

+ 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 31st.**

**Holy Name Society
Macaroni Dinner**

Sunday, January 28, 2018
Dinner served at 1:00 pm
Church Hall

Donation: \$20 Adults / \$10 Children under 10 yrs.

Reserve your tickets now at the Parish Office or from Holy Name Society members. Everyone is welcome to attend!

+ 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!

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
Monday, January 1st****Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

8:00 am – Mass in English

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Mass in English

(NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year)

**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.

A SEASON OF SONG – Thank you to Michael Parrillo and our Parish Choirs for the beautiful Christmas Concert they presented in our church on December 15th. Everyone in attendance enjoyed an evening of inspirational Christmas music in the true spirit of Christmas.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

O God,
 Bless our family and all its members and friends;
 bind us together by your love.
 Give us kindness and patience to support
 each other, and wisdom in all we do.
 Let the gift of your peace come into our
 hearts and remain with us.
 May we rejoice in your blessings for all our days.
 Amen

FEASTS FOR THE 2018 CHURCH YEAR

Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God – Mon., Jan. 1

Epiphany – Sun., Jan. 7

Ash Wednesday – Wed., Feb. 14

Palm Sunday – Sun., March 25

Easter Sunday – Sun., April 1

Ascension of the Lord – Thu., May 10

Pentecost – Sun., May 20

Holy Trinity – Sun., May 27

Body & Blood of Christ: Corpus Christi – Sun. June 3

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Fri., June 8

Assumption of Mary – Wed., Aug. 15

All Saints – Thu., Nov. 1

Christ the King – Sun., Nov. 25

Advent begins – Sun., Dec. 2

Immaculate Conception – Sat., Dec. 8

Christmas – Tue., Dec. 25

Masses for January 1 – 7, 2018

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.

However the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 am – Collective Mass

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

Samantha M. Richards

Concetta & John B. Romano

Eva & Pio A. Romano, Sr.

Stephen & Pio A. Romano, Jr. by Raymond & Ronnie

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am - For the Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, January 3rd – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 am – In Thanksgiving

70th Wedding Anniversary - Bob & Marie

Thursday, January 4th

7:30 am – Deceased of Anthony DiPetrillo Family

Friday, January 5th

7:30 am – Deceased of Luigi Tirocchi Family

Saturday, January 6th

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to St. Maria Goretti by a devotee

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, January 6th

5:00 pm - Collective Mass

Josephine, Anthony, Gabriela, & Leonardo Casacalenda
by Sandra

Mary, Donato, Louie, & Lena Mansolillo by Sandra

Jacqueline Lupo

Yolanda O'Rourke by son Steven

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 7th

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am - Collective Mass

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

Anna Del Pico by the Beyer Family

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am - Collective Mass

Donald Martone, Sr.

Antonio Merola by the Beyer Family

Memorial Shrine Enrollments

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 5th

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

Saturday, January 6th

10:00 am – CCD Classes – 1st & 2nd years

Sunday, January 7th

No Second Collection

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts -

But Equal Sacrifice.

(Increased Giving Campaign)

Weekend of December 16 & 17

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,909.00

Second Collection: \$2,111.00

Annual Year-End Special Collection

Sanctuary Candle:

Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

Altar Bread & Wine:

Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

+ Died in Christ +

Gilda Piacitelli

Special Collections in January 2018

Thank You for your generosity!

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

January 7 – No Second Collection

January 14 – Church Roof Fund

January 21 – Catholic University of America

January 28 – Church in Latin America

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