

Readings for the Coming Week

Monday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:45-59
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17

Matthew 10:17-22

Feast of St. Stephen

Tuesday, December 27

1 John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
John 20:1a, 2-8

Feast of St. John

Wednesday, December 28

1 John 1:5-2:2
Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Thursday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Luke 2:22-35

Friday, December 30

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday, December 31

1 John 2:18-21
Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Prayer Group January 2, 2017

Please consider joining us even if you've never attended before. This may be the new thing that God is calling you to in this New Year. Join us on January 2nd at 7 p.m. We will begin in the chapel. Please bring a dish to share. This will be a time of praise, worship, food and fellowship. For more info, call Deacon Gary, (850) 699-9193.

MASSES INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26

8:00 a.m.: No Daily Mass - Communion Service

Wednesday, December 28

6:00 p.m.: No Daily Mass - Communion Service

Thursday, December 29

8:00 a.m.: No Daily Mass - Communion Service

Friday, December 30

8:00 a.m.: † Mark Stone (Loretta Stone)

† Rosa Sablan (Bernadita Sablan)

† Roma Sablan (Bernadita Sablan)

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m.: ♥ Marion Weeks (Joan Mistretta)

Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m.: ♥ For the People

11:00 a.m.: ♥ For the People

5:00 p.m.: ♥ For the People

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like Father Steve to visit please call the parish office and let us know. Father Steve wants to provide you pastoral care but must be told that you need him.

To schedule a Mass Intention, please come by the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The suggested donation for a Mass is \$10.00.

Poinsettias for the Altar

Poinsettias will be needed to adorn the altar during the Christmas season. Parishioners are invited to donate towards the purchase of these flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Place your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one written on it and bring it to the office or simply place it in the offertory basket.

CHASTITY PROGRAM

Parents together with their 7th & 8th grade child are invited to Family Honor's "Real Love & Real Life" Catholic chastity program presented at St. Ann's in Gulf Breeze on Saturday, Jan 21st, 9am-4pm. Spend time with each other & discuss God's gift of sexuality & the real meaning of love. **Topics discussed:** communication skills, how to grow in virtue, believing in your true self-worth, fertility appreciation, guidelines for future dating, Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body & how to set future goals that lead to a happy, healthy, & holy life. Professionally trained presenters make this a fast-paced program with funny skits, parent-child focus time, audience participation & more. Cost \$40/family. Presented locally for 14 yrs. For more information contact Debra Hitpas [850-384-5070](tel:850-384-5070). Register online now: FamilyHonor.org

