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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Saturday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family
Irene & Boyd Lavelle, Raymond Weaver & Sara Grant-Weaver
req. by Joyce & Family

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Bruno Pietrobbon req. by the Family
Agostino Compare req. by Nicolina & Family
9:30 Feliksa & Jozef Brzozowski req. by the Komor & Janusz Families
Luigi Marcon & Family req. by Louise Marcon & Family
11:30 Gimino Cardamone req. by Angelo & Teresa Elia & Family
Ody Argenta req. by his Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 23 St John of Kanty

8:00 Lucrezia (Lucy) Rizzo req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families
Nick & Nancy Di Paolo req. by John Di Paul

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 Pietro Guerin req. by Maria & Family
Vito Picca & Nancy & Nick Di Paolo req. by John & Lucy Di Paul & Family

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm People of the Parish
6:00pm People of the Parish
12:00am People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 People of the Parish (No 7pm Mass)

Thursday, December 26 St Stephen

8:00 Dolores Hlady req. by her Husband Paul & Family
Jean Lundy req. by Belle, Charlene & Jeanne

Friday, December 27 St John

8:00 Carmine DeMizio req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family
Madeline Rosati req. by the Grandchildren

Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

5:00 Roger Archambault req. by his Wife: Anita
Victor Lea req. by Jeanne & Family

Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Frank Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto
Dec'd of the Ardelli Family req. by Michael
11:30 Flora Antonio req. by the Antonio Family
Dec'd mem. of the Murray, Burbidge & Watson Families req. by his Family
7:00 Oscar Bonaguro req. by the Family
Margaret & John Pederi req. by their Dtr: Margaret Pederi

Monday, December 30

8:00 Cecil Shannon req. by Charlene
Elaine Myke req. by Sheila Myke

Tuesday, December 31 St Sylvester I

8:00 Raisa Zuj req. by the DeFoe & Zuj Families
Filippo & Thomas Stranges req. by Flo Maruca & Family

New Years Eve

5:00 Bruno Gagno req. by Nancy & Randy
Melissa Brideau req. by Paul & Ange

Wednesday, January 1 New Years Day, World Day of Peace, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

11:00am Mark & Wanda Solomon req. by their Son: Joe
Pacifico, Jenny & Battista Sacco req. by the Family

Thursday, January 2 St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 Theresa Kelly Church req. by Mary Fern Albert
Bill Armstrong req. by Carolyn

Friday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 Nguyen Van-Ngac req. by the Family
Mary Racine req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams

Saturday, January 4

5:00 Chiara Marcon req. by the Milani Family
Sophie Potapczyk req. by Teresa & Warren Lemoine

Sunday, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Angela Martin req. by Cecil & Family
Clarance & Marie-Ange Adams req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams & Bryce Adams
9:30 Vincent Bernardi req. by Rosemary Girardo
Dec'd mem. of the Mancini Family req. by Ray Gonzalez
11:30 Jozef Brzozowski req. by the Komor & Janusz Families
Carmen Maccarrone req. by Norma Gagliardi
7:00 People of the Parish

Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to all of you who donated so generously toward our Christmas Flowers and decorations. May our loved ones, in whose memory our altar is decorated, enjoy the heavenly chorus this Christmas! Heartfelt thanks to our many parishioners, young and old, who came out to decorate our church.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Mary Frances Patterson, Gary Wall and Joan Doyle. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Eric Corcoran, Francis Patterson, John Calder

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Andy Scotnicki, Anita Archambault, Roger Paradis, John Corfield, Arlene Collee, Iole Mancini, Betty & Joe Power, Jarod Hickey, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Toni Brideau, Kelly Laslo, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Carmella Modenti, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Charlene Shannon, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Denise Colalillo, Leo Martin, Nancy Jean Rose, Samuel Potapczyk, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Brian Smith, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, John Cox, Margaret Waghorn, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Rebecca Evans, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Lorraine Spence, Jeannette Fabian, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Vito Fuccillo, Donna Cormier, Jeanne Lea, Maria Rosiana, Tom Hilton, Frank Sica, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jill Leronowich, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Florrie Heimbigner, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Marie Massolin, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Faith Amadio, Patricia O'Reilly, Patrick McCarthy, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Kerrie Szuch, Donna Bradley, Helen Rotella, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Amizio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Shirley Machulla, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Cheryl Granton, Trina Washington, Pepper Martin Jr., Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Baptism Schedule for 2020

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24 & June 28.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 12 & June 16 at 7:00 pm.

