

December 27, 2015

*The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

MASSES for the WEEK

*"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." (II Mac. 12:46)*Sunday, December 27, 2015

7:00 AM George Smith  
*Req. Wife, Margaret*

8:30 AM Dennis Leenig (6th Anniversary)  
*Req. Parents and Family*

10:00 AM Walter J. Kozak  
*Req. Wife, Helen, Son and Family*

11:30 AM Manuel & Avelina David  
50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

1:00 PM David Blood  
*Req. Family*

Monday, December 28, 2015

7:00 AM Winifred & John McMahon  
Wedding Anniversary  
*Req. Son, Bryan*

8:30 AM Peter Bange  
*Req. Wife, Ann*

9:30 AM Multiple Intention Mass

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

7:00 AM George Fearn  
*Req. Wife, Kathleen*

8:30 AM George Rademacher, Jr.  
*Req. Family*

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

7:00 AM Felix Lemanowicz  
*Req. Daughter, Joan*

8:30 AM Charles Macaluso  
*Req. Wife, Lorie and Children*

Thursday, December 31, 2015

7:00 AM Margaret Mikolajczyk  
*Req. Joan and Joe Bihler*

8:30 AM Walter & Mary Grochowski  
*Req. Daughter, Julie*

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00 pm All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
5:30 pm All Parishioners Living & Deceased

NEW YEAR'S DAYJANUARY 1, 2016

7:00 am All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
8:30 am All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
10:00 am All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
11:30 am All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Saturday, January 2, 2016

7:00 AM Joseph Abica  
*Req. Eileen West*

8:30 AM Joseph D'Amore  
*Req. Maureen & Mike Reilly*

4:00 PM Ann Brennan  
*Req. Barbara Levito*

5:30 PM Marilyn Whitman  
*Req. Jay Tirone*

Sunday, January 3, 2016

7:00 AM Jeanne Bruno  
*Req. Husband, George "Joe" Bruno*

8:30 AM John Santucci  
*Req. Wife, Bernadine*

10:00 AM Mildred Cibellis (5th Anniversary)  
*Req. Nick & Eileen Carrara*

11:30 AM Ruth Mangano  
*Req. Husband, John and Children*

1:00 PM The Traynor Family  
*Req. Bea, Fran and Jo*

**Multiple Mass Intention  
Monday at 9:30 AM  
December 28, 2015**

In Memory of: Rev. Francis E. Santitoro  
The Santitoro Family (*Living & Deceased*)  
Rev. Frank Porazzo, & Porazzo Family  
Kathleen & Anthony Jackomin  
Joseph P. Flaherty  
Steven Kilianski (*Speedy Recovery*),  
*Req. Grandmother*  
Juanita Carrillo, *Req. Gloria Crayton*  
Michael Manning, *Req. Ruth & Larry Manning*  
Margaret Koceich, *Req. Ruth & Larry Manning*  
Blanche Dougherty, *Req. Husband, Jack And Children*  
Dec'd. Mbrs. Iacullo & Salvatoriello Fams.  
*Req. Anne Iacullo*  
Dec'd. Mbrs. Relatives and Friends,  
*Req. Ann Bederka*  
Charles & Thomas Field, *Req. Mom & Wife, Florence Field*  
Vincenza & Patricia Ferrando,  
*Req. Rosetta Pace & Family*  
Katherine "Kay" Malloy, *Req. Tuesday Bingo Workers*  
Gusepe & Matea Nolic, *Req. Daughter, Lucila and Family*  
Antonino & Frisari Families,  
*Req. Son, Domenico & Daughter, Maria Alfredo Vieira, Req. Wife, Maria Valerie O'Leary, Req. Judy and Stan Rafalko*

William Fox, *Req. Wife, Mary and Children*  
Gerald Riedinger, *Req. Pat Guerin and Terry Petro*  
Frank Vincent, *Req. Paul Connerton*  
Maria Skrivanic, *Req. Mr. & Mrs. Marijan Mustac*  
Joseph Janonis, *Req. Wife, Mary Felicia & Wicenty Gardyniec, Req. Daughter, Mary*  
Agnes Janonis, *Req. Daughter-in-Law, Mar y*  
John Andriotti, *Req. Terry Petro*  
Mike Spillane (*30th Anniversary*)  
*Req. Una and Family*  
For Prayers Answered, *Req. Jerry & Rose DelGaudio*  
Gary Weltner, *Req. Bill Seigel*  
Mildred Goelz, *Req. Bill Hans*  
Barbara Lionetti (*2nd Anniversary*).  
*Req. Kay Pignataro*  
The Pace & Filippone Families,  
*Req. Rosetta Pace*  
Mary Stipp (*Living Christmas Blessing*),  
*Req. Anita & Joan*  
Charles & Doris Crowell, *Req. Daughter, Anita*  
Patrick & Eleanor Ceriello,  
*Req. Daughter, Joan*  
Sophie J. Goski, *Req. Anita Crowell*  
Josephine Roeder (*For Healing*),  
*Req. Andre & Ann Santitoro-Vispetti*

