

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 CARMEN GARCIA 14TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 JOSEPH BRADLEY
 8:30 LESLIE BLAINE
 10:00 SPECIAL INTENTION TO THE MOTHER OF THE
 SORROWFUL HEART
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 RICHARD BERGER
 5:00 JANE & JACK GORDON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 ANDRE ROC JUDY
 9:00 SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LADY OF SORROW

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 GRACE & JOSEPH ABATE
 9:00 ELIZABETH A. MCCARTHY 10TH ANNIVERSARY
 5:00 NEW YEAR'S

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

NEW YEAR'S DAY
 7:00 SOLEMNITY
 9:00 OF MARY
 11:00 NEW YEAR'S
 12:30 DAY
 NO 5:00PM MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 SHANNON SMITH
 9:00 MICHAEL CONTARDO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 WILLIAM & MARY DOHERTY
 9:00 WILLIAM F. COSULICH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 OLIVER KEMPF
 5:00 MARGARET DEVERY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 JOSEPH BRADLEY
 8:30 BEN ZARRELLI
 10:00 CHARLES M. DONOHUE
 11:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 1:00 ROSETTE RAUTENSTRAUCH
 5:00 JAMES HASSON, SR.

The Sanctuary Candle is in loving memory of **Grace A. Seaman and John Ford** requested by Helenann and Kevin Seaman.

In the Charity of your Prayers, please pray for the soul of

Karin U. Merlino
 Anne Dalton
 Myrtle Betts
 William Curley

Lectors January 4 and 5

Saturday, January 4, 2014

5:00 Frank Ponterio

Sunday, January 5, 2014

7:00 Sr. Iraida
 8:30 Charles Romanelli
 10:00 Frank DiSalvo
 11:30 Stephen Brown
 1:00 Charles Sullivan
 5:00 Efraim Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Kathryn Brock, Patricia Repoli, Al Frezio, Meghan Clark, Youlanda Santella, Tim Campagna, Alberto Meranda, Matthew Gleason, Jerry Russo, Ethel Thomas, Ruth Irons, Ian Torello, Anna Parente, James Parente, Gerard Crane, Mimi Norberg, Marianne Garlan, Ruth Manieri, Dawn Meade, Lauren Lam, Rafaella Tierno, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Alice Longo, Spc. Bryan Camacho, Michael Rucci, Sylvia Lichtenstein, Cpl Justin Campbell, Roseanne Liveo, Robert Donohue, Elizabeth James Timmins, Robert Poggi, USM, Joyce Rusinak, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Theresa Brier, Richard Nagrowski, Robert Pepe, Luella Page, Theresa Mirante, Fred Maley

Due to early publication dates, the collections for Dec. 15, 22 and 29 will be posted in January.

The Rectory Office will be closed
 New Year's Day, January 1, 2014

The Bread and Wine are in loving memory of **Anna Helewa and Benedict Morstatt** requested by Nora, Richie and Anthony.

Friday, January 3 is First Friday. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 11 AM (barring any funerals) and ending with Benediction at 5PM. Please come and spend an hour with our Lord.



NEW YEAR, NEW CHANCE

Recently I read a New Year's Prayer. It went something like this: "Dear Lord...This is the first day of the year and so far, I have done very well. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I am very thankful for that. But dear Lord, in a few minutes, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help!" A very truthful prayer!

Well, this week we begin a New Year-2014- and it might not be bad to start off this new year with a prayer. New Year's Day is a day that many of us make resolutions. We might resolve to give up smoking, to lose 20 pounds, to be more patient with family and coworkers, to get exercise...whatever. We have all made those resolutions before. I heard about a woman who made a resolution about losing weight. In 2010 it was, "I will get my weight down below 180." 2011, "I will work out three days a week." 2013, "I will try to drive past a gym at least once a week." Well, it's not easy to shed the pounds!

