



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 30, 2018

*And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17

From the Pastor...

Christmas 2018

Our Parish celebrated The Birth of Lord with great ardor and fervor. All Masses were well attended. My thanks to all the Priests, Deacons, and Religious of the Parish for making the celebration so prayerful and reverent. To the Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers - please accept my gratitude. To the Adult Choir, Leaders of Song, our Music Director, Heather Hall, Roma Grogan and the Children's Choir and Musicians - thank you; the music was simply splendid! The Altar and Church were decorated in a festive Christmas fashion - thanks to the Ladies Guild for all their time and effort. Thanks, too, to Holy Family Boy Scout Troop 15 and their helpers who set up the outdoor tree and crèche; and to our own Paul Bambil for erecting our indoor crèche and always making sure our Church looks beautiful.

To All - my gratitude and a very, Merry Christmas!

May Our Lady watch over and bless us all as we begin this New Year.

~ Msgr. Keane

Welcome New Parishioners At the 11:00AM Mass this Sunday, we welcome all those who have recently registered in our parish. We're so happy to have you join our parish family. God bless you.

Religious Education

Christmas Vacation - Sunday, December 23rd through January 1st **Sunday classes resume Jan. 6th. Tuesday classes resume Jan. 8th.**



January Religious Education Calendar

Sunday, January 13th - 8th Grade Inscription Mass followed by a meeting for parents and candidates in the cafeteria

Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, May 4th at 2:00PM

Sunday, January 20th - 7th Grade Class Mass

Sunday, January 27th - 6th Grade Class Mass

Week of January 27th - Students receive Progress Reports

Please note the revised date for First Communion - Saturday, May 11th

Holy Family School Sends Christmas Greetings to All!

A Reminder - We are collecting Box Tops for Education at Holy Family School and will continue to do so throughout the school year.



Please consider donating your box tops to the school to assist our development committee. You may drop them off at the security guard desk at the entrance of 100 Mount Joy Place or bring them to the rectory. Thank you for supporting our school!

Our third-grade class has been practicing Acts of Kindness during the Advent season. They have been practicing one act each day. Perhaps they will plant the seed to spread more kindness in New Rochelle. If you should witness an act of kindness please encourage it and spread it around for extra holiday cheer! Many thanks to our third-grade teacher, Ms. Drace for promoting kindness in her class.

Holy Family School still has seats available in several classes. If you or someone you know is interested in a Catholic education for their child, please stop by or make an appointment for our upcoming Touring Tuesday on **January 8, 2019 from 9AM-11AM** or call to make an appointment to visit sooner! We'd love to meet you and have you tour our new facility.

Celebrating Our Parish Feast

This Sunday is **the Feast of the Holy Family** and we invite all parishioners to join in prayer asking God's blessing on our parish family as we begin a new year in service of God and one another. **All are invited to gather in the rectory dining room after the Sunday morning Masses for a reception.** Let us reflect together on how the Jesus, Mary, and Joseph we find in the Gospels can guide us this day and throughout the New Year.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph... Pray for us.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, like you we are members of the Father's family. We pray that our family love may reflect His love in its openness to all people. May we forgive even when not forgiven and be patient with others weaknesses.

Jesus, give us peace, unity, and strength to meet the difficulties of daily living. May we use our family resources to improve the quality of life for ourselves and all people. Let us show joy in serving, for whatever we do for others - we do for You.

Mary, inspire us, that our love may be strong but not possessive. Let our willingness to give depend on the needs of others rather than on the cost of giving.

Joseph, help us to be attentive to the Father's will. Let us be ready, as you were, to act whenever He calls us.

Amen.

Priest: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

People: Pray for us.

First Friday Eucharistic

Adoration will take place in the Church this **Friday, January 4th** after the 12:00 Noon Mass until 5:30 PM Benediction. The sign-up sheet can be found in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next to the Parish Intention Book.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently, and so forth, all done together as a family unit. The Feast of the Holy Family is a good time to consider the importance of and to pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the sanctity of the family and to evaluate our own family life.



- What ways may it be improved?
- What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do?
- What are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities?

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for Us.



Our Saturday Morning Bible Study will meet again on **January 5th** at **9:30AM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. As always, all are welcome to join us!

