

December 29, 2019 ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



**BLESSED
ARE THOSE
WHO WALK
IN THE WAY
OF THE
LORD.**

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 28: 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 29: 8:00AM / 10:00 AM

Wednesday, January 1: 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God is celebrated January 1st. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is also World Day of Peace so what a better way to start the new year than praying for peace.

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CHRISTMAS TIME

“To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

Are you called to the consecrated life?

Be holy by living out your commitment with joy.

Are you married?

Be holy in loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church.

Do you work for a living?

Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters.

Are you a parent or grandparent?

Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus.

Are you in a position of authority?

Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.”

~ *Gaudete et exultate* 14 On the Call to Holiness in Today's World



The Holy Family ~ December 29, 2019

“*Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.*” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“*Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.*” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

Prayer during the Time of Change

Loving God, you who are present with us in all of life’s moments, make yourself known in these challenging times of change in parish leadership.

Comfort those who mourn. Receive and transform the anger of those who feel powerless.

Ease the minds of the fearful. Provide us with a leader.

Give wisdom to all our leaders and patience and insight to your people.. Help us to appreciate the way you are re-creating your Church. Make us partners with you in this effort.

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
who is Lord and brother through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





**Pray for the sick and homebound
of our parish:**

**Vicar, the Most Rev. Michael Cambi
Maureen Brennan ~ Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~
Julia Fasset ~ Steve Markusen ~ Senator Jim Seward-
Bradley Smith ~ Steven Smith, Jr.**

**Pray for members of the military from our
families**

**Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Connor McCue-USMC
Ryan Barrow (son of Maureen Davidson)**

January 5th:

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5th is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, recalling the visitors from the East to the Christ Child. We often mark it by blessing chalk, marking the doorway of the church with the new year and the letters C, M, B and distributing chalk so you may take it home for your own home blessing.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" which means "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs symbolize the cross and the 20 and the 20 represent the year.



EPIPHANY AT HOME

Start with a reading from Luke 19:1-9 and then pray:

*Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
Fill them with the light of Christ,
that their concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

20 + C + M + B + 20



**2020 Catholic Calendars are available at the entrances
of the church.**

Please turn in your parish census form sent out in the mail last month. If you cannot locate it we have more available in the parish office.

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts
and greetings.
May your Christmastime be filled
with joy and peace.
Happy New Year!
Karen and Father Peter

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28

4:30pm Mary Ungolo
Req. by the family

Patricia and William Dornburgh

Sunday, December 29

8:00am Daniel Blake (healing)
Req. by Kitty Dykstra

10:00am John Duffy Sr.
Req. by Maureen Brennan

Wednesday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

10:00am Special Intention
Req. by the Kennedy Family

Saturday, January 4

4:30pm Deceased members of the Potrikus family
Req. by Joe and Doreen Potrikus

Bonnie Kaido
Req. by Gen Smerski

Sunday, January 5

8:00am Special Intention
Req. by the Kennedy Family

10:00am Mark Dabrowski
Req. by Dorothy & Richard Dabrowski

Karl Dykstra
Req. by the Grigoli family

Fr. John Roos
Req. by Gayle and Jack Smith

2020 Sunday & Holy Day Mass remembrances or
tabernacle candle remembrances are arranged through
the parish office. Masses are \$10 donation and candles
are a \$5 donation.

Cooperstown Senior Center

The Center will reopen the week of January 6th.
We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Monday, January 6

1:15pm Personal Safety Seminar with Diana Nicols
2:15pm Live Strong with Carole

Thursday, January 9

1:15pm Clark Sports Center with Kathy Graham