An old priest once told me, "As for resolutions resolve not to make them!" Now why did he say that? Well, perhaps because many of us resolve to do things and then never really accomplish what we promise to do. Actually, there is something that we can do this New Year 2014 that will not cause us any inconvenience, stress or difficulty at all. In fact, it is guaranteed to inspire and enliven us. The resolution for 2014 is to listen to our Mother! Our Heavenly Mother that is, the Blessed Virgin Mary!

As the secular world starts New Year's off with party hats, champagne, noisemakers and that descending ball in Times Square - the Church starts it a little more quietly and

spiritually. It starts it off with the beautiful figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On January 1st, this week, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

The Gospel for the feast day presents us with the beautiful scene at Bethlehem and the adoration of the shepherds. Saint Luke tells us that Mary treasured this visit and "reflected upon it in her heart." If there is one resolution that we possibly keep in 2014, it would be to spend more time in heartfelt prayer and conversation with the Lord.

At one church I was assigned to there was a sign outside the front. The sign read: "For long-standing problems try kneeling!" And that is true! We all have problems and life often enough is not a bed of roses. When we pray God's power is in our hands and we are rich in His grace. Without prayer we are pushovers for the world, the flesh and the devil.



One prayer that is so highly recommended by the Church and that honors Our Blessed Mother is the Holy Rosary. Let us resolve in this new year to get into a good habit and that is the Rosary habit! Let us say our Rosary often and well. When Our Lady appeared at Fatima She said: "Pray, pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners..."

A new year is a new chance for all of us. It is a new chance for us to use the time given to us by Almighty God in this life to become better and holier persons. In that endeavor, we look to the Virgin Mary who is God's Mother and ours as well. We can learn from Her the values of purity, prayer and silence.

May we like Mary, truly venerate the Lord in our hearts so that we might experience the special peace that only God can give. Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Father Jerome

MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31
7:00, 9:00 & 5:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2014

Wednesday, January 1, 2014
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 & 12:30 PM
NO 5:00PM Mass



Registration for Grades K-8 is ongoing.
Please contact the school office to
register: 718-442-0347.



CCD -Classes resume January 8, 2014

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JANUARY 4 & 5

Saturday, January 4

5:00 Stephen & Laura Laurenco

Sunday, January 5

7:00 Ethan Josen, Michele Chen

8:30 Siobhan, Kathleen & Mary McCafferty

10:00 Marc Artuz, Rudy Merlino

11:30 Nicholas Fortunato, Ryan & Kelly O'Neil

1:00 James Esco, Patrick Buzzard, Emma
Newgarden

5:00 Jonathan Montemayor, Steven Mickel, Jr.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Family Choir/Kids Praise Choir sings January 5,
2014 Feast of the Epiphany - Uncle Joe, Aunt Sue,
Cousin Lu-lu - please come up to the loft, bring
the entire family help us create a wonderful music
liturgy with all the carols of Christmas. Prizes!!
Treats!! Coffee!!

Put Away a Hymnbook

The upside is Christmas week makes fantastic use
of our hymnbooks!! The downside is some are
misplaced and missing!! So, if you are able, after
Mass just take a peek in the back of the book and
be sure that hymnbook you are using is in it's
proper location (side, rack, pew number)-the
books are priceless treasures and need our
attention and care-many hands, light work!!
Thanks so much!!

Blessings! Pamela 442-0058 VM24

Join a choir! Buy a CD! Come with us on our next
international choir tour!

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will gather for the
10 AM Mass Sunday, January 5 and afterward
have their monthly meeting at The Arms. Please
contact Theresa Cunningham at 718-981-8047
with any questions.

PASTORAL COUNSELING is a combination of
psychological and spiritual counseling, a clinical
approach to unite the whole person-both mind
and soul. Vera Sabella, a Pastoral Counselor, has
made herself available for Sacred Heart
parishioners. A sliding scale fee will be assessed
and counseling sessions will be held in parish
facilities. For referral, please call 347-210-1127.

*Father Jerome, Father Maurice, and the
staff of Sacred Heart Church wish all our
parishioners a very Happy, Healthy and
Blessed New Year*