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS – WEEK of December 26, 2015 January 1, 2016**

Altar Candles – Church  
Kerry Hill Albanowicz, *Req. Frances Kornish*

Altar Candles – Chapel  
Fred Glatz, *Req. Wife, Bertha & Family*

Sanctuary Candles – Church  
John Guerin, *Req. Wife, Pat*

Bread and Wine – Church  
Rev. Francis E. Santitoro & Marie Santitoro, *Sister, Req. Andre and Ann Santitoro -Vispetti*

Bread and Wine – Chapel  
Trudy Daidone, *Req. Husband, Gene*

## PARISH NEWS

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society wishes all the members of the parish a warm and Happy New Year.

Our first meeting for the New Year will be held on January 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM. Coffee and cake will be available prior to the start of the meeting.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to the Altar Rosary Society, The Columbiettes, and the Legion of Mary for their services in sponsoring the Giving Tree during this Blessed Season. The donated gifts were greatly appreciated by all.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Coffee and cake will be held prior to the start of our meeting.

May we wish you a most a Blessed New Year. (Andrew Turco (732) 286-6353)

### LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings take place on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Legion of Mary is pleased to offer a weekly visitation of the Blessed Mother's statue to homes within the Parish community.

If you are sick or homebound and would like to say the Rosary with someone, kindly call:

Jean Hanna (732) 473-9755

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Loving Father,

During the year of 2016, may the family of the Church be strengthened and renewed through the grace of Christ's Body and Blood.

For blessings on all families, that the love, the unity, the self-donation and the tenderness of the Holy Family will overflow to all families and make them truly happy.

Magnificat – December 2012

## PARISH NEWS

### ATLANTIC CITY TRIP TO RESORTS

Date: January 4, 2016

Cost: \$23.00 Coins: \$25.00

Tickets are sold by the Parish Auditorium on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. or call: Mr. Sandy Monda (732) 349-0143

The bus leaves for Atlantic City from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church promptly at 9:15 A.M.

Note: All Cancellations are non-refundable.

### ADORATION

The Adoration devotion is to join the Holy Father in praying for the unborn and for the special intentions of our families. The Adoration is held on Fridays from:

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

There will be no Adoration held on Friday January 1, 2016,

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to the start of the New Year the Parish Office will be closed on:

Friday, January 1, 2016.

We wish you a very Happy New Year.

### Trivia (Answers on Page 9)

#### AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

1. What building in Washington, D.C. has three wings named for presidents, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and James Madison?
2. What American president was knighted by Britain's Queen Elizabeth?
3. Which American President stood only 5 foot - 4 inches tall?
4. What early American president gave the shortest inaugural speech?
5. What early American president served as an ordained minister, prior to his presidency?
6. What future first lady did not have to change her last name when she married?
7. What American president was shot in the chest only two months after taking office?

**BINGO...BINGO... BINGO**

Bingo is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall auditorium. Doors open at 10:00A.M. and the games begin at 12:00 Noon. Food is also available for purchase.

Note: Bingo will start again on Tuesday, January 5, 2016

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

The group is continuing to meet on Mondays, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Come join us and bring some of your ideas.

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**

The weekly devotions of Bread and Wine; Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Flowers are available for 2016 for the Church and Chapel.

Stop by the Parish Office during our business hours to request your special week.

**COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend is for Parish Development and Maintenance.

**JUBILEE HOLY YEAR of MERCY**

In honor of the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy which started on the Blessed Virgin Mary's feast day of December 8th and lasts till Jesus, King of the Universe Sunday of November 20, 2016, why don't we pray in a special way for the peace and safety of our Country?

One good way is to take away 15 minutes of TV everyday to pray with family or neighbor for the protection and spiritual growth of the United States of America.

