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Dear Parishioners,

On this last Sunday of the year we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. In the Gospel we do not find discourses on the family but an event which is worth more than any words: God wanted to be born and to grow up in a human family. In this way He consecrated the family as the first and ordinary means of His encounter with humanity.

In His life spent at Nazareth, Jesus honored the Virgin Mary and the righteous Joseph, remaining under their authority throughout the period of his childhood and His adolescence. In this way He shed light on the primary value of the family in the education of the person.

When He was 12 years old, He stayed behind in the Temple and it took His parents all of three days to find Him. With this act He made them understand that He "had to see to his Father's affairs", in other words, to the mission that God had entrusted to Him.

This Gospel episode reveals the most authentic and profound vocation of the family: that is, to accompany each of its members on the path of the discovery of God and of the plan that He has prepared for him or her.

Mary and Joseph taught Jesus primarily by their example: in His parents He came to know the full beauty of faith, of love for God and for His Law, as well as the demands of justice, which is totally fulfilled in love. From them He learned that it is necessary first of all to do God's will, and that the spiritual bond is worth more than the bond of kinship.

The Holy Family of Nazareth is truly the "prototype" of every Christian family which, united in the Sacrament of Marriage and nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, is called to carry out the wonderful vocation and mission of being the living cell not only of society but also of the Church, a sign and instrument of unity for the entire human race.

Let us now invoke for every family, especially families in difficulty, the protection of Mary Most Holy and of Saint Joseph. May they sustain such families so that they can resist the disintegrating forces of a certain contemporary culture which undermines the very foundations of the family institution. May they help Christian families to be, in every part of the world, living images of God's love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*



*January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, is a Holy Day.  
Masses will be celebrated at 9am and 5pm in the Church.*

***Liturgical Ministers for January 5th/6th, 2018.***

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	D. LEGATO	A. WITKOWSKI, H. ECKES	E. AND A. WITKOWSKI
8:30AM	J. HENDRICK	W. CARMODY, T. CALVARIO	T. LAMOREAUX, A. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	J. SNELLINGER	A. ST. LOUIS, I. AND S. CUELLO

*Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year from, Fr. Newcomb, Fr. Csete, Deacon Rich and the rest of the parish staff at St. Mary's*

There will not be religious instruction this weekend December 30th.



We will once again have a bus to Washington, DC for the March for Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. Pilgrim Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am by Cardinal Dolan.

Donations to defray the cost of the bus would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nancy Smith to sign-up or any questions 856-4610.

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**Save The Date!** Court Madonna No. #114's Annual Tricky Tray will be on Sunday, January 20th. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2PM. Tickets are 25 for \$1! No admission Fee! Contact: Barbara Drew 856-2624  
All proceeds to benefit Community Charities.



The search has begun for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York. To enter couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

To register, please call the parish office. The deadline is Thursday, January 24, 2019.



**Save the Date!** Join us on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm to celebrate family. There will be crafts, games, and ice cream! **ALL FREE!** Please contact Rose at 845-856-8602 or Gina at 917-733-4307 if you plan on attending **BEFORE** January 28<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters Ct # 114

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, December 31 (Sylvester I, pope)**  
9:00am Theresa Kavanagh, by Agnes Devore and Toni Marion  
Jennifer Schultz, by Brechbiel family
- Tuesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)**  
9:00am Josephine Kakritz  
5:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Wednesday, January 2 (Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church)**  
9:00am Joseph Portella, by Steve and Rosemarie Babey
- Thursday, January 3 (Most Holy Name of Jesus)**  
9:00am Mark Ponterio, by Amelia Quinn
- Friday, January 4 (Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious)**  
11:30am Theresa Kavanagh, by Bob and Sue Dennington  
Eugene Glynn, by Knights of Columbus Council #471
- Saturday, January 5 (John Neumann, bishop)**  
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, January 6 (Epiphany of the Lord)**  
8:30am Glenn Ross, by Paul and Diane Hartmann  
11:30am Thomas Fitzpatrick and Sean Riordan



*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly in the Church this week, in memory of Thomas Chuckran, by Rich and Diane Quick and family.*

**Please Pray For the Sick:** Angela Portella, Walter Szpakowicz, Elizabeth Brennan, Michael Medaglia, Jackie Mundy, Barbara Straub, Tress Loughrey, Sal Careri, Elizabeth Startup Jones, Louis Harford, William Lincoln, Jeanine Lincoln, Michael Barnes, Donald Wolff, Ramonita Irizarry, Debi Cotugno, Theresa Fuller, Maureen Hildebrandt, Charles Hildebrandt, Aedan Roach, James Roach, Robin Radzikowski, Helen Andreano, Tito Rivera, Neil Stasilli, Josefina Rodriguez, Joseph Hinkley, Toni Sorrentino, Frances Brennan, Andrea Fedoruk, Susan Upton, Chris Marion III, Loretta Olenick, Layla Grace Foster, Roderick T. Esling, James Lincoln, Danielle Devore, Wayne DeMarco, Marge O'Connor, Mindy Walsh, Arieal Walsh, Raquel Maldonado, Tyrell Davis, Eppie Harford, Christine Nowak, Jesivel Abreu, Stacie Holman, Cody Bain, Robert Cinerar, Dominic Loffredo, and Steven Gaesser.

The collection for December 22/23 will be reported  
In a future bulletin.