



CHRISTMAS 2019

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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MASSES/MESSE

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

Deacon Frank Iannarino, Parish Administrator

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OFFICE HOURS, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Administration of both parishes is done through the office at
St. John the Baptist – 168 E. Lincoln Street.*

RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONE – One half-hour prior to weekend Mass or by request/appointment.

BAPTISM/BATTESIMO – Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament. Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

MATRIMONY/MATRIMONIO – Arrangements should be made at least six or more months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/INFERMI – **In cases of emergencies, please call anytime. Please notify the Parish Office for Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins.** Due to privacy laws, if parishioners wish to be visited in the hospital, they should contact the Parish Office directly and give the information regarding the hospitalization. **If you are scheduled for surgeries or other medical procedures,** please contact the Parish Office in advance so that a priest can administer Anointing of the Sick prior to the procedure.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you into our Parish Families. Membership in the parish consists of two parts: **Registration:** Please fill out form and return to Office. **Participation:** As a member of the Church, you are accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as well as supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your time and talents, and a worthy Sunday offering to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors.



From the Deacon's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

Our focus today is on the family as we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**.

Like many of you, growing up in a very large **Italian** family was, for me, **GREAT!!** For many of you who are also of **Italian** descent, the importance of family cannot be overstated or over emphasized. The family is where we discover what it means to be human; where we discover our strengths and weaknesses; where we experience love and forgiveness; where we learn about relationships, unity, sacrifice, loving others, accepting others; where we learn values and attitudes and trust and how to handle stress; and, how to be responsible. All these important learning tasks are, hopefully, learned in a relatively healthy family. I say "relatively healthy" because none of our families are perfect.

Today, we also celebrate the importance of another family, our **PARISH FAMILY**. Since **1896**, families have gathered here at **Saint John the Baptist**. Over the years, it was here, too, where we discovered who we are as **God's** children; how to trust **God**, love **God** and one another. We learn values here, values that are intended to lead us to eternal life. Hopefully, we learn how to give as well as take, how to forgive as well as be forgiven. Here we gather around a family table to be fed, not with perishable food but with food that will nourish us eternally.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is just as important in its own way as our family of origin. On a personal note, it has been my privilege these last couple of months to serve all of you as the parish administrator. As we stand on the threshold of another year, none of us knows what the future holds, but if I could make a guess, I think for many reasons **Saint John the Baptist** will be here for a very long time. I do want to say how grateful I am to have so many people's support.

May we continue to be strong and healthy families...as well as a strong, healthy, and welcoming parish...full of thankfulness. May we rejoice one day in the home of the one **Father** we all have in common, our **Father** in heaven - united with Our **Blessed Mother, Mary**, and all the **Angels and Saints. Amen!**

Saint John the Baptist pray for us.

Happy New Year!
Deacon Frank

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 12/29	9:30 a.m.	Sean McCreary by Amy & Scott Burhart
Sun., 12/29	9:30 a.m.	Jill Waddell by Toni & Drew Hall
Sun., 1/5	9:30 a.m.	Giovanni and Antonia Capoccia by Maria Capoccia & family
Sun., 1/5	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Quaranto by Linda McCreary

**Celebrant for Sunday Mass,
January 5th, Msgr. Missimi**

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Joyce Tisone
by Carl Tisone
Blessed Sacrament: Danny Ristucci
by Robert & Marge Contino, OFS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, December 29, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, Gabe Bishop
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pete Tamburro, Sharon D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto, Judy Pishitelli, Margaret Panico-Harn

Sunday, January 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Rossetti, Ed Pagnanelli, Sharon D'Alberto, Marge Contino, Andrea Myers

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon., 12/30	Italian Village Catholic Faith Sharing Group Men and Women's meeting will resume January 13, 2020. If on any Mondays during the winter the weather is bad the meeting will be automatically cancelled.
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2019 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

December 29 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

December 30 –

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

December 31 –

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

January 1 – *The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;*

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 ***New Year's Day***

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

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

January 3 – *Christmas Weekday – Holy Name of Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29–3:6/Jn 1:29-34

January 4 – *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

January 5 – *Epiphany of the Lord*

I 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

****Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, & consecrated religious life.***


PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village.***

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around **9:00-9:05 a.m.**, and it takes about **15-20** minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact the **Men's Faith Sharing** group. Leaders for **December** and **January** are:

- December 29** Gary Bosco ~ The Joyful Mysteries
- January 5** Carl Tisone ~ The Joyful Mysteries
- January 12** Vincent Davis ~ The Joyful Mysteries

National Migration Week is January 5-11, 2020: This is an opportunity for the **Church** to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims/survivors of human trafficking