Collections

December 15: \$7,735.00
Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,645.00
Carmelite Missions: \$10,281.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Cathedral Appeal

After 6 months of the Cathedral Appeal, we have reached over **100%** of our goal of \$16,000. Many thanks to all of you who have made a sacrifice. God bless you for your dedication to our Mother Church of St. Catherine.

Children Sacramental Dates 2020

Confirmation: Saturday, May 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM
(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas

Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are connected. I ponder the name *Emmanuel* and know that it means "God with us." With us. With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that *Emmanuel* is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with* me.





Today's Bulletin is for Christmas Day and also for
The Feast of the Holy Family, December 29th.

Although it's December 16th, the day this bulletin material needed to be submitted, on behalf of our Parish and Staff, I wish you many blessings this Christmas Season! The Gospel for *Christmas Mass During the Day* proclaims, "And the Word became flesh and lived among us!" This is not just a theological doctrine about the Incarnation! This affirms that God became one of us, to be close to us, and he can relate to us at any time. The gift of Christmas is the realization that we are never alone. We have within us, **divine life, light and love**. There is absolutely no limit to the depth of God's love for us. This is a season of great joy, a time to open our eyes and our hearts to the Newborn Child! Then, in turn, open our eyes and hearts to those around us. We need to bask in the realization that **God is with us, Emmanuel!** And God will always remain faithful to us!

My prayer is that you will have ...

...a **Joyful Christmas**: one rooted in deep faith, and a joy strong enough to survive the disappointments and sorrows life delivers to our doorstep, and exuberant enough to celebrate life's happiest times. May the birthday of Christ touch you with deep joy...

...a **Peaceful Christmas**: a peace the world cannot give; a peace that broken hearts long for; a peace that is ours to share with one another in forgiveness, kindness and charity. We remember those in torn parts of the world, whose dream is the have peace! May the birthday of Christ sow seeds of peace in your heart...

.... a **Hopeful Christmas**. So much in the world around us drains joy, peace and hope. May the birthday of Christ renew hope in your heart...

I wish you a **Joyful, Peaceful, Hopeful Christmas!** May the New-Born Saviour fill your hearts and homes with love, joy peace and hope!

Merry Christmas!

December 29th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family! We can be tempted to look at the Holy Family as an **ideal**, which we could never realize in our own families. But, **Mary, Joseph and Jesus** had their struggles too! The trust that is fundamental to a marriage was challenged by Mary's pregnancy. Then Joseph had to bring Mary to a stable to give birth, and then flee to a foreign land, Egypt, away from family and traditions. Yet, they made it through the difficulties because of their **great faith**. Mary and Joseph's life was fueled by their faith, hope, joy and trust in God and God's promises.

This is a great Feast to look at our own families. Is there **JOY** in my family? We need to laugh, joke, & be goofy with each other. Are my family gatherings tense, tedious? Do we have to walk on egg-shells around each other? Why not bring some joy back into our families? Do I spend enough **TIME** with my family? It's sad how many families do not even eat together. What a shame! We fill our lives with so many activities that we hardly see each other. Children can be overwhelmed with schedules, that they hardly have quality time with their parents or siblings, let alone, their grandparents. I think quality **TIME** together has something to do with being a **Holy Family!**

And then, **PRAYER! The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together.** To have a chance at being a **Holy Family**... we must have the ingredient of **PRAYER**... taking time to **pray together!** Do we pray a grace before family meals? Do we pray bedtime prayers with our children? Do we take our children to Mass? Or is the Church just some place that's there when I need it? None of our families will ever be perfect, but there's absolutely no reason why our families can't be **holier and sacred, and joy-filled**. May Jesus, Mary & Joseph intercede for us, & draw our families closer together.

Christmas Gift Campaign

Many thanks to our parishioners who so generously provided gifts and food for some 150+ local needy children and families. The response was overwhelming! By putting joy and happiness in a child's heart is really making God more manifest... making the Kingdom more of a reality... and keeping Christ in Christmas! God bless you for your big hearts!

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-20-2001
SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ...
GOD HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE
TONIGHT



December 31, 2019 New Years Eve 5:00 PM

January 1, 2020 New Years Day 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A Child's Grace for Christmas Day Dinner

Father, we thank you for this day.

Bless all we do and all we say.

May we each enjoy your blessings great

As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.

And may the love that we share here

Remain throughout the coming year. Amen!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1st

Father, Source of light in every age, the Virgin conceived and bore Your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.

May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be Your people's joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart, draw our Spirit to rest on Your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.

New Year's Humour

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year & out the other. May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On December 30th, we wish our pastor,
Fr. Gerard, a Very Happy **55th Birthday!**

For Christmas this year, St. Patrick Parish Community would like
more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Funeral Servers! Wrap yourself up to serve the Lord!

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