Encounter

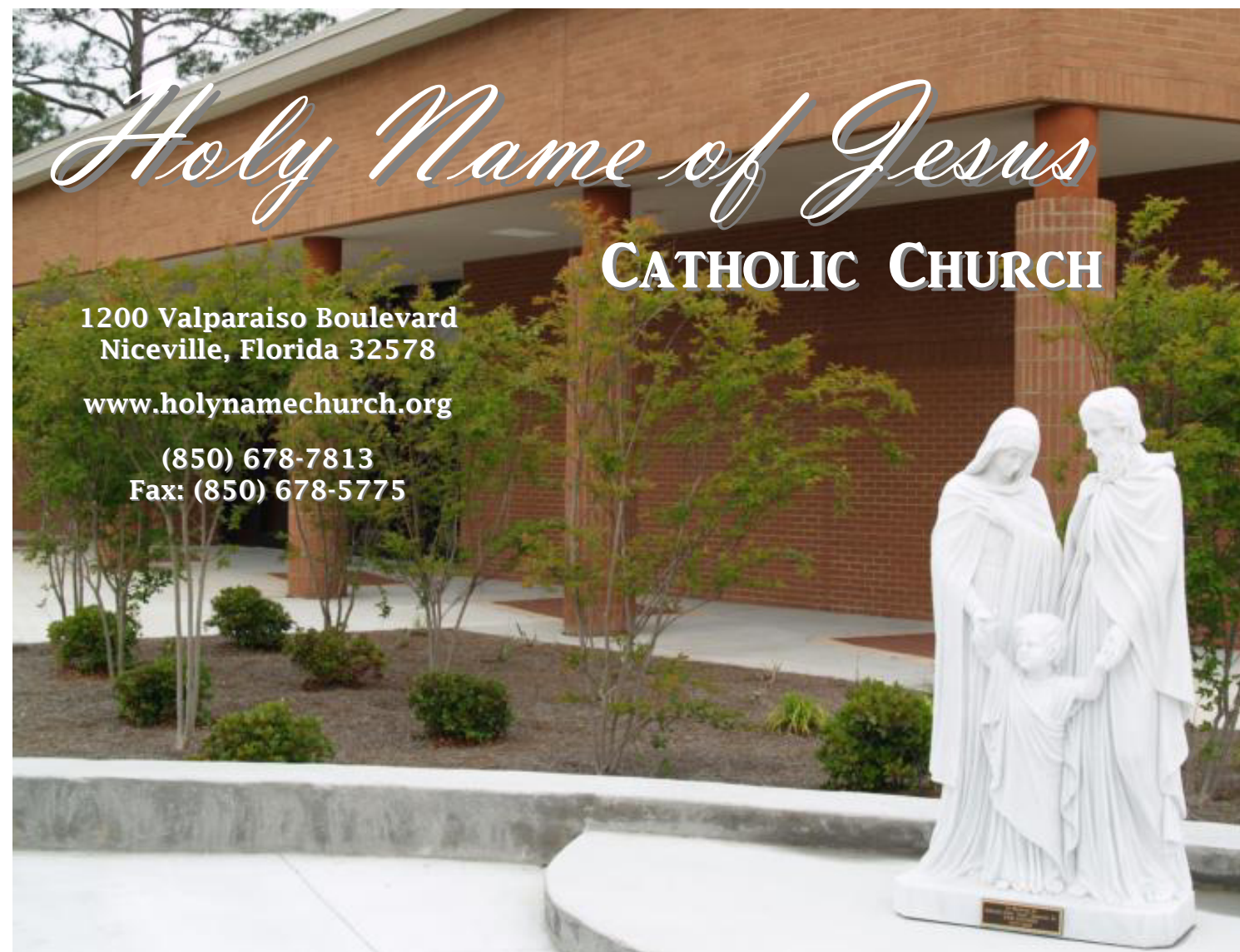
Encounter is a faith night for young adults in their 20's and 30's aimed towards igniting conversion, creating community, and encouraging discipleship. There will be a special focus on learning how to live and share the Faith in the 21st century. All young adults in the diocese are welcome to attend.

The first Encounter Night will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola in Spartan Hall. There will be dinner, followed by a presentation by Chris Benzinger, the Diocesan Director of Evangelization. RSVP by emailing trianaernde@gmail.com.

Jubilarian Mass Invitation

An anniversary Jubilee celebration will be held in Pensacola on Sunday, February 5th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and in Tallahassee on Sunday, February 12th at 11:45 a.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More. In light of Bishop Parkes' departure, Msgr. James Flaherty, Diocesan Judicial Vicar, will be the principal celebrant at these liturgies.

Couples who are celebrating marriage of **exactly 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years or any year over 50 in 2017** are invited to register so that they may attend. Note that the anniversary may occur at any time during the year of 2017. They need not have celebrated the anniversary in order to attend. As always the event is **absolutely free** to attend for both the couples and their families. The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are wonderful benefactors in this regard providing refreshments for the receptions, year in and year out. Please visit www.ptdiocese.org/marriageandfamilylife and scroll down to the events section to view more details about the event. Registration is available both in English and Spanish.



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December 25, 2016 - The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & First Sat 8:00 a.m.
Wed & First Fri..... 6:00 p.m.

Communion Schedule

Tues and Wed 8:00 a.m.

Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays..... 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Fridays..... Adoration begins right after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues through the night, through Saturday, until 4:30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays and **3:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Parish Office Hours:
Mon – Thurs
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Niceville Catholic Outreach Office
(850-678-7861)
Mon – Thurs
9:00 a.m. – Noon

Pastoral Staff

Pastor : Father Stephen Voyt
Parish Administrator: Deacon Gary M. McBride
Deacons: Deacon James B. Cox
Deacon Thomas J. Fraites
Deacon Louis A. Marini
Deacon John Shin

Parish Staff

Finance Manager: Randy O'Connor
Office Manager: Monica Peppler
Administration: Carolyn Cox
Faith Formation Director: Pia Elsesser
Director of Children's Ministry: Lisa Sherwin
Youth Minister: Aaron Slayback
Music & Audio-Visual: Christa Cloutier
Maintenance: Fran Huttler
PLC Manager: Monica Atkinson



Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic community united by faith in God, nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Christian mission of peace, service, outreach, and fellowship through love, prayer, evangelization, and ministries so both the human and spiritual needs of our growing parish family and community are always met.

December 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

Year A

Isaiah 9:1-6

Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. ~John 1:14

Stewardship

Weekend of December 17 & 18, 2016

Offertory.....\$20,467.74



Please join us for the Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance taught by Jeff Cavins. We will offer the study three different times during the week.

Sunday's, 9:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 8, 2017 in the PLC

Wed., 6:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 11, 2017 in the Hall.

Wed., 9:00 a.m. beginning Feb. 8, 2017 in the Hall.

The cost of the book is \$25 (this includes shipping). Please contact Pia at pelsesser@holynamchurch.org or call 678-6790 to sign up.

Ladies Sodality Meeting

Holy Name of Jesus Ladies Sodality will hold it's first meeting of 2017 on January 6 in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. This month we will hold our Santa's Mistakes auction which was a lot of fun last year and raised money for charity. We depend on you to bring in those gifts you received that you cannot use, don't like or don't want as someone else will surely find them useful. We gather right after Mass for coffee and breakfast food, have a short meeting and then the auction. Please come with your auction item(s) and join the fun. Call Dianne Hinds for more information at 678-3413.

Angel Tree Gifts

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Christmas gift giving (Angel Tree) program. You donated 101 gifts to children at Holy Family in Blakely GA. And 30 gifts went to children at St. Vincent de Paul in Madison, FL. Thank you to Jim and Nancy Reese and Christen Wicker and family for organizing and delivering all of the beautifully wrapped presents.

Catholic Renewal Conference

The 2017 Catholic Renewal Conference, **I will pour out my Spirit upon mankind (Joel 3:1)**, will be January 20-22 at Holy Name of Jesus' Parish Life Center. Bishop Parkes, Dr. Carol Razza, Fr. Nicholas Shumm and Fr. Michael Nixon are the speakers. For more info visit www.pt-dccr.org or call Sue McAllister at 850-341-0379 or Deacon Gary at 850-699-9193.

The office will be closed Monday, December 26, 2016

A Prayer For Christmas

Lord of light, shine on us;
Lord of peace, dwell in us;
Lord of might, protect us;
Lord of love, enfold us;
Lord of wisdom, enlighten us.
Then, Lord, let us
go out as your witnesses,
In obedience to your command;
To share the good news
Of your mighty love for us
In the gift of your son,
Our savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen*
~Eleventh Century Latin Hymn

