

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

A continued Blessed Christmas to everyone. I want to thank all of you for making our Christmas celebration here so beautiful, and for making this Parish such a beautiful place to be. So much goes in to making our Masses at Christmas so beautiful and reverent. Thank you to our fabulous choir and children's choir, our Lectors, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Sacristans, and our Sexton, Henry Antonucci. I also want to thank in a special way Christine Schnabel for all the time and effort she puts in to facilitating everything that goes on here, and for putting together the children's Christmas Pageant for the 20th year in a row. The Christmas Pageant was an absolutely adorable event, and the children sang their hearts out drawing us all into the beauty and joy of Christmas. And I thank all of you for your incredible generosity to our Christmas collection and Christmas flowers, and most of all for your faith, your love, and your prayers.

Today we are within the Octave of Christmas with this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family. When we look at the beautiful scene of the first Christmas displayed in front of our Altar and in so many of our homes, we see Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus in the center. That is the model of a Holy Family - Jesus at the very center of every marriage, of every family. We must ask ourselves today whether Jesus truly is the center of our lives? Are our homes places of prayer where the peace of Christ dwells? As St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict often said, the family is a school of love where children first learn what it means to be loved and how to live in relationships of love. The strength of our society depends on the family, for it is in the family that good Christians and solid citizens are formed. And it is from holy families that more holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life will come.

The Octave of Christmas culminates on Monday, January 1st, with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Mary is indeed the Mother of God because the baby she delivered is truly God and truly man. At the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem Mary held her Divine infant in her arms. At Calvary she held Him in her arms again as He was taken down from the Cross. And it was from the Cross that Jesus gave His Mother to us to be our Mother. And through our love for her, she will draw us closer to her Son, Jesus.

On a final note, Fr. Innocent and I want to thank you for all the kindness, encouragement, and generosity you have shown to us this Christmas with your many gifts, goodies, and cards of good wishes. The best gift of all is your presence here with us every week at Sunday Mass. May God continue to bless all of us with His Peace this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

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O' God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity.

We humbly ask that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and St. Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Happy New Year!



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 2018

8:30AM

10:00AM, 11:30AM

1:00PM

NO 5:30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION AND
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 6th & 7th**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America (and Catholic Communications). Please be as generous as possible.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31

Monday, January 1

See The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Schedule

Tuesday, January 2

Rel. Ed. – Grades 3-5 – 4:30pm in the school

CYO Basketball- 5pm in the gym

Rel. Ed. – Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, January 3

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's Choir – 5:00pm Church

Choir Practice – 7:00pm Church

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, January 4

RCIA -7:00pm in the Rectory

Friday, January 5 First Friday

Exposition- 1:00pm

Holy Hour -7:00pm

Saturday, January 6

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed – Grades 1 & 2 9:30am

Sunday, January 7



WASHINGTON D.C.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

On the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion, come and walk for the sake of the unborn on Friday, January 19, 2018.

For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or 425-1322 (para español). For more info, visit

www.RocklandRTL.org

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

**Day Of Prayer And Penance Here at Sacred Heart for
An End To Abortion and a
Greater Respect for Human Life**

In Solidarity with the March for Life in D.C.

Marking The 45th Anniversary Of Roe vs. Wade:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 9:30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction beginning at 3:00pm.

**SACRED HEART CYO BASKETBALL CLINIC
BEGINS JANUARY 3, 2018**

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Clinic runs for eight weeks beginning January 7th and runs thru February 25, 2018. Please come 15 minutes prior to first clinic session to register. Cost per child is \$125.00

Grades - K and 1st - 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Grade 2 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm

2017 CONTRIBUTION OFFERINGS

The year-end reports for 2017 from the envelope company and parish pay if you have signed up for online giving, will reflect totals for the year 2017 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside throughout the year. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. **Thank you for your generous support!**

COLD AND FLU SEASON

Just a reminder that at this time of year, it is better to remain at home if you have cold or flu symptoms. Also, there is no necessity to shake hands at the sign of peace. A wave of the hand is proper. Eucharistic Ministers use hand sanitizer at communion time.

UPCOMING

150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

We are now beginning preparations for what will be an amazing event here at Sacred Heart Church. On **Good Friday, March 30th, 2018** we hope to present a live Passion Play along with the Stations of the Cross. This will all begin with a procession of the Cross up Lafayette Ave to the parish grounds. If you are interested in being a part of the event we ask that you please call the parish after the new year. We need many hands to bring this event to life. Please consider being a part of this moment in our parish history. Please call 845-357-0035. God Bless and Happy New Year!

150th ANNIVERSARY MASS

JUNE 8, 2018 7:30PM

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

MAIN CELEBRANT

ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BALVO

(Graduate Of Sacred Heart School)

150TH GALA DINNER DANCE

JUNE 9, 2018 CROWN PLAZA 7:00 PM

Tickets available at the rectory office.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**DUE TO EARLY PRINTING OF BULLETIN
COLLECTION TOTALS WILL BE IN UPCOMING
BULLETINS**

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 13 de enero 2017 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Merrie Alfieri, Frank Paul Allegretti, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Kelly Collins, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Joh Carlough, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Lorraine Cortez, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Lilla DiBerardino, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Lucy Donlon, John Duffy, Nicholas Eckert, Peter Eckert, Jamie Erwin, Denise Ferrara, Stefanie Gaudelli, Tia Gardner, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Roy Harris, Carrin Holborn, Sarah Hyman, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Susan Jarkiewicz, Adrienne Kelly, Mary Kiernan, Jon Kip, Anthony Kulik, Jay Leone, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Barbara Mazza, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Fr. Estella Morales, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Fr. Jack Oldfield, Deana Olsen, Tina Osika, Shace Paljusevic, Joseph Pasculli, Bill Peden, Philomena Pelzer, Patricia Plotkin, Adolf Radeljic, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Virginia Ryan, Daniel Sammarone, Nicholas Salzman, Eleanor Scelza, Erica Scully, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, William R. Sichel, Jr., Jean Simons, Aurelia Sorgo, Claudia Spallanzani, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Marcus Theoc, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, Carol Van Vandt, Millie Vazquez and Fr. Wing.**

ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

**Altar Wine In Memory of
MARY & JOHN MCGOVERN**

**Altar Breads In Memory Of
ROSEMARY BROSAN**

**Altar Candles In Memory of
WILLIAM & GRACE MORAN**

**Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of
JAMES P. TONER**



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.
Especially: **Gloria Kojalo, Gilda Mottola**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am – Charles J. Lynch

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Deacon Joseph & Thomas Witt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 Holy Family

7:00am – Parish Memorial Society

8:30am – Special Intentions Bobby & Nina Frank

10:00am – John S. Lewandowski

11:30am – Palma M. & Henry J. Heck

1:00pm – All Parishioners

5:30pm – Joseph & Paula Gangone

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

8:30am – Fr. James Csaesar

10:00am – Richard K. Collins

11:30am – Mark Sevesta

1:00pm – All Parishioners of Sacred Heart

No 5:30pm Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00am – Gerald George Pierro

9:00am – Thomas R. Gallagher Sr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00am – Special Intention of Stephen Bikofsky

9:00am – Eng Wilaiwarangkoon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00am – Frank Contey

9:00am – John Dispoto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00am – Dulia Celestin

9:00am – Dick Bruning

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00am – Special Intentions Rawl Jacob

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30pm – Robert O. Colbath

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Eileen Field

10:00am – Lily Kiely

11:30am – Daniel Greeley & Andrew Statham

1:00pm – Loretta Fanning

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 4 – JOAN MCDOWELL**