

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*  
*December 31, 2017*  
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 31-The Holy family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

5:00 p.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Donna & Michael Gosden  
8:30 a.m. – Mary Ann Hopler req. by the Nelson family  
10:00 a.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Louise & W.H. Anderson Inc.

**Monday, January 1 – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

12:00 p.m. – For the People of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

**Tuesday, January 2–Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

12:00 p.m. – Mike Martinelli

**Wednesday, January 3- The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

12:00 p.m. – Loretta Joyce

**Thursday, January 4- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

12:00 p.m. – Eileen McGinchey-Duggan

**Friday, January 5- Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

**No Noon Mass**

6:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

7:00 p.m. – Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Holy Mass

**Sunday, January 7- The Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 p.m. – Ethel Gorman req. by Gloria De Gise

8:30 a.m. –Ethel Gorman req. by Ann Stefanik

10:00 a.m. –Teofilo Valerio req. by the Maulbeck family

*This week the*  
*Sanctuary*  
*Candle*  
*burns in memory of ...* Msgr. Suchon

**Collection for December 23&24: TBA**  
**Parish Pay Electronic Giving: \$2696.89 (November)**  
**Collection from last year: \$3796.00**

**PARISH PAY:** Have you thought about automating your giving? No more writing checks! You decide the amount and the frequency. Sign up today for automatic contributions to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Go to the Parish Pay link at [www.sacredheartrockaway.org](http://www.sacredheartrockaway.org) or call 866-727-4741.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:**

Major Mike Cherry, LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen, Airman 1st Cl.  
Andrew Mistkowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Nicholas DelCore, Air Force, Captain  
Jessica L. Rotile Rudo, Kenneth Rudo, Warrant Officer, 1

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Irene Schreiber, Doug Bansch, Maria Acevedo, TJ Schoudel, Capt. Adam Cowan, USA, Julio Soto, Ben Marvilla, Michelle Monslave, Amelia Marie Cayea, Mary Therese Loftus, Sharon Bauer, Mary Davenport, Jose Prado, Arlene Berlin, Robert Nielsen, Marge Vogel, Efrain Gonzalez, Amanda Villarubia, Mary Skelly, John Skutka, William McBurney, Anne Riordan, D.M. Lynch, Linda Hoffman,, Mike Izzo, Edward Frame, Adam Hayward, Carol Centonze, James Boyle, Carol Ann Boyle, Jessica Gorman, Theodora Maulbeck. John Krause, Ethan Chandra, Jim McNamara, Dorothy Murray, Louise Kelly, Tom Gorman, Carlos Carbajal, Danielle Cicchetti, Miguel Fojas, Mila Sering.

**PARISH POLICY –PLEASE NOTE:** All Catholic families living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register as members. Registration has many benefits, and in particular, facilitates any arrangements for baptisms, marriages, sponsors, etc. Please contact the rectory at 973-627-0422

**CERTIFICATE OF ELEGIBILITY** – All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the offering envelope system or Parish Pay.

**Divine Mercy Academy's Calendar Raffle is underway!** The calendar raffle will feature a total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. A winner will be drawn every week from February 2nd through June 1st. Weekly cash prize amounts vary. Each week the winning ticket will be put back in the drum, so each \$10 ticket gives you 18 chances to win! Please email [HSA@DMARockaway.org](mailto:HSA@DMARockaway.org) or call 973-769-1028 for tickets. Tickets will also be available from our gift card sellers after Masses. Thank you for your support of Divine Mercy Academy!

**Knights of Columbus March for Life Bus Trip:** We invite you to the 45th March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The bus departs at 6 AM from the Gardner Field Park & Ride in Denville. There will be Mass at 5:15AM at St. Mary's in Denville. There is no charge for the bus but we ask that you bring \$10 (for the DC metro and a tip for the driver). Seats are on a first come, first served basis, so please contact Jim Rizos at 973.627.2596 or [j.rizos@verizon.net](mailto:j.rizos@verizon.net) to reserve your place. If you are unable to join us on the March, please keep the cause for life in your prayers.

