will experience the warmth of welcome you deserve as members of God's beloved family. The parishioners and staff of this parish are dedicated to welcoming you. We appreciate your being with us in this holy and joyful season, we hope you feel at home here and that you may find peace and joy with us in Christ our Savior.

*In the Joy and love of Christ Jesus our Emmanuel,  
Fr. Dan*

**Please pray for:**

**The Sick:**, Andrew Holloway, Joaquin Martins, Walter Paversa, Jan O'Neill  
Lois Churchward, Mary Joan Osborne, Lawrence Cameron, Desiree Diaz

**The Deceased:** Ken Mc Neil, Steve Showler

**Wedding Banns**

Third Publication

Michael Ritterhaus & Ciara Lee

**Congratulations to the Couples**

**that were married at St. Joan of Arc in 2016!**

Tony Tomas & Amada Molinski, James Oatway & Kathleen Monahan,  
Gregory Whitton & Laura Sardone, Jamie Kendall & Minerva Matos  
Palza, Justin Gagne & Liane Nowosielski, Julius Marceino & Shawa  
Young.

**Coat Drive**

You have been asking! Yes! We will have a coat drive for the Winter  
Welcome Table. You may bring your gently used coats to the parish hall and  
we will get them over to St. Peter's for the Winter Welcome Table clients.

**A Prayer for the New Year**

*God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family  
be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that  
you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to  
forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.*

*As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and  
our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that  
comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put  
aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we  
might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.*

**2016-17 New Year's Schedule**

December 31	5:30 pm	Octave Day of the Nativity
January 1	10:00 am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
	12:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
January 2	No Mass	

*Happy  
New Year*

**This Week**

**Monday January 2**

Offices closed No meetings

**Tuesday, January 3**

Parish offices will reopen  
7:30 pm Ministry Committee

**Wednesday, January 4**

Staff  
7:30 pm RCIA

**Sunday, January 8**

Religious Ed and Sunday School  
resume

**Future Dates to Remember**

**Monday, January 9**

5:30 pm Youth Group

**Tuesday, January 10**

7:00 pm D & P  
7:30 pm Finance Committee

**Wednesday, January 11**

Staff  
4:30 pm Religious Education  
7:30 pm RCIA  
7:30 pm SVDP

**Thursday, January 12**

7:00 pm CFS Marriage Prep Course  
7:00 pm CWL



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