

Feast of the Holy Family

Family is important to all of us. Without that love and support, we can't survive. With it, we can thrive and prosper. Family life is the central and most important group in any society. Parents everywhere dream of a better life for their children. Most importantly, parents are the first teachers, teaching children their own faith, values, morals, and ideals. No one plays a more significant role in their lives than their parents. The **Holy Family** models the love and commitment that is at the heart of the family life. The respect, unity, courage, and concern that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had with and for each other helped them overcome difficulties to fulfill God's plan for them. Those same qualities in our own families will do the same for us. **The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph will be celebrated today, Sunday, December 29th.**

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make the New Year a happy one.

Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear whatever comes. Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all fear from our hearts. Not by making our paths easy, but by making us strong. Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadow. Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by showing us where Your cause needs us most and by making us zealous to be there and to help.

God Make Our Year A Happy One!

Special Collections in January 2020

Thank You for your generosity!

- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary
- January 5 – Second Collection
- January 12 – Major Repair Fund
- January 19 – Catholic University of America
- January 26 – Church in Latin America

+ NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE +

A warm welcome is extended to our parishioners and friends of the parish - both those who worship with us each Sunday, as well as those who have been away for a time. Join us for our New Year's Masses as we adore the newborn Babe, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during the blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

Tuesday, December 31

- 5:00 pm - Holy Day Vigil Mass - English
- 7:00 pm - Holy Day Vigil Mass -Spanish

NEW YEAR'S DAY

(Wednesday, January 1, 2020)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 8:00 am – Holy Day Mass in English
- 9:30 am – Holy Day Mass in Spanish
- 11:30 am – Holy Day Mass in English

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

As the new year dawns, the Holy Spirit gathers us together to be placed under the guidance and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. She is the Queen of Peace, to whom we can pray for an end to violence and war. She is the Mother of Sorrows, who joins her heart and voice to ours as we lament the loss of human life. She is the Mother of God through whose intercession we raise our prayers to the Lord Jesus, who reigns in eternal glory. Let us be inspired by the life and example of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Italian Classes will be offered at the Scalabrini Dukceovich Center - across the street from our Church. **Registration will be held at the Center on Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and also on Saturday, January 4 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.** Italian Classes will begin on January 18 through March 28, 2020. Classes for **ADULTS** will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:30 am; the cost is \$75. Italian Classes for **CHILDREN** (10 - 16 years old) will be held on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.; the cost is \$55. Registration is necessary. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 29** - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
- January 1, 2020** - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- January 11** - Milagroso Señor De Esquipulas
- March 7** - Annual Parish Dinner Dance

FEASTS FOR THE 2020 CHURCH YEAR

- Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God – Wed., Jan. 1
- Epiphany – Sun., Jan. 5
- Ash Wednesday – Wed., Feb. 26
- Palm Sunday – Sun., April 5
- Easter Sunday – Sun., April 12
- Ascension of the Lord – Thu., May 21
- Pentecost – Sun., May 31
- Holy Trinity – Sun., June 7
- Body & Blood of Christ: Corpus Christi – Sun. June 14
- Sacred Heart of Jesus – Fri., June 19
- Assumption of Mary – Sat., Aug. 15
- All Saints – Sun., Nov. 1
- Christ the King – Sun., Nov. 22
- 1st Sunday of Advent – Sun., Nov. 29
- Immaculate Conception – Tues., Dec. 8
- Christmas – Fri., Dec. 25

MASSES FOR

DECEMBER 30, 2019 - JANUARY 5, 2020

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.
However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

Monday, December 30 - Octave of Christmas

7:30 am - Mary Alfieri by Sr. Rose

In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart & the Blessed Virgin Mary
by a devotee

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, December 31 - Octave of Christmas

7:30 am - Victor Lopez by Cynde & José

5:00 pm - Holy Day Vigil Mass - English

7:00 pm - Holy Day Vigil Mass - Spanish

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am - Holy Day Mass - English

9:30 am - Holy Day Mass - Spanish

11:30 am - Holy Day Mass - English

Thursday, January 2 - Christmas Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

Friday, January 3 - The Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 am - In Thanksgiving - 72nd Anniversary of Marriage

Bob & Marie Cicione

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, January 4 - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, January 4

5:00 pm

Evelyn DeNucci - 19th Anniversary Remembrance

by Dan & Mary Anne

Yolanda O'Rourke by son Steven

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am

Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Intentions of Parishioners

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 2

No Confirmation Class

Friday, January 3

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Saturday, January 4

10:00 am - CCD Classes - 1st & 2nd Years - Rectory

4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, January 5

Second Collection

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

*What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)*

Weekend of December 21 & 22, 2019

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,271.00

2nd Collection: \$1,474.00

Year End Collection

Sanctuary Candle:

Evelyn DeNucci by Dan & Mary Anne

Altar Bread & Wine:

Evelyn DeNucci by Dan & Mary Anne

A sincere Thank You to everyone who so generously donated gifts for the Advent Giving Tree. Many children and families in our parish were assisted and blessed through your kindness. Thank you & God Bless!

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