**THANK YOU-** For all of us who live in the rectory, Father Pawel, Father Cerilo, myself, and Deacon Matt, we thank all those who remembered us at Christmas. Your generosity is truly appreciated and we assure you of our prayers for health and happiness in the New Year. May God bless you! Father Zig

My Dear Parishioners,

We gather to celebrate the Lord's Day on this final day of the 2017 civil year and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Today we look intently at the Nazareth home which is the model for all Christian households. From this home we can find the virtues and attitudes which make strong family life and which serves as a school in transmitting the ways of holiness. Saint Joseph, the head of this family, along with his beloved spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary, jointly nurtured the Child Jesus surrounding Him with love and faith. Their influence formed the Lord Jesus so that He would be prepared to undertake the work of salvation for which He was chosen. Like all families, this family too experienced challenges and sufferings of which only some are described in the Gospels. Because of their love and faith these forces were defeated.

Today there are also powerful forces which are trying to erode family life. Our secular culture and its endorsement of "unholy things" make this time an especially concerned one. Christian parents must work hard each day to reinforce holiness in the home. Everything our young people encounter can destroy faith from peers to the entertainment industry. Parents must be on guard everyday to guard against the destruction of a child's faith. Parents must model for their children the Christian life by their spirituality and the virtuous way in which they conduct themselves. Parents need to establish guidelines and rules which will keep out of family life the satanic forces which will lead to darkness and death.

Let me take advantage of this feast and this pastor's article to ask for some help from you, my dear parents. I ask you to remind you son and daughter about the manner in which they conduct themselves even here at church. Many times I will get reports from our priests and lay catechists regarding the disrespect and misbehavior which is shown at our religious education classes. I am depending on you to regularly remind and reinforce the good behavior which should be the hallmark of all our lives. Your guidance and supervision are crucial in forming your child spiritually, physically and emotionally. **YOU ARE THE KEY!**

Today the Church points us to the Holy Household of Nazareth. Let's pray each day that the Lord will provide us with the strength and determination to build up one another in love and faith. Family life is the key component of human society. I am praying for your family and all the families of our parish that the Lord will bless you today and in the New Year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Father Zig

**St. Marks New Year 5K:** Come start 2018 off with a brisk dash around Long Valley and support a great cause—St. Mark the Evangelist R.C. Church. St. Mark's Church is hosting a 5K run on January 1st starting at 11:30 am through beautiful Long Valley. Come on out and walk or run the course. Compete for prizes and enjoy some fellowship and breakfast afterwards. Teams are welcome. Registration information is available at <https://newyearsday5k.wixsite.com/race>. Come join the Fun!! Father Marcin is the administrator of St. Mark's!

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON TO BE HONORED IN CONVENT STATION:** The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth cordially invite you to join them for the Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Seton Associate Commitment Ceremony. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ, at 11:00 a.m. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the study hall of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. The Heritage Room at the Motherhouse will be open for a display of Mother Seton memorabilia. For more information call 973-290-5470. In case of inclement weather call (973) 290-5478. Snow date is January 13, 2018.

**The Sacred Heart/Saint Cecilia Rosary Society** Invites all parish organizations of both parishes to the CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Sunday, January 7th, 2018 1:30 PM at St. Francis, Pocono Rd, Denville. All reservations must be made by January 2nd. Cost per person: \$25.00 Please make checks payable to the Rosary Society and send into the office no later than 1/2/18.

**IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT:** sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes Council #3359 February 2, 2018 – February 4, 2018 (Feb 2, 2018 at 7:15 PM to Feb 4, 2018 at 1 PM) at Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ. Join us for a Men's Weekend Retreat led by Fr. Tom Marciniak, S.J. The retreat will focus on the topic of Surrender??? - Learning How to Yield Lovingly to our God. Open to all men of the parish (18 or older). Membership in the Knights of Columbus is not necessary. Details at [www.kofc3359.org](http://www.kofc3359.org) or contact Damiano Servidio at (973) 407-0186 / dservidio@fordham.edu.