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BULLETIN

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December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Weekdays Monday-Saturday

8:30 am Morning Mass

Weekends Saturday Eve & Sundays

Saturday: Confessions 4-4:45 pm and 5:00 pm Mass
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am *with Live Stream*
12 Noon & 5:00 pm Masses

Rectory (9am-4pm)

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY December 25, 2023

7:30 am Archie Nieman
9:00 am William J. Krejci, Sr.
10:30 am Patrick and Peter McDonnell
12:00 pm People of the Parish
No 5:00 PM Mass

TUESDAY December 26, 2023

8:30 am Christmas Novena

WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2023

8:30 am Christmas Novena

THURSDAY December 28, 2023

8:30 am Christmas Novena

FRIDAY December 29, 2023

8:30 am Christmas Novena

SATURDAY December 30, 2023

8:30 am Christmas Novena
5:00 pm Juan Guerrero
Peter, Marian, and Marie Williams
Pedro Guevara
Steven Sivak
Natalio Galindes

SUNDAY December 31, 2023 Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 am Eden DeMesa Catapusan
9:00am Nelson Pang
10:30am Jennifer Anne Wilson
12:00pm Helen B. Zink
5:00pm People of the Parish



The Sacrificial Bread and Wine
is offered in Memory of
Louis Cerra
On behalf of Anna Cerra.

Rectory Office Closed for Christmas Week

Please be advised that our Rectory Office will be closed
Sunday, December 24, 2023
through Monday, January 1, 2024.

We will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
If necessary please call the Rectory office at 718-969-2448
leave a message



**Miraculous Medal Novena takes place on
Monday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass.**

Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

O glorious Saint Joseph
you were chosen by God to be
the foster-father of Jesus, the
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and head of the Holy Family.
You have been chosen by Christ's
Vicar as the Heavenly Patron and
Protector of the Church founded
by Christ. Therefore, with the
greatest confidence, we implore
your powerful intercession for
the whole Church today.

Guide in a special manner,
our Holy Father and all bishops,
priests, deacons, and all members
of the Body of Christ who try
to live the Gospel message.
Be our Protector amid the trials and
tribulations of this life. Obtain
for us great purity of heart and a
fervent love for the spiritual life.

Grant that, after your example,
all our actions may be directed to the
greater glory of God, in union with
the Sacred Heart of Jesus
the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
and your own paternal heart.
Finally, pray for us that we may
share in the peace and joy of your
holy death, in the company of
Jesus and Mary. Amen.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Christmas Eve/ Christmas Mass Schedule 2023

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve
5PM Vigil Mass &
12:00am Midnight Mass
(Lessons & Carols begin at 11:30pm)
Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day
7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12noon
**There is no 5:00 PM Mass
on Christmas Day.**

**New Years Day January 1, 2024 is not a
Holyday of Obligation.
We will only have the usual 8:30 AM Mass
this day.**



December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent



Dear Parishioners,

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying, “*Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will.*” *The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior. St. Luke wrote, “And Mary treasured all of these things and reflected on them in her heart.”*

With everything going on in our world and in our lives this past year we too need to pause and treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts. And that gift is simply **Jesus**, true God who became true man, who came to perfectly reveal God’s truth and love to us, who died and rose for our salvation, and who founded a Church – a family – where His presence continues in both Word and Sacrament.

Treasure and reflect on the gift of Jesus and the faith you share in Him as a member of the Catholic Church and parishioner of Holy Family Parish.

We must not let Christmas pass us by. Let us live in the spirit of *Christ-mas each day. Reflect upon how to better treasure this gift each day by making prayer an important part of your day, by reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Rosary, by having a stronger devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass, going to Confession, and doing those good works for those entrusted to our care and for those in need. May this Christmas, move us by God’s grace to an even more intimate relationship with our Lord this year. May our souls be like the stable in Bethlehem where Christ first made His dwelling among us.*

Finally, on behalf of your Parish Priests and Staff, we treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ’s love and peace. In a special way, we thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations. On behalf of Msgr. Furnari, Msgr. Caserta, Father Anthony, Father Ralph, and myself along with Sr. Mylene, Deacon Cassidy, the weekend assistant priests, and all the Staff of Holy Family Parish, we wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year!

Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

May God bless you,
Father Sean

December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

“Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.” (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel:

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” (Lk 1:31)

CCD.

