



THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 31, 2017



The 4:30 PM Saturday Evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated for the people of the parish.

SUNDAY, December 31, 2017

- 7:30 AM(E) Stonewall E. Sparlin
- 9:00 AM (E) No Intention
- 10:00 AM(E) Frances Dagastino McShane
- 11:30AM (S) No Intention
- 12:00 PM(S) Petra Hernandez Luna
- 8:00 PM (V) Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, January 1, 2018 (Solemnity of Mary)
(Not a holyday of obligation)

- 8:00 AM Intentions of the Giving Tree Donors

TUESDAY, January 2, 2018 (St. Basil & St. Gregory)

- 6:30 AM No Intention
- 8:00 AM Loretta Barch

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018 (Holy Name of Jesus)

- 6:30 AM No Intention
- 8:00 AM Ancestors of Dinh Family

THURSDAY, January 4, 2018 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

- 6:30 AM No Intention
- 8:00 AM No Intention

FRIDAY, January 5, 2018 (St. John Neumann)

- 6:30 AM Leo Mullin (Living)
- 8:00 AM No Intention

8:00 PM 1st Friday Mass

SATURDAY, January 6, 2018 (St. Andre Besette)

- 8:00 AM Joseph Ambrosavage

PRAYERS REQUESTED

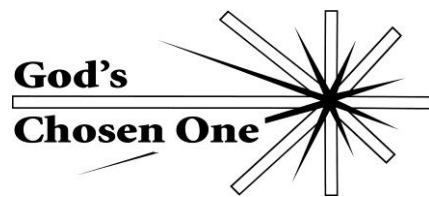
Please remember in your prayers all the sick of our parish, especially those in nursing homes and hospitals and the shut-ins we visit each month. Remember also those who have died. May the Lord receive them into His Eternal care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Let us remember the sick of our community and those who care for them. May they receive healing of body, soul and spirit:

- Rose Cox, Ralph Berarducci, Lucille Vandenburg, Luke Tynan, David Hernandez, Sue Flavin, Catherine DiCicco, Eleanor Martino, Barbara Green, Anna Rodowitz, Emma Roussis, Steve Cybulski, Mary Raday, Santina Tullo, Rose Andalis, Max Garcia, Jerry Coyle, Thomas Dooley, Walter Baraniewicz, Emma Markely, Sabrina Rivera, Eileen Crozler, Vince Di Paul, Barbara Zielinski, Jill Mendez, Donna Riley, Elizabeth Quinn, Mary Campellone Isabel Ruggero, William D'Attilio, Theresa Statkus, Kevin Costillo, Queidy Martinez, Virginia Cybolski, Michele Cornfield, Sonia Gonzalez, Rosa Herminia Vasquez, Michael Dooley, David Sharkey, Frank Joseph, Fortune Joseph, Mary Manning, Tina Sirene, Barbara Kwortnik, Louise Pitucci and Serafin Rivera and all the patients of the Cancer Treatment Center.



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First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

- Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
- Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
- Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

- Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

- 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday

- 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

- 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

First Friday

- 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Saturday

- 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

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“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him... He came in the Spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regards to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God saying, ‘Now Master you can let your servant go in peace.’”

How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation ‘The Joy of Love’ provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, ‘Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.’

As we hear of all the new year’s resolutions, may we see this as our priority.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS