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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

**Sat., December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00PM - (St. J.)**  
- For The Fallon's & Dellerba's by The Family

**Sun., December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8AM - (St. P.)**  
- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**9:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Barney Deshaies by The Family

**Mon., December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**  
- No Morning Mass

**Tues., December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**  
- For Stephen Scheve (Health)

**Wed., December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. P.)**  
- For Dcn. Benjamin Schrantz (Sem.) by The Parish

**Thurs., December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30AM - (St. J.)**  
- For George Stooks by Gerry

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**Fri., January 1<sup>st</sup> - (HOLY DAY)**

**8:30AM - (St. P.)**  
**6:00PM - (St. J.)**  
- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Sat., January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:00PM - (St. J.)**  
- For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Sun., January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**8AM - (St. P.)**  
- For Louis Narbone by Larry & Gerry Ritter

**9:30AM - (St. J.)**

- For Ronald Bartelotte, by Michelle, Chris, Amanda & Family

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We remember in our prayers  
Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,

Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,  
Walt Belewich, Sr., Ann Lash, Paul Hartness,

Jim White, Roberta Wilson, John Bailey,

Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer, David Hoffman,  
Steven Stooks, Michael Stinebrickner, Paul Boliver,  
Joan Farmer & Scott MacFarland,

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**Our Regular Confession Times**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00-6:30PM at St. Joseph's**

**Saturday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3:15-3:45PM at St. Joseph's**

**Please enter the Church through the front door, cross over the Sanctuary into the Sacristy when the door is open to go to Confession.**

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**FAMILY FORMATION PACKETS ARE ON THE OFFICE PORCH. PLEASE PICK THEM UP AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**

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**Hope Appeal 2020**

**Thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged to the 2020 Hope Appeal. We have met \$12,240.00 in donations and \$2,535.00 in pledges towards our Hope Appeal Goal goal of \$19,295.13. The Hope Appeal will close on Jan. 31, 2021. We have \$4,520.13 to go! What we don't realize in donations will come out of our savings. Hope Appeal pledge envelopes are at the Church Entrances.**

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**PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2021**

**ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE OFFICE. IF YOU NEED ENVELOPES FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. YOU MAY ALSO DONATE ONLINE AT CHRISTOURHOPERC.ORG**

***A Special Thank You***  
*to all who donated for the flowers that make our Church so beautiful for the Christmas Season and to those who decorated our Sanctuaries.*  
*Thank you to Jeff Andrews for his dedication in cleaning the Church after every celebration & A great big thank you to Bishop Lucia for his leadership and guidance and to Fr. Lyons for being our faithful pastor during these troubled times. Merry Christmas! You are all in our prayers!*

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**Novena to St. Joseph**

*O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St.*

*Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.*

Say for nine consecutive mornings for anything you may desire. It has seldom been known to fail.

**+JMJ+**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas! Please know of my prayers for all of you. One of the traditions at midnight Mass that is not as well known is the Christmas proclamation. This was traditionally chanted before midnight Mass. Pope St. John Paul II restored this tradition in the 1980s. The proclamation itself is simply the first entry of the day in the *Roman Martyrology*. This book is a collection of brief accounts of the lives and deaths of all the saints in the Catholic calendar for each day of the year.

It dates back to the earliest centuries of the Church when the accounts of the deaths and the dates of death of the Roman Christian martyrs were kept by other Christians. Each day of the *Martyrology* is dated using the ancient Roman and Greek dating system.

So, for Christmas Day, the entry for the Birth of the Lord Jesus is very specific using the various dating methods used in ancient Rome at the time. This would be chanted before midnight Mass. Here is the current English translation from the Roman Missal:

“The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, [The original Latin version says “In the 5199<sup>th</sup> year from the creation of the world] when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace,

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.”

Have a blessed Christmas! Let us ask the Lord for the graces He wishes to give us during the season of His birth.

*Fr. Matthew Lyons*



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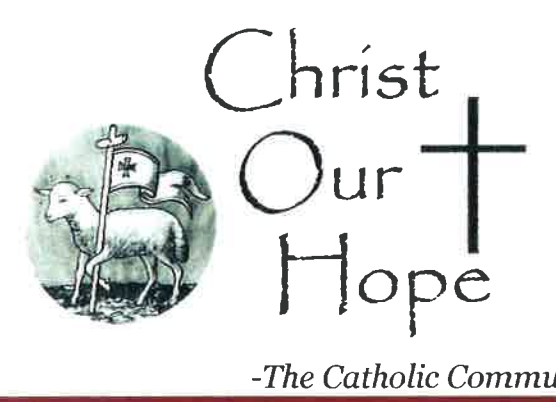
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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**  
Today's readings begin on pg. 875-- Year B  
**Dec. 27, 2020**  
Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
*Your own issue shall be your heir.*  
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
*The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
*The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.*  
Gospel Acclamation  
*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets: in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.*  
Luke 22:22-40  
*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.*

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