

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:00 RAYE & MILDRED VITACCO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE QUINN & MC CAULEY FAMILIES

9:00 EUGENE SPILLANE

11:00 DONNA LYNN HOLISTER

1:00 ANTHONY & GABRALLE SABLER

5:00 DAVID SMITH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 ALBERT F. TARASOVIS

9:00 ANNE E. CURITORE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DOLAN & LYONS FAMILIES & THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

9:00 THOMAS MANGAN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 SUSAN WHALEN

9:00 JOSEPH BRADLEY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 ANDREW ROC JEUDY

9:00 ELIZABETH MC CARTHY

5:00 VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF MARY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

7:00 SOLEMNITY

9:00 OF MARY

11:00 NEW YEAR'S

1:00 DAY

NO 5PM MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 ST THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

5:00 ROSE MARIE AJELLO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 THOMAS & SUSAN BYRNE

9:00 L. BENJAMIN ZARRELLI

11:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1:00 FELIX GILROY

5:00 RICHARD CASTELLANO

The Bread and Wine are offered for a 4yr intention to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel requested by Sarah McDermot.

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in loving memory of **Anne E. Curitore** on her 9th Anniversary offered by her husband William Curitore & her Family.

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

New Year's Eve, December 31

5:00 Frank Ponterio

New Year's Day, January 1

7:00 Teresa Zulch

9:00 Theresa Cunningham

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Roy Hansen

Saturday, January 2

5:00 Frank Ponterio Pat Foley

Sunday, January 3

7:00 Teresa Zulch

9:00 Charles Romanelli Maryann Gambardella

11:00 Frank DiSalvo Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan John Mooney

5:00 Fred Maley Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Joe Arrigo, Thomas Coppola II, Terrence Gibbons, Sondra Cronin, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, Bill Kiesewetter, JoAnn DiPietro, Frances Bocignone, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Linda Powers, Frances Nodar

Due to an early publication date the December 20th collection will be published in a future bulletin.

January 1 is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Times will be Thurs, Dec 31st at 5:00PM and Friday, January 1st at 7AM, 9AM, 11AM and 1PM.



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the feast of the Holy Family. Jesus wants each of our families to be a holy family. Family, as you know, is rooted in marriage. In loving each other and their children, spouses learn how to love God. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, “The grace proper to the Sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple’s love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they help one another to attain holiness in their married life.” (CCC 1641). You may ask yourself, “What have I done lately to help my spouse to gain holiness?” A good thing to do is to go to Confession together (one at a time of course!) The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the best ways to keep the love in marriage and family from being infected with bitterness. When we rarely (or never) look at our own faults our corrupted human nature has a tendency to focus on the faults of others, especially those closest to us. What happens next? Judgments, criticisms and nagging takes place. Next, comes the resentment and the arguing. Finally, relationships cool. Regular Confession keeps a person more focused on his own faults rather than on the foibles of others. Moreover, the Grace from Confession, coupled with the Grace that the couple receives in the Sacrament of Matrimony helps each spouse to develop the capacity for focusing on the positive aspects of the other while avoiding obsessions with his or her characteristics that seem to be negative. Furthermore, through the Sacraments and prayer Jesus helps the couple to avoid the temptation to use, and not respect, the other. Self-seeking is very poisonous in marriage. It is antithetical to love, as the Apostle once said in Corinthians 13: *Love is not self-seeking*. In other words, love is not closed in on itself. It is open to the other, which means being welcoming and accepting of the other. This can only happen if we are open to Life, to Him who said *I am the way, the truth and the life*. (John 14:6) Elizabeth Hansen tells a nice story about being open to life. (*Magnificat*, October 2015) She said: One dreary morning, I was dragging my kids across a parking lot, already late. The three-year-old hated all her clothes, and her younger brother was imitating her whining flawlessly. Worn down from the ordeal of leaving the house, I looked at them trudging behind me with the stricken thought that somehow, this all had to do with being “open to life.” Honestly, I’d started

regarding the phrase as somewhat cliché, or, depending on its timing, an irrelevant question for me and my husband. But there in the drizzle, I realized that “open to life” is more than a monthly question of possible conception. It’s not just about, “Should we have another baby?” It’s about being open, in the most truthful sense, to a God who fills even these moments of exhaustion and tedium with His promise of abundant life. It means literally facing life with an open posture, saying to its Author, *Speak you servant is listening*. What are you teaching me about myself as I wait impatiently for my kids? What are you showing me in this mess of picked up dinners and dirty chairs? Who is begging for my touch? It’s easy to shut down against intrusions, be it a child at the bathroom door, or Grace ready at the heart. I’d like to say that morning drastically changed for the better. It didn’t. I was still tired, my kids were still whiny, and the weather was still terrible. But I was more open. And that was enough.

