

**The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2012**

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Bennie Naunczek

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM Mary Wanzie
5:00 PM Dorothy Valunas

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM Marie "Mitzi" Ursi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 AM Joseph Kondrcek

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 AM Bernice Ward

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 AM Joyce Sugalski
4:30 PM William "Bill" Decker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Eleanor & Ben Baltrusaitis

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Joseph Kondrcek requested by his wife, Ann.

PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Darlene Englehart requested by Joselle & Rita.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Eileen "Bickford" Hower.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of Eileen "Bickford" Hower.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of William Robison given by his wife, Mary.

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

DUE TO BULLETIN DEADLINES OUR PARISH SUPPORT WILL BE REPORTED IN A LATER BULLETIN.

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

NO BIBLE STUDY/SHARING.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

See Mass Schedule.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR: 8:00 AM.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

CCD CLASSES in session 10:40 AM to 11:55 AM.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, January 6

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, B & D Deluca.

Lector: Belford

Altar Servers: 4

Greeters: N & D Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Wolfe, Troiani, Pierce

Lector: Ferentz

Altar Servers: 5

Greeters: R & M Crake

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Canouse, Eroh, Yalch

Lector: Wark

Altar Servers: 6

Greeters: J & T Fink

**THE PARISH OFFICE
AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**

DECEMBER 31ST & JANUARY 1ST.

MANY THANKS to all who helped in any way to make our Christmas Liturgies a beautiful and meaningful worship...choirs, music director, lectors, ministers, altar servers, ushers, greeters, CCD teachers and students...to everyone, a special thanks!!!!

A special thank you to all those who gave of their time to clean and decorate the church.



The Women's Epiphany Dinner will be held on January 13th @ 2:00 PM at St. Cyril's church. Tickets are \$14.00 and a Ukrainian ethnic meal will be served. Please contact Diane Deluca @ 759-3643 by December 31st.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all for supporting our annual Christmas Bake Sale.

Winners are:

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| \$150.00 | Cindy Mott |
| \$100.00 | Molly Taffera |
| \$ 50.00 | Diane Zears |
| \$ 50.00 | John Sukel |
| \$ 50.00 | Rochelle Woodeshick |
| \$ 25.00 | Tom Shade |
| \$ 25.00 | Donna Kotansky |
| \$ 25.00 | Elaine Wharton |

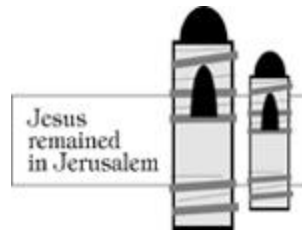
Basket Raffle

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| Crock Pot | Jolene Confer |
| Angel | Shirley Koval |
| Food Basket | Eleanor Dudasko |



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
- Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
- Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday



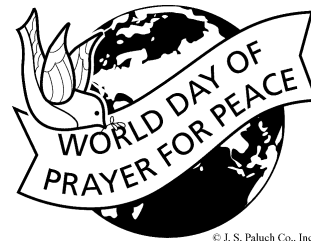
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments,

a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!



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SOLEMNITY OF MARY

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, December 31..... 5:00 PM
Tuesday, January 1..... 9:00 AM

**THANK YOU TO ALL
 FOR THE MANY GREETINGS, GIFTS
 AND GOODIES RECEIVED.
 YOUR KINDNESS IS APPRECIATED.
 BLESSINGS TO ALL IN THE NEW YEAR**

FATHER TAMBURRO