

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 29, 2019

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Fr. Stanley is available to come and bless your homes. If you are interested, please call the rectory to set this up. Otherwise, we have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your own homes.

Blessing of a Home—Although there are fine texts for the blessing of homes, neither the *Book of Blessings* nor *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* explains the traditional method for blessing homes this day using incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and “Jordan water.” The chalk is used to mark over doorways. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto *Christos mansion benedict* (“May Christ bless the house”).

Program for NEW YEAR—DAILY PLAN—LIFE God’s man lives, moves, has his being in God. The Christian who would live Godly always must have a rule or pattern of life. Here is a suggestion: **Participate daily** in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. **Make everything**—work, play, prayer—share in It: *Ite, Missa Est!* **Feast daily** in the Eucharist—Christ is your Great Friend—take Him with you. **Make daily conversation with Christ**—mental prayer—aim for 15 minutes, settle for no less than five, on busiest days. **Receive the Sacrament of Penance biweekly**, with a regular confessor if possible. Seek spiritual direction. **Pray Our Lady’s Rosary** daily, devoutly. **Use opportunities** to increase knowledge of our Holy Faith: courses, lectures, discussion clubs, books, sermons.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, **Feast** – Sunday, 29 December 2019

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14. Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Colossians 3:12-21. Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

Every Family Is Holy. Pope Francis was not the first to urge us to see and be holy people. Saint Paul, in Colossians 3:12-17, calls us holy and beloved – and lists holy behaviors. It recalls the Old Testament covenants and the very peak of creation told in Genesis – human life. How will I, in phone call or letter, speak words of love to my siblings and parents? How will I be ever more holy this day? How will I help families who grieve or hunger or want?

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Wed, 01 January 2019

Numbers 6:22-27. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2:16-21.

What We Treasure. We celebrate many things this day. The start of a new civil year – one filled with hope and promise. The eighth day of Christmas – the presence of Jesus the Christ among us, like us in all things but sin. The gift of Mary – mother not only of God in Jesus, but also mother of the Church, mother of God’s holy People. What will I pledge, what will I promise in this new year? How will I be a blessing to others, just as God is a blessing to me? What can I do to bring peace to _____, even in little ways?

Mass Intentions:

12/28/19 Sat. 5:30 pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & Family)

12/31/19 Tues. 5:30pm +Arnold Fritz (Emma King)

1/04/20 Sat. 5:30 pm +Paul Foley (M/M Carl Dunn)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory.
Suggested Donation is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

12/28/19 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Mary K.

12/31/19 Tues. 5:30 pm Lector-Volunteer

1/04/20 Sat. 5:30 pm Lector-Bill



Holy Father’s Intention for the month of January: Promotion of World Peace. That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$1161.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Juanita Arias, Scott Savoie,
Heidi Ehrhardt, Mary Raines,
Sherry Moranski, Randy Clapp

Thank you to all the parishioners for your many prayers, Christmas cards and generous gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Also, our Church looks beautiful thanks to our parishioners for taking the time to decorate and those parishioners for making donations towards our Christmas Poinsettias. God Bless all of you in the New Year, Fr. Stanley

Thank you—to the children and everybody that prepared and participated in the Christmas Program. It was an excellent job! Also, thank you to everyone who donated scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter season.

The Rectory will be closed December 31st-Jan. 1st

Happy New Year!

New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary) this is a Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31st 4pm—St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
5:30pm—St. Mary’s, Reddick

Jan. 1st 8am—Sacred Heart, Kinsman
10am—St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