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/
Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve



Let us pray for the Sick

Rico Adelane, Rose Albergo, Claire Albino, John Amato, Tomi Anello, Ralph & Josephine Ashton, Melissa Bersamin, John Betro, Angela Blardony, Hannah Bocker, Andrew Caliendo, Shannon Costello, Florence Castagliola, Cedric Tess Cordoba, Cedric Cortes, Giovanna Conte, Theresa Cooney, Patrick Creegan, Peter Cruz, Arnulfo Deangkinay, Lucille DeMaria, Jon Deweil, Luke Enriquez, Virginia Falzarano, Sr. Barbara Flossie, Grace Garios, Janet Ann Gillen, John Andrew Gillen, Annie Gong, Rhonda Healey, Tom Hennelly, Paul Hickey, Maria Jara, Josephine Joseph, Jerry Kerth, Jr., Kenneth Kerwin, Lillian Kienle, Fanny Leon, Joseph Leva, James Leung, Lauren Mamba, Evelyn Manding, Vivian Mariano, Elaine Mark, Richard Mark, Diana Medina, Rochi Mirasol, Vincent Murray, Christine Olzanski, Kolbe Olzanski, Elmo Paluspre, Angela Parisi, Frances Powierski, Aura Quintero, Carol Quintero, Eliecer Quintero, Gregory Restrepo, Miguel Rivera, Catherine, Mary Roth, Berta Sagurda, Marlyn Samudio, Lourdes Gomez Santos, Ethel Schweitzer, Lilia Slampiak, Gertrude Slavin, John Smalley, Carmen Rosa Smith, Graysen Smith, Helen Schlenkermann, Cynthia Simpson, Dan Sindo, Sebastiao Guerra Sobrinho, Joe Sonenfeld, Ana Stafford, Reming Stafford, Lyndon Swammy, Irene Swidler, Frank Thomas, Jessica Thomas, Ricky Torres, Norma Vaccaro, Socorro A. Venturanza, Leon Weinstein, John Willis, Meg Wong, Gustavo Wu, Patricia Wu, John Zaptin.

Please contact the Rectory to add a name to our Sick List.

If you feel you or your family member no longer need to be on the sick list please notify us.



Weekly Offering

December 17, 2023 Parish Offering
Not available due to early bulletin deadline.

Your generosity and kindness is very appreciated.



My Christmas Gift To My Church

“Your Christmas Gift to Church”.

During this Advent season the gift you offer goes directly into our parish operating budget. This budget helps us to meet all of our expenses and also support repairs going on around the Church.

The parish truly relies on your
“Gift to Church”
at this time of year.

May the spirit of giving and receiving inspire you
during this Advent season.
Thank you for your kind support.

Please note there was an error in the envelope mailing packet. The gift to my church is now on Christmas weekend. However, for your convenience we have placed extra “Gift to My Church” envelopes in the pews and at the doors of the church.

Your kindness is very appreciated.



Please remember our Deceased

**Gladys Aime
Vito Di Paola
Edna Simpson**

Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God,
Rest in Peace. Amen



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas
and a happy and
Holy New Year on behalf of

Rev. Sean M. Suckiel, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Casper J. Furnari, OFS, KHS, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Msgr.
Thomas G. Caserta, In residence
Rev. Ralph Edel, In Residence
Dcn. Eugene Cassidy, Deacon
Sisters and Staff.

Christmas Novena of Masses

**Beginning on Tuesday, December 26th we will
have a Special Novena of Masses
to remember our loved ones.**

The nine Masses will begin on
Tuesday, December 26, 2023 and
continue until January 4, 2023 .

**To have your loved one remembered in this Novena
please pick up a green "Novena of Christmas Masses"
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Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, The Archangel,
 Defend us in battle. Be our protection
 against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
 May God rebuke him, We humbly pray;
 And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
 By the power of God
 cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
 who prowl throughout the world
 Seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



BAPTISM

Please call for an appointment to register.
 To register, please call the Rectory to arrange an appointment and bring the child's Birth Certificate, and a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee to the Rectory.


There are preparatory events:

1. INITIAL INTERVIEW
2. BAPTISM CATECHESIS
3. THE BLESSING OF THE INFANT



Marriage

Please contact the rectory to make an appointment to see a Priest at least **Six Months** prior to your desired date.



First Saturday Devotion

This is an invitation to
 All of Our Blessed Mother Devotees

The Five First Saturday Devotion of the Holy Family Parish Prayer Group has formed.
 Please join us
 on the First Saturday of the every month.
Our next meeting will be on Saturday January 6, 2024.

We begin after the 8:30 am Mass followed by the Rosary and prayer meeting to follow in Msgr. Mahoney Hall.

For more information please email:
 nancyrg64@yahoo.com
 or text her at: 917-287-2911

R.C.I.A.
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?
 Are you unbaptized but want to be baptized in the Catholic Church?
 Are you a baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic?
 Are you a baptized Catholic in need of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you!
Please contact the Rectory.

WELCOME

We kindly invite you to come to the Parish Office and register as a member of Holy Family.

It is important because then we are able to issue you official letters if and when you need to become a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation.

If you do **not** register we do not have a permanent record of you being a Parishioner. If you decide you want donation envelopes we can also issue you a tax statement of your contributions that you have offered during the year. Your registration will also help us with our parish census.

Thank you and welcome!

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