



**PARISH  
INFORMATION**



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
Also by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

**REGISTRATION**

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

**ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at (516) 621-2222.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

**PLEASE PRAY  FOR THE SICK**

Kathleen Capuano  
Rebekah Cole  
Kevin Cronin  
Paul Cronin  
Joseph V. Danbusky  
John Damiano  
Jessica Dawson  
Linda De Stio  
John Paul DiNonno  
Kieran Doran  
James Dougherty  
Eric DuBois  
Members of Ferreira  
Family  
Noel Glen  
Stephen Grabher  
Roberta Greco

Christine Kenney  
Frank Krukowski  
John LaPreziosa  
Janet Levchuck  
Richard Malon  
Marilyn Manning  
Stuey Manzione  
Justin Paradine  
Diana Pearce  
Karen Petrik  
Marion Prendergast  
Gregory Racaniello  
Jaxon Rivera  
Clotida Vecchione  
Ronald Webb  
Anne Wright  
Mary Wybaillie

**Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Michael A. Friend  
by Barbara Nakelski
- 11:00 a.m. Francis G. Califano - 4th Anniversary  
by His Family  
Jeffrey M. Kalenka  
by Wife, Phyllisann  
Albertina Oppedisano  
by Carmela Caputo  
Philip Tiberio Jr. - 5th Anniversary  
in Heaven  
by His Loving Family
- 12:30 p.m. Joseph & Ann Gunning  
by Their Children

**Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Tuesday, January 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

- 9:00 a.m. Jean O'Leary  
by The Hansen Family

**Wednesday, January 3: Christmas Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. John Rocco  
by Alice and Chris Gunther

**Thursday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

- 9:00 a.m. Josefina Sereno  
by Benedicta Ang

**First Friday, January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop**

- 9:00 a.m. For the Departed Soul of  
Dr. Rodolfo Magpantay  
by Dr. Esmeraldo Magpantay  
and Family

**First Saturday, January 6: Christmas Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Celebrant
- 5:00 p.m. Edward Nawrocki  
by Peggy & Michael Carillo

**Sunday, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 7:30 a.m. Kay Lynch  
by Jeanne & Scott Lewis
- 9:00 a.m. Walter Durr  
by His Family
- 11:00 a.m. Jennifer Harding McGeown  
By Her Family  
Lisa & Michael Reali- 44th Wedding Anniv.  
by Toni Sanzeri  
Giovanna Tiberia  
by The DeNardis Family
- 12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY**

**December 31, 2023**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22, 39-40

**FOCUS:** Imitate the Holy Family, the true model of life.

Even in their holiness, Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were not exempt from suffering, and the difficulties of life. Yet they never wavered in their commitment to God or to each other. Theirs was a home where the child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Let us strive to make our homes a haven for others to grow in love, virtue, and favor.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Abram puts his faith in God’s promise of a child despite his and Sarah’s old age. In the second reading the author emphasizes all that Abraham did was by faith. In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the temple, and meet Simeon and Anna who prophesy about the child.

Readings for next week, Sunday January 7, 2024

- 1) Is 60: 1-6
- 2) Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 3) Mt 2:1-12

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**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP  
AS A WAY OF LIFE**

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

As we enter the new year, make a resolution to deepen your prayer life. Adopt a new spiritual practice, like praying the Rosary daily, attending a weekday Mass or going to confession monthly.

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Sunday Offering ~ Dec. 24  
 Same Week Last Year

Mass Attendance for ~ Dec. 24  
 Same Week Last Year

*\*Does not include Faith Direct*

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**2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

St. Mary’s Parish Assessed Goal	<b>\$66,300.00</b>
Amount Raised to Date	<b>\$27,220.00</b>
Number of Gifts and/or Pledges	<b>77</b>
Percentage of Goal	<b>41.06%</b>

**✠ Celebrants for the Weekend of ✠  
January 6/7, 2024**

	<b>Celebrants*</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phyllisann Kalenka - L
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	John Dussel - L Anne Dussel - EM
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Joe Castellano - L Mary McHale - L Charles Dellavecchia - EM
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	1-4 Gr. Level Liturgy
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Jackie Doyle - L

\* Subject to last minute changes.



January and February mass intentions are still available if you would like to have a mass said for a loved one.

Please call the rectory office at (516) 621-2222.

