

**MASS INTENTIONS
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Sunday, December 30

5:00 (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Mary Mannarino
8:00 Catherine Benke
10:00 John Romeo & Mary LaSala
12:00 George Davino

Monday, December 31

9:00 No Mass

Tuesday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary

5:00 (Monday Eve. Vigil) Rose & Albert Pucci
9:00 Robert Parchen
12:00 Anna & Gennaro Pontillo

Wednesday, January 2

9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

Thursday, January 3 – St.'s Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 Kathleen Lynch

Friday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 Ismeal Perez

Sunday, January 6

5:00 (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Michael Addiego
8:00 Michael Giannini
10:00 Ernesto Capalbo
12:00 James Roden



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading	1 Samuel 1:20-28
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-24
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52

RESPONSE

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

PRAYER INTENTION

A blessed New Year

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 13:24-32

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, January 5th

5:00pm Fr. Vernon

Sunday, January 6th

8:00am Fr. DeBellis
10:00am Fr. DeBellis
12:00 noon Fr. Vernon

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday Offering

No available at time of print

The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **Nasaiah Torres, Ireneo Medalla, Brody Canestro and Tom Culhane.** Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **Paul Eiseman.**



First Friday, January 4th we will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church following the 9:00am Mass followed by Benediction at 10:30am. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Our Lord.

Next weekend, January 5th and 6th, we will take up a collection for Communications and Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generosity.



**New
2019
Year**

Please mark your calendar! The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.



From the Desk of Fr. John

And as we begin this New Year, I announce a couple of events in January for our young people.

On Friday, January 18th, we will gather with all the **Altar Servers** of the parish. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm in the Church with the Installation of New Servers. I congratulate each of them and their families for making this commitment to serve our parish and priests at the Altar. They have been training the last few months with Deacon Larry.

We will then proceed to the Parish Activity Center for supper. All altar servers and their families are invited. I look forward to being with you.

Our teens will gather for a **Youth Ministry** Meeting on Sunday evening, January 27th at 5:00pm in the Parish Activity Center. Among the various items for discussion will be the review of the Teenage Convention that 4 of our teens attended a few weeks ago in Ellenville, NY. We will also review the "Christmas in the City" trip to which 41 teens attended along with adult chaperones. I hear it turned out to be a great day! See you all on the 27th.



A Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

I would like to thank everyone who by their gifts, Christmas cards and baked goods helped to make our Christmas truly festive.

Wishing everyone a great start to the New Year... God Bless all in our parish family... **Fr. John**



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,
Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

5:00 p.m. (Monday, December 31st)

9:00 a.m.

12:00 noon



WHAT GOING ON IN RELIGIOUS ED

Our Religious Ed Program celebrated Christmas together last week. We listened to the Gospel of Luke telling the story of the birth of Jesus. In the Parish Activity Center, each table in the big room was filled with students from various grades. We made luminaries with the Holy Family and battery-operated tealights. Our eighth-grade students made cupcakes for all to enjoy. Many thanks to our catechists for their assistance during the gathering.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On days when the weather is inclement, please listen to WHUD 100.7 FM for announcements on cancellations. Cancellations are also posted on-line on the WHUD storm center. You can also check the outgoing message on the Religious Education voicemail. The Religious Ed phone number is (914) 734-9243. Generally, because Holy Spirit falls within the boundaries of the Lakeland Central School District, when Lakeland is closed or cancels afterschool activities, Religious Ed classes are cancelled.

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. Classes will begin again on January 2nd, 3rd, and 8th in 2019.

Thank You

A Note from Fr. Vernon

Thank you all for your calls, cards, thoughts, well wishes and especially your prayers. I am so grateful for the support from Fr. John and all the parishioners and friends here at Holy Spirit. I am getting stronger every day and was happy to be able to celebrate Christmas Mass with you. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful Parish.

God bless,

Fr. Vernon

Attention Catechists



Save the Date: Sunday, January 6, 2019 is Holy Spirit's Annual Catechist Epiphany Potluck. All catechists are invited to join us at 5 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Please bring a dish to share.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **P8C2TK** and enjoy. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Study: Beloved: *Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* or *Living Marriage*. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth* or *Mary of Nazareth*; or listen to: *Marriage and Family, Three to Get Married, How to Apply Faith to our Families, Counting Your Blessings* or *Be a Man!*.

Attention Parishioners! If you have changed your address or have changed your telephone number, please call the Parish Office so we can update your records and have the correct information on file. Thank you.



SENIOR GATHERING

Happy New Year to all!!!

Our next meeting will be **Friday, January 11th** in the Parish Activity Center.

All seniors are invited to join us.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father

prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.



*New year... new beginnings...
imagine what you as one person
can accomplish with God!*



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Happy New Year! As we embark on the new year, and open enrollment for the 2019-20 school year, we offer you the opportunity to enhance your children's youth through Catholic education.

Applications are now being accepted at our regional schools and financial assistance is available. To apply online now, visit: <https://catholicschoolsny.org/admissions/apply>.

Our next **Touring Tuesday** is scheduled for **January 8th, from 9-11am** or by appointment. Touring Tuesdays are Open House events, designed to introduce prospective families to the life-long benefits and value of a Catholic education. Reservations are required and can be made online at CatholicSchoolsNY.org or by calling our bilingual phone line 646-794-2885.

Participating Schools in the Northern Westchester/Putnam Catholic School Region:

- *St. Ann's Peas & Karrots, 16 Elizabeth Street, Ossining*
- *St. Augustine School, 381 North Highland Avenue, Ossining*
- *St. Columbanus School, 122 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor*
- *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, 1375 East Main Street, Shrub Oak*
- *St. James the Apostle School, 12 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel*
- *St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center, 11 Eastview Avenue, Brewster*
- *St. Patrick's School, 483 Old Post Road, Bedford*
- *St. Patrick's School, 117 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights*