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Vocations Calendar Please pray for...	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Tuesday, December 21 9 am @ SJV Mrs. Christa Mailloux Coordn. of Youth Ministry	Sharron Maheux- The Rowdie Red Hats Cathy Borovic- husband, John Mike & Barbara Borovic- son, John Guy Dufour- Marc Dufour Maria & Louis Vella- Frank & Mary Vella Deceased Members of the Szczepanski Family- son-in-law John
Wednesday, December 22 9 am @ OLA Deacon Joseph Manzara	Ernie Gagnon- wife Audrey & Family Antonio & Cristina Simiele- Their Family Virgie Sama- Ali, Ruby & Yasin Giacomo Trotti- wife Rosa & Family Larry Chittle- Rose & Family Don Kearns 2nd Anniversary- wife, Bonita
Thursday, December 23 9 am @ SJV Fr. Michael Ryan	Rick Seguin- Jack & Denise Morneau Corina Lachance- Frank & Family Maria & Luigi Mazzei- Bill Mazzei Barbara Vilcans- niece Pauline, Maria & Kieran Deceased Members of the Russette & Bellemore Families- Mary & Henry Bellemore Deceased Members of the Avellino Family- Frank & Mary Vella
Friday, December 24 4, 6, (SVDP) & 8 pm @ OLA 4, 6, & 8 pm @ SJV Fr. Steven Huber C.S. B.	Christmas Eve Intentions of the Parishioners
Saturday, December 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>Christmas Day</i> 10 am @ OLA 10 am @ SJV	Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, December 26 <i>Feast of the Holy Family of</i> <i>Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> 8:30 am & 10:30 @ OLA 9:00 am @ SJV Fr. Seejo John	Intentions of the Parishioners



A Message from Fr. Jim....

Over 2,000 years ago the gift of the Saviour was born for us and our world was promised a new beginning. Angels proclaimed the good news that "unto us a Saviour has been born and upon you peace". Imagine that you were one of the shepherds in the field watching your sheep and you beheld the Angel of the Lord. Like the shepherds you would be terrified because you have never seen anything like this before. The Angel proclaims that this has happened for you and for all peoples. Would you go to the town of Bethlehem and see this miracle of God's love? Let's go and seek out the Child and behold the wonder of salvation. It is with faith and astonishment that we kneel and adore. You realize that this birth will change the course of history. You go back to your flock and realize that this night you have been changed.

As we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ may we revisit the wonder of his birth. We also realize that we are preparing for His second coming at the end of time. We find ourselves alive in His presence that we have as His own.

We take the time this Christmas to give thanks for the blessings of our family, our friends, our community and our country. We are so fortunate to have the life we have. There are thousands of people today who lack the basic essentials of life. There are thousands of displaced persons who live without a home or even a country. Bring them to the Christ Child and place their need before Him. We might not have a lot to lay before Him but our prayer and concern for our brothers and sisters in need will be a generous prayer.

On behalf of Father Rob, Father Gary and Father Bob, I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and many blessings from the Masses we are privileged to celebrate this festive day.

Christmas Dinner Prayer

Dear God, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together. We give thanks for this food which is bountiful and delicious. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Savior and his love for us. With joy we pray, Amen.

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Janet Ashford, Mimma Gallucci & Norm Lauzon & Isabelle Mc Keeve

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.

Reservations for Remaining Christmas Holiday Masses

**Sunday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family
&**

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

**Reservations taken:
December 21 & 22 from 9 am—3 pm**



OFFERTORY DONATIONS: year end is here and with the banks and office being closed over Christmas with stat holidays it is important to have all 2021 donations received by **Sunday, December 26**. Donations received after that would go on the tax receipt for 2022. They can also be dropped off to the parish office prior to that -just call ahead and we will meet you at the door OR put in the slot at the rectory door at SJV. Thank you.

East Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes

Christmas Season Masses

Our Lady of the Atonement

St. John Vianney

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

Friday 4:00 pm.

Friday 6:00 pm.

Friday 8:00 pm.

Friday 4:00 pm.

Friday 6:00 pm.

Friday 8:00 pm.

Christmas Day, December 25

Saturday 10 am.

Saturday 10 am.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no Saturday Evening Mass in either Church.

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26

Sunday 8:30 am.

Sunday 10:30 am.

Sunday 9:00 am.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's

New Year's Eve, December 31 – 5 pm.

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New Year's Day, January 1 – 10 am.

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Solemnity of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 2, 2022

Sunday 8:30 am.

Sunday 10:30 am.

Sunday 9:00 am.



A message from Fr. Rob....

Dear Friends: Be assured of my prayers for all of you as we prepare for the joy of Christmas. St. Paul writes to his friend Timothy in the letter we hear on Christmas Eve: "The grace of God has appeared..." What a way to start a letter! Indeed we are all blessed with God's many graces and signs of love each day.

I am grateful for this opportunity to spend this extensive time in spiritual renewal and God has been very generous with many blessings. I am appreciating the chance to reflect on a healthier work/life balance.

I am thankful to Fr. Jim for his leadership of our Family and for the dedication of Maria and Rachelle and all the staff during my time away. Also thanks to Fr. Bob and Fr. Gary for their kindness and their joyful presence to share with us God's Word.

May this Christmas Season fill our family of Parishes with many blessings of joy, peace and love. I am grateful to all of you for your prayerful support. I pray for our Family each day at mass and look forward to being with all of you soon.

A happy and holy Christmas to everyone!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



The Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual bottle & can drive on Saturday, January 8th from 9am—2pm at the rectory garage at Atonement. Please hold on to your liquor bottles and cans to support this worthwhile cause. Many thanks!

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