***The Rectory will be closed  
Monday, January 1st***



Just a reminder all St. Mary’s Masses are on Youtube link

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn>

## The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...” (Preamble of the Constitution) “Subdue your appetites, my dears, and you’ve conquered human nature.” (Dickens) “Human nature is not black and white but black and grey.” (Graham Greene)

Human nature is a perennially fascinating subject, if only because it challenges us to ponder the meaning of existence before society “gets its hands” on us. What is “man” in the state of nature? Rousseau believes that we are basically good because we come from God, and then ruined the moment we come in contact with society. Hobbes thinks people are innately selfish, in which case society is necessary, not so much to ennoble us, as to keep us from destroying each other! We Catholics believe, along with St. Augustine, that all creatures are good by virtue of their existence, and yet imperfect; it is why we need others, beginning with the family unit, to attain a higher degree of perfection. Why else do we obey our parents and teachers, if not because we must grow in virtue? The same is true for Catholics as well as non-Catholics. Moreover, we believe that training in the “theological” virtues of faith, hope, and love prepare us for the rewards of heaven, just as the “cardinal” virtues of justice, temperance, courage, and prudence lead to happiness in this life.

It follows that the family is the prime example of a human institution that can be understood apart from the context of Christianity, although it is best appreciated in the light of faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is worth asking whether, and to what extent, the “perfection” of human nature is attainable through the imposition of some kind of formal program by means of which we root out our sinful tendencies and replace them with wholesome, virtuous behaviors. If you remember your classical mythology, this was the thinking behind the return of the so-called “Golden Age” when the natural appetites of mankind were in keeping with reason. According to Charles Taylor, there were both Catholic and Protestant attempts at

achieving human perfection. The Catholic version (under the educational influence of Lipsius) advocated a form of neo-Stoicism, and the Protestant version (under John Calvin), an adherence to civil law. Certainly, the effort was a noble one, but perhaps destined to fall short. A new appreciation of Seneca’s Stoic principles was praiseworthy, although somewhat bloodless; human law can bring about uniformity of action, but a union of minds and hearts is another matter. Family, it seems, is a more efficacious for cultivating perfection, for two reasons. First, it allows for the benefits of creative dualities: human and divine, male and female, knowledge and experience, reward and punishment, love and forgives: in a word, the give and take that lie at the heart of happy, successful families. Furthermore, as every family is made up of human beings, perfection will always be elusive IF NOT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) does a masterful job in keeping before us the ideal of the family as the basic unit of society, one that sees God as the origin of and end of family, and the guarantor of truth, love, and justice for all its members. In an age that seeks to remake natural institutions according to political ideology, we are reminded that God constitutes the family as a permanent commitment between one man and one woman for the sake of mutual good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children (CCC 2197-2233). Family, furthermore, exists prior to the state in the order of being, in which case the purpose of the state is to strengthen and support the bonds of the family, not to supplant or undermine it. By a wonderful paradox, the earthly family fulfills its purpose when it prepares its members to join the family of God in heaven. By the intercession of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, let us pray that all families find their true happiness in God.

Faithfully,

*Fr. Valentine*

Fr. Valentine

## Be Our Light for the New Year



**Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be  
with us today and always.  
Be our Light, our Guide, and  
our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, our Courage,  
and our Sanctifier.  
May this new year be a time of  
deep spiritual growth for us,  
A time of welcoming your  
graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely and  
unconditionally,  
A time for growing in virtue  
and goodness.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Be with us today and always.**

**Amen**

## Invitation to Sing



Do you like to Sing? New members are always welcome to join our choir. This might be the ministry for you.

It's a very warm welcoming group with whom you will enjoy singing. We rehearse Thursdays at 7 PM in the lower church. If interested see Paul Eschenauer after Mass or call the Rectory.



*Saint Michael, Judgement Day of Saint Alban church in Cologne. Colijn de Coter. (ca 1455)*

## Wine Down Saturday

January 13<sup>th</sup>

Will immediately follow the 5:00 Mass at the Parish Center Cafeteria

Bring a beverage of choice and a food dish or appetizer to share with the community. All are welcome!

Boxes for the Big Game will be available for purchase.



### *Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel*

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protector 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 about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.

**Amen**

*(Prayer by Pope Leo XIII)*

# Religious Education at St Mary's - 12/31/2023

As each year passes, we learn more and more about the important things in our lives, our families, our friends, and the things that bring us joy. But we must keep in mind, none of this is possible with out Jesus, that sweet little baby who was born to us in the humblest way, is the Light of the World. He is our Light in the darkness,



and the Way that we must walk, this year and every year. We need to remember to hold on to those we love and pray with them each and every day. Have a blessed 2024!