God bless you.

Father Eric

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank all our wonderful: Priests, Rectory Staff, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Rosary and Altar Society Members, Youth Group Members, Altar Servers and Special Events Committee Members and Boy Scout Troop 74 for all their hard work this Christmas. And most of all I would like to thank all the Parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generosity this Christmas.

God Bless, Father Eric



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Fr. Eric, Fr. Soju and the staff of Sacred Heart rectory wish all our parishioners a Healthy and Happy New Year.

CCD JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Regular Classes Resume in 2016:
January 6, 13, 20 & 27th

Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st
7:00AM, 9:00AM & 5:00PM

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1st
7:00, 9:00 11:00 AM and 1:00PM
NO 5:00 PM MASS

FLOWER DONATIONS: Total cost of two flower arrangements for the Altar is \$80.00, and flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions, or for special intentions. Please call Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 for further details.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will gather for the 9 AM Mass Sunday, January 3rd and afterward have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047 with any questions.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE DEC 31 & JAN 1

Thursday, Dec 31

5:00 Chris & Matt Riccardi

Friday, Jan 1

7:00 Patrick Reyes & Noelle Ehresman

9:00 Timothy Koleci & Michele Chen

11:00 Jack Lotito & Kelly O' Neil

1:00 Matthew & Julia Ahern

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JAN 2 & JAN 3

Saturday, Jan 2

5:00 Patrick & Keifer Regan

Sunday, Jan 3

7:00 Kevin Postler & Hayley Bond

9:00 Noelle Ehresman & Angela Buschemi

11:00 David & Billye Albro

1:00 Maeve Butler & Daniel Ramirez

5:00 Giovanni Ercolano & Bernard Daniels

Happy New Year!!

Thank you so very much for all the gifts of candy, toys; cakes; homemade goodies for Kids Praise Choir; donations for the strings for Midnight Mass from the choirs, in addition to the gifts of time and talent from Parish Choir, France Voyager Choir, The Folk Group and Family Choir - all this beautiful singing uplifting and inspiring us throughout the Advent/Christmas journey! We've especially enjoyed Fr. Eric's voice this holiday season - he adds power and beauty to our liturgies with his inspiring singing!

Curious, though, why some parishioners rave about the music but don't get involved themselves - If you loved the Christmas music, why don't you join a choir and help create the music yourself?? There are so many wonderful blessings involved in serving a choir! The New Year is a perfect time to join a choir at Sacred Heart:

Parish Choir (ages 8-120) rehearsals 1st and 3rd Wed. Sing for Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday 11AM

France Voyager Choir sings 1st & 4th Sundays 11AM in preparation for choir tour to France Feb. 16-23, 2016

Kids Praise Choir (ages 5-11) rehearses every Wed. 5-6 chapel sings 1st Sunday 11AM

Family Choir all family members (age 0-120) sing together 1st Sunday 11AM Prizes! Treats! Coffee!

Make 2016 the year you join a choir at Sacred Heart!! Bring a friend!! Wishing you peace and joy in 2016!!

Pamela and the Choirs (VM 24)

FRANCE TRAVELING CHOIR/FAMILY CHOIR sings January 3, 2016 at 11AM Prizes!! Treats!! Coffee!! CD's available from our Portugal Tour 2013 (including the selections recorded 1st Sunday Advent in Fatima Basilica!!) "Healing...restorative"...just a few comments about this extraordinary CD - pick up a few today for the bedridden, ill, infirm elderly - thank you for your support!!



The Rectory will be closed on Friday,
January 1st for New Year's.