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from **7-8PM** to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We invite you to join us whenever you can. For more information, please contact Shirley Le Blanc at 914-576-3806.



Fresh Bread

Our *morning* faith sharing group meets twice a month on Thursday mornings from **10:00-11:30AM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. We are currently reading *Rediscovering Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly. **Please join us when we meet again on January 10th.**



The Holy Family Caregiver's Group meets monthly on a **Tuesday morning at 10:00AM** in the **Parish Conference Room**. Our next meeting will be **January 15th**. Please call Rosemary McDonough at 914-500-5331 for more information about the Holy Family Caregivers Group.

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve - Monday, December 31st
5:00PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day On this first day of the New Year, the Church celebrates The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

(It is a Holy Day of Obligation.)



New Year's Day - Tuesday, January 1st
9:00AM and 11:00AM



I am the New Year.

*I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned during the last twelve months about life.
All the good that you tried to do for others and didn't achieve last year is mine to grant, providing you have fewer selfish and conflicting desires.
In me lies the potential of all that you have dreamed but didn't dare to do.*

*All that you hoped but did not perform, all you prayed for but did not yet experience.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Christ who said, "Behold, I make all things new".*

I am the New Year.



Next Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany.

The word *Epiphany* means *manifestation*. On this day, the church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. The Magi represent the first fruits of the Gentiles; leading in their wake all the peoples of the earth. And so the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

Brothers and sisters: "... it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Eph 3: 5-6



Please pray for the Sick and those who care for them:

Ashley Bigaud, Mohammed & Fatima Benfaida, Guy Caprio, Ida Carpenzano, Javier Cardenas, Daniella Carlo, Doris DiMagio, Joseph Fogal, Lorraine Foremny, Charlotte Grady, Linda Lallas, Blake & Riley McCaffrey, Marie Marini, William Micknowitz, Pat O'Sullivan, Rose Peregrine, Brian Ponder, Anne-Marie Schauer, Albert Spatola, Mary Sponaugle, Mary Sugrue, Irene Tangredi, Charles Whitney..

Please call the Parish office if you would like to remove a name from this list. 914-632-0673.



We also pray for our military brothers and sisters and especially for:

Michael Acocella Stephen Arles Jack Clifford
Joseph Conway, III Michael DeBartolo Philip Giuliani
Christopher Hough Andrew Marzullo Robert Parente
Luke Steward

May God protect them all and bring them safely home.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 16th - \$6,621

Due to the Christmas and New Year's early bulletin submission schedules, the collections for December 23rd, 30th and January 6th will be reported on January 13th.



In The Spirit Of Giving... The Holy Family Subscription Drive is ongoing. A sincere Thank You to all who have contributed to the Subscription Drive to date. As participation by all parishioners will make this Subscription Drive a success, please prayerfully consider making your contribution today. May God bless you and please be assured of my prayers during this Christmas season. ~ Msgr. Keane

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Sunday, December 30th - Feast of the Holy Family

5:00PM(Vigil) Robert Coll
7:30AM Robert Hopkins
9:00AM Alicia de Molina & Jose Maria Molina
11:00 AM Tene "Claire" Zoungrana
Gina Rose Montalto
12:30 PM For the People of the Parish
6:00PM Alfredo Martinez-Blanco

Monday, December 31st - Seventh Day with the Octave of Christmas

6:50AM Elena Scudieri
12:00 PM Thomas Shea

Tuesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00AM For the People of the Parish
11:00AM For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 2nd - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory the Nazianzen

6:50 AM Anthony Pucillo
12:00PM Rose Cucino

Thursday, January 3rd - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:50AM Rosario Alvarez
12:00PM Maria Fedele

Friday, January 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:50AM Mary O'Keefe
8:30AM Joseph Modero
12:00PM Victor C. Stanionis
5:30PM Benediction

Saturday, January 5th - St. John Neumann

8:00AM Pasquale Rossignuolo
5:00PM Henry Kiernan

Sunday, January 6th - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM For the Intentions of Carmelita Ginivan
9:00AM Philomena O'Grady Clarke
11:00 AM Charles J. Damore, Jr.
12:30 PM Pearl & Ray Hall, Sr.
6:00PM Special Intention