Thank You

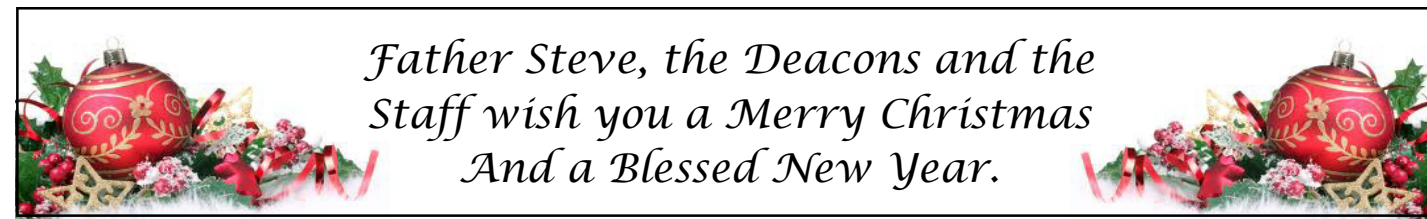
We would like to thank the Konradt family for the donation of the shepherd boy for our parish nativity. The piece is a perfect addition to our manger scene and was given in memory of their beautiful daughter, Gracie, who passed away in January. Your thoughtfulness will be enjoyed by the young and the young of heart for years to come. Thank you!

The Feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus Dinner

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017 we will celebrate the Feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus, our parish namesake. There will be a blessing of the memorial pavers after Mass followed by a catered dinner in the Parish Life Center. **The dinner is free but YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET and be a registered parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus.**

Tickets are available during business hours in the admin office. If you have a ticket for the dinner and find you are unable to attend please let us know in the office. This will enable someone to attend who is on the waiting list.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament SCHEDULE CHANGE

**NEW YEAR'S
DECEMBER 30-31
NO ADORATION**

Attention Parents

There will be NO RE, Edge or Life Teen classes December 18 through January 1. RE & Life Teen classes will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017 and Edge classes will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



We're using flocknote.com to help register our members, gather feedback & send out info via email, txt msg and more. All from one easy place. It's the best way for you to connect with all of our groups and activities and in the way that you prefer to communicate! **There are 2 easy ways to register (pick one):** Visit our network at flocknote.com or Text **HNJ** to **84576** from your phone and follow the instructions.



KNIGHTS' KNOTS

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Age 5-7

1st Place Emerson Hall, HNJ
2nd Place Mikaylla Allen, HNJ
3rd Place Arden Terwelp, HNJ

Age 8-10

1st Place Claire Quick, HNJ
2nd Place Caylee Konradt, HNJ
3rd Place Kate Malin, St. Michael's

Age 11-14

1st Place Hailey Mickey

First and Second place finishers will go on to District, Regional, State and International Competition. First place winners received \$50, second place winners received \$25 and third place winners received \$15. Last year over 19,000 children entered a poster. Thank you to all who participated and Congratulations to our winners!

November Knight of the Month:.....Fr. Stephen Voyt

November Family of the Month:.....John & Mary Quinn

Christmas Ornaments



In the spirit of Christmas and in appreciation, Father Steve handed out Christmas ornaments to everyone who had been involved in any ministry within Holy Name of Jesus over the past year. If you did not receive your ornament please stop by the office during the week to pick one up.

Christmas Lights

Father Steve has put together a beautiful light display in front of the rectory. Tune in to 88.3 FM to hear synchronized music to the moving lights.

CELEBRATE FAITH 2017

Every two years, we come together as a diocese to celebrate the joy and beauty of our Catholic faith. **On Feb. 18, you are invited to join us as we dive deeper into what it means to live out our vocations, whether to religious life, married life or single life.**

A variety of speakers and panelists will share their wisdom and insight on how to joyfully live our vocation in whatever stage of life we currently find ourselves, and how we can grow in holiness within it. Music for the conference will be provided by Out of Darkness! All are invited, and families are encouraged to attend together.

Register today at ptdiocese.org/celebratefaith2017

FIGHT FOR LOVE

You are invited to a presentation in the PLC on February 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., entitled: "Fight for Love". This is a live seminar about fighting pornography, raising awareness with social media dangers and help with addiction to pornography. Session 1 for youth (middle school and high school) is from 10 - 11 a.m. Session 2 for adults is from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. All parents and youth are welcome from the community and all denominations. This is addressed as a public health issue rather than from a religious, moral or political venue. Visit their website fightthenewdrug.org for additional information.

Open Gym Times

Sunday, December 25: No Basketball
Thursday, December 29: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, January 1: No Basketball