## KID'S CORNER

### Holy Family Word-Find

L GODSELFLESS  
 OMHVJEF AEJAC  
 COOPERATIONA  
 HTLCSLMHSSHR  
 IHYHUEIEHELP  
 LEOOSALRAPOE  
 DRTMARYHRHVN  
 HOMEHNJAEET  
 FAITHROPEACE  
 FOSTERYPPPOOR  
 PERFECTY CARE



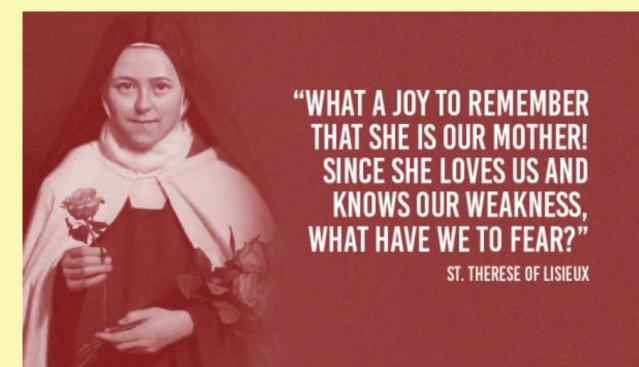
See if you can find all these words about the Holy Family in the puzzle!

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

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|-------------|--------|----------|
| CARE        | GOD    | LOVE     |
| CARPENTER   | HAPPY  | MOTHER   |
| CHILD       | HELP   | MARY     |
| COOPERATION | HOLY   | PEACE    |
| FAITH       | HOME   | PERFECT  |
| FAMILY      | JESUS  | POOR     |
| FATHER      | JOSEPH | SELFLESS |
| FOSTER      | JOY    | SHARE    |
|             | LEARN  |          |

The best way to be like the Holy Family:

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December 31st, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family  
 January 1st, 2024: Feast of Mary the Mother of God



Mary,

☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?  
 Use the code to find out!

D E F G H M O R T  
 ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

Entrance

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the

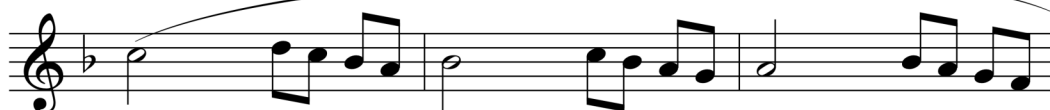


sing - ing o'er the plains, and the moun - tains  
 joy - ous strains pro - long? Say what may the  
 birth the an - gels sing; come, a - dore on  
 choirs of an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph,



in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
 bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

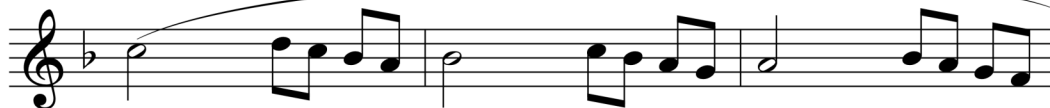
Refrain



Glo -



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Glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

# Gloria

## At the 11 Only

# Heritage Mass

## Missa Pacem

### Refrain

Gló - ri - a! Gló - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord re - mem - bers his cov - e - nant for ev - er. —

## Offertory

## Once In Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is  
3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by  
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
day like us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and  
own re - deem - ing love, for that child so dear and

ba - by in a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y was that  
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the poor, op -  
help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feels for  
gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he leads his

moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
pressed, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.



Holy, Holy, Holy  
Mass  
Acclamation  
Great Amen  
Mass

Schubert

Save Us Savior of the World

Schubert

## Communion

## O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -  
*1. Ad - e - ste fi - de - les, lae - ti, tri - um -*

2. † God of God, Light of  
 3. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul -  
 4. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py

um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to  
*phan - tes, ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in*  
 Light, † Lo! He comes forth from the  
 ta - tion, † sing, all ye cit - i - zens of all  
 morn - ing, † Je - sus, to thee be all

Beth - le - hem; come and be -  
*Beth - le - hem. Na - tum vi -*  
 Vir - gin's womb. Our ver - y  
 heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to  
 glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
*de - te, Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.*  
 God, be - got - ten not cre - at - ed,  
 God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O  
*Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve -*

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
*ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do -*

dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
*re - mus Do - mi - num.*

# Recessional Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing,  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored;  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!



“Glo - ry to the new - born King! Peace on earth and  
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Late in time be -  
 Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness! Light and life to



mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
 hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no



of the skies; with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim,  
 De - i - ty, pleased as man with us to dwell,  
 more may die, born to raise us from the earth,



“Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!” Hark! The her - ald  
 Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el. Hark! The her - ald  
 born to give us sec - ond birth. Hark! The her - ald



an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”  
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