

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

WELCOME

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Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:30 pm Anytime by appointment

<u>Baptisms</u>

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six months prior to the wedding.

Prayer Requests

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @ www.stmarkemporium.org or prayers@gmail.com

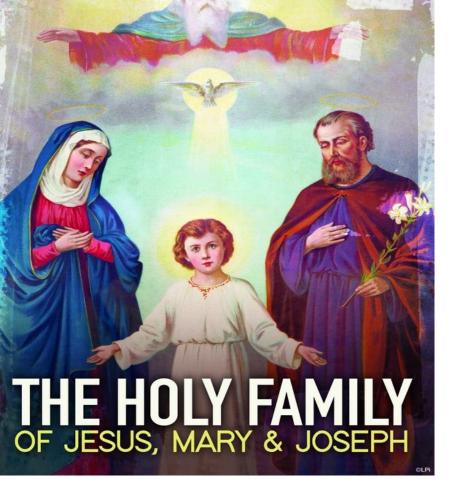
MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 27 NO MASS (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8)

TUESDAY, DEC. 28 NO MASS (1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29 NO MASS (1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35) THURSDAY, DEC. 30 8:15 AM MARY SIEBERT (Phyllis Sullivan) (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FRIDAY, DEC. 31 5:15 PM STEVE NADJI (ANNIV.) (The Family) (1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18)



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SATURDAY, JAN. 1

4:15 PM ROBERT TANNEN (ANNIV.) (Fr. Paul Siebert)

SUNDAY, JAN. 2 9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES (The Pastor) (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12) EPIPHANY

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News and Events

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<u>THE FEAST OF</u> <u>THE HOLY</u> <u>FAMILY</u>

The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model of all

Christian families. Just like Mary and Joseph were united in order to bring Jesus into the world, so the purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. This feast day is observed with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth.



<u>CHRISTMAS</u> <u>LITURGIES</u>

To all who made our Christmas liturgies so very beautiful and meaningful, we offer our heartfelt gratitude. A special thank you to our organist, choir, folk group, children's choir, lectors, altar servers, ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, maintenance crew. those who decorated the church, and anyone we may have failed to mention. Thank you to all who contributed to Christmas Altar Flower Memorials. With your help we are serving God by spreading His love to other through worship and spiritual nourishment. Emmanuel, God is with us!



<u>A Family</u> <u>Perspective</u>

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?



THE CHOSEN

The widely popular series, THE CHOSEN, Season one, will be shown in O'Connell Hall beginning <u>SATURDAY</u> night, <u>JAN. 8TH following</u> <u>4:15 PM Mass</u>. This series

offers a creative, fresh perspective; an exploration of

the life of Jesus Christ through the eyes of those that interacted with him. Each episode is less than an hour.

This is a great way to get through the darkness of winter after the holidays. A new season will be shown every other week. What a great way to work our way from the New Year through Lent, finishing season one on *Palm Sunday*.

Please join us.... we'll have the popcorn maker going!!



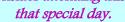


SAT. JAN. 1 @ 4:15 PM SUN. JAN. 2 @ 9:00 AM At the Nativity of Christ, the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi is a revelation of God to man. At this visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

<u>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</u> <u>FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 2021</u> <u>MASS @ 5:15 PM</u>

Mary, Mother of God is a special High Feast day honoring Mary's special place as the Mother of us all.

We see Mary just days after the grueling journey and the amazing birth. She is carrying out the promise she made to Gabriel. All is well. The child is healthy and cuddly, and the angels, unable to contain their joy, have once more danced hugely into Mary's life. Her calm took place within a crowded, difficult, cramped stable, one we can only imagine. "Let it be done unto me according to your will." Let each of us try to be able to echo her words, at least for a few moments. Try it now. *Please consider attending this mass on*





Seventh Annual 138 Women's Conference Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138

Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-

12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. *St. Mark will be hosting this event virtually again*

this year. We had a great turn out last year...please consider joining us! This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch.

Watch future bulletins for more details.





As we make resolutions for 2022, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our *Forgiven* series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!

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