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BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is Monday at 12 Noon.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, and Friday
9:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Tuesdays, Wednesday,
and Thursdays



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm*
Sunday.....9:30 am
Weekdays.....see schedule
*Mass time changes with Daylight Savings Time

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made one year in advance.
Marriage preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A family member must notify the parish office if a parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home.
Eucharist is brought to the homebound on the third Sunday of each month.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 27, 2020**

Masses For The Week

Saturday, December 26 Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

5:00 pm—For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, December 27: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:30 am—Joshua Stitt—Family

Monday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

-Bruce Maley—Family

Tuesday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am—Salvatore Tascarella—Jack & Elaine Grazioli

Wednesday, December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am—Patsy Silverio—Mary Ann O'Donnell

Thursday, December 31 Vigil: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 pm—Rita Curran—Joe & Elaine Curran

Friday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am—Cathy Coe—Mother, Phyllis

Saturday, January 2 Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm—For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 3: The Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 am—Rev. Eldon Somers—Peggy Wimer

God alone is the Lord of every family.

On this first Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the gospel invites us to reflect on the experience lived by Mary, Joseph and Jesus, while they grow together as a family in mutual love and in trust in God. Trust is an expression of the ritual performed by Mary and Joseph with the offering of their son Jesus to God: “They brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22), as required by the Law of Moses. Jesus’ parents go to the temple to attest that their son belongs to God and that they are the guardians of his life and not the owners. This leads us to reflect that all parents are guardians of their children’s lives, not the owners, and they must help them grow to mature.

This gesture emphasizes that God alone is the Lord of individual and family history; everything comes to us from him. Each Family is called to acknowledge this primacy, by protecting and educating children to open themselves to God, who is the very source of life. From here comes the secret of inner youth, paradoxically witnessed to in the Gospel by an elderly couple, Simeon and Anna. The elderly Simeon, in particular, inspired by the Holy Spirit, says in regard to the child Jesus; “this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel and as a sign of contradiction ... so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (vv. 34-35).

These prophetic words reveal that Jesus has come to tear down the false images that we make of God and also of ourselves; to “speak against” the worldly certainties on which we insistently rely; to make ourselves “rise up” to a true human and Christian journey founded on the values of the Gospel. There is no family situation that is precluded from this new journey of rebirth and resurrection. It is time that families, even those that are wounded and marked by frailty, failure and difficulty, return to the source of the Christian experience. New roads and unexpected opportunities will open up.

Today’s gospel narrative recounts that when Mary and Joseph had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew, the gospel says, and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him. Children’s growth is a great joy for the family, we all know it. They are destined to grow and become strong, to acquire knowledge, and receive the grace of God, just as it happened to Jesus. He is truly one of us, the son of God becomes a child, agrees to grow, to become strong, he is filled with knowledge, and the grace of God is upon him. Mary and Joseph have the joy of seeing all of this in their son; and this is the mission to which the family is directed, to create conditions favorable to the harmonious and full growth of its children, so they may live a good life, worthy of God and constructive in the world.

This is the wish that I offer all families today, with the accompanying invocation to Mary, Queen of the family.

2021 Lottery Calendar

The new lottery calendar year begins in a few days. Many calendars are still available for sale. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements to purchase them. They make great birthday gifts and a special way to show anyone who cannot leave their home that you are thinking of them.

All calendar stubs and payments are due to the parish office by December 31st.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased calendars to date. Your support is valued.



Blessed Mother Pilgrimage Statue Tour 2021

The St. Paddy's Ladies group will continue the traveling Madonna Program in 2021. We had great success with the program in 2020 and many more prayers are needed.

We are looking for families to host the traveling Madonna for a two week period in their home. The 2021 schedule will begin Sunday January 10, 2021. Please contact Jan Bishop at (724) 756-5015 if you would like to schedule your two week time slot.



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from January 1—January 14 in memory of Steve Sheakley By Donna & Family

Children Envelopes

If you would like your child to have stewardship envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Attention

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

Faith Formation News

Preschool—Grade 6: In keeping with recently revised recommendations provided by the Diocese of Greensburg, faith formation classes for grades preschool through grade 6, with the exception of grade 2, will continue to use the at home instructional model with parents as instructors for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Please continue to read and do the activities in the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies with your children each week.

Second Grade (First Communion): The next First Communion class will be held on **January 10 from 10:15 am—11:45 am in the hall.**

Confirmation Prep: Per diocesan guidelines, in person activities are cancelled until January 4. **Our next Confirmation Prep class will be held on January 17 from 10:15 am—11:45 am in the hall.**

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1. The office will **reopen** on **Monday, January 4 at Noon.**



Solemnity of Mary Masses

Thursday, December 31 at 5 pm
Friday, January 1 at 10 am

Mass reservations are **NOT REQUIRED** for these Masses.

Stewardship of Treasure

for December 20-21 will appear in next week's bulletin due to an early deadline submission date due to Christmas.

Epiphany House Blessing Kits

In order to reach as many parishioners as possible this year, the house blessing kits will be available on the benches outside the church after all Masses through Epiphany (January 2-3). If you are unable to attend Mass but would like a kit, please contact the parish office. The bag contains instructions on blessing your home the weekend of January 2-3, holy water, and chalk.