To celebrate the mercy of God even more in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have a framed blessed picture of Jesus as the Divine Mercy (14" X 17" with stand) that you can take home for a week. This way it can be passed about throughout the parish during the holy year.

Sign up now for your week by contacting the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

**VISITING OUR CHURCH**

If you are planning to visit the Church during the week, please come early during the day. For security reasons the Church is locked and alarmed at 3:00 pm daily.

Please note the office is opened daily between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm daily unless otherwise announced.

**PARISHIONER RECORDS**

In order that the records of parishioners may be kept current, any changes in family status, change of address, telephone numbers, moving, etc., be reported to the Parish Office. (732) 914-0300

**THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

The Name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command. (Luke 1:31)

The Holy Name is all powerful because of the Person who bears it; we honor it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer.

Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians...."at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth." (Phil. 2:10) Blessed be the most holy Name of Jesus.

(The Name of Jesus)

**" HEAVENLY DELIGHTS" COOKBOOK**

We thank all the parishioners and friends who responded to the "Heavenly Delights" cookbook, and the recipes that made it a huge success.

During the holiday season the Cookbooks are available in the Parish Office for \$15.00 each..

(The Cookbook Committee)

**A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING**

May your New Year be a time of peace, joy and serenity.

May each day bring you closer to Jesus and more loving to those in your family.

May each week see you advancing in the practice of faith, hope and charity.

May each month give to you the aid, comfort and strength you need from God.

May the march of the seasons make you appreciate and be grateful for all the good things you enjoy.

May the end of the New Year find you happier, healthier and holier than you have ever been.

Amen

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

This is the only holiday the entire world observes regardless of race or religious beliefs. This holiday is the oldest one with both primitive and civilized people noted its arrival with some kind of festivity.

Early people rejoiced because nature was taking on new life; work was stopped and families and friends joined together in a season of good fellowship. Different cultures and religions mark the beginning of a New Year on different dates. The date of January 1st is inherited from the Romans when Julius Caesar changed the date from March to January.

Making New Year's resolutions has long been an American custom, stemming from the wish to start the new year on a hopeful note. Calling on friends on New Year's Day was started centuries ago by the Chinese.

President George Washington held an open house for the general public on January 1st. Gradually, the custom of extensive calling on New Year's Day died out and many people preferred to celebrate by spending this holiday in hotels and cafes, along with noisemakers.

The New Year is welcomed in with "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot."

Liturgical Publications  
Bright Ideas

*Happy & Blessed New Year*

**LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

May the wisdom of the saints inspire us in our daily lives.

- December 27 St. John, Apostle
- December 28 The Holy Innocents
- December 29 St. Thomas Becket
- December 29 Blessed Enrique I. Palacios
- December 30 St. Anysius, Bishop
- December 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope
- January 1 Solemnity of the Mother of God
- January 2 St. Basil the Great
- January 2 St. Gregory Nazianzen

**Father Max's Smile Corner**

**Did You Hear... ..**

1. *Isn't it unnerving that doctors call what they do is "Practice?"*
2. *Can Vegetarians eat animal crackers?*

**WHAT IS FAITH**

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Faith is a dialogue of love with God. In Revelation, God says, "I love you." In faith we say, "We gratefully accept your love."

Faith always had three components:

1. Our faith is in Jesus as a person.
2. Our faith is in the message of Jesus, as given to us and interpreted by the Catholic Church.
3. Faith is Motivation.

Faith comes to us as a grace, a gift from the Holy Spirit who creates in our hearts an attraction to God. By the gift of faith, the Spirit unifies our relationship; to God. Faith moves our minds to believe the Word of God and is the religious motive for our behaviors,

Faith is a gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the help of the Holy Spirit. "Believing" is an ecclesial act. Faith affirms, there is only one God. God asks the world to come to Him alone. Because our faith experiences the boundless love of God for us, it moves us to return that love. Our faith motivates us to love all people because God loves them..

Catechism for Adults

## The Life of Jesus

Luke 2: 22-38

### PRESENTATION OF CHRIST THE TEMPLE

According to the Mosaic Law, a mother had to remain at home for forty days after the birth of a son. When Mary's days of purification were over, she and Joseph took the Child to Jerusalem to fulfill two prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. The mother was to offer a sacrifice of two turtle doves, one as a purification offering, the other as a thanksgiving offering. The first born son had to be bought back from the Lord for five shekels.

When the Holy Family had carried out these prescriptions of the Law, Simon, a just and God fearing man, approached them. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he should not die before seeing the Messiah, and drew him this day into the Temple. He took into his arms the Christ Child for he knew to be the Messiah and uttered a canticle of thanksgiving:

"Now Thou dost dismiss, Thy servant O Lord, according to Thy word, in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou has prepared before the face of all the people."

Mary and Joseph marveled at the old man's words and at the manifestations God joined to the mysteries of the Holy Infancy. Simeon called down the blessings of heaven on the pair and knowing that men could not be neutral toward Christ, said to Mary:

"Behold this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And with Thy own sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

The aged Simeon was followed by Anna a prophetess. Her husband had died seven years after their marriage and since that time she had passed her days in the service of the Lord.

Meeting the Holy Family, she began to praise the Lord and spoke of the Child to all who was awaiting His coming.

Having fulfilled the requirements of the Law of Purification, Mary and Joseph returned with the Child Jesus to Bethlehem, where the Holy Family had been living since the Nativity.

The Life of Christ  
Catholic Press

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### A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER

By: Saint Anatolius (Died 458)

A great and mighty wonder  
 A full and holy cure  
 The Virgin bears the Infant  
 With Mary honor pure.  
 The Word becomes Incarnate,  
 And yet remains on high;  
 And cherubim sing anthems  
 To shepherds from the sky.  
 While thus they sing your Monarch  
 Those bright angelic bands  
 Rejoice ye valleys and mountains  
 Ye oceans, clap your hands.  
 Since all He comes to ransom,  
 By all He was adored,  
 The Infant Born in Bethlehem,  
 The Savior and the Lord.

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### DID YOU KNOW????

On December 27, 1998 a tradition started with Pope John Paul II in which he had lunch with the poor people of the city of Rome each year.. The less fortunate people had a chance to eat a meal with the Holy Father during the Christmas Season.

Then on this day in 2009 Pope Benedict XVI continued this tradition and had lunch with about 200 volunteers and the poor in Rome's.

## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Occasionally in this space will appear a short article covering the lives of the saints, especially with reference to those saints whose likeness appear on the stained glass windows in the church and chapel, or whose statue is present in the chapel area or the candle room area.

### THE HOLY INNOCENCE

It is impossible for Herod's henchmen to recognize among all the babies of Bethlehem just which infant boy is Jesus Christ.

Seething with diabolical fury, Herod ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under.

Jeremiah the prophet said: *"A voice was heard loud, yelling and sobbing. Rachel weeping for her children, she would not be consoled, since they were no more."*

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### BLESSED ENRIQUE I. PALACIOS

*Priest, Religious and Martyr*

Enrique Izquierdo Palacios of Spain entered the Dominican Order at the age of fifteen and was ordained to the priesthood eight years later. Father Enrique was to spend the rest of his life serving in the field of education.

After teaching for fifteen years, he became the director of an apostolic school in Spain where he also served as superior of the Dominican's priory. Father Enrique was particularly committed to the education of the young.

On October 11, 1936, less than three months after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, anti Catholic militants placed Father Enrique and his fellow religious under house arrest in their priory.

Over the weeks that followed, the friars carried out the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola as they awaited their fate. The religious were subsequently transferred to Santander, it was there that during the night of December 22 & 23, 1936, Father Enrique, who was only forty-six years old and eight of his fellow Dominicans were put to death by being hurled from a cliff into the sea.

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### ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle of our Lord in the first year of his public ministry.

He became the "beloved disciple" and the only one of the twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. John stood faithfully at the Cross where the Savior Jesus made him the guardian of His Mother.

John's later life was passed chiefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor and wrote the fourth Gospel. The Book of Revelation is also attributed to him.

Brought to Rome, tradition relates that he was by order of Emperor Domitian cast into a caldron of boiling oil but came forth unharmed and was banished to the island of Patmos for a year. John lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow Apostles and died at Ephesus.

Saint John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. A stately Church was erected over his tomb in Ephesus. It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque.

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### ST. SYLVESTER, I

Pope

Sylvester was born in Rome, was ordained by Pope St. Marcellinus during the peace that preceded the persecutions of Diocletian. He passed through those days of terror, witnessed the abdication of Diocletian and Maximian, and saw the triumph of Constantine. However, he was noted for his absences.

Sylvester, occupied the chair of St. Peter for twenty-one years and eleven months. He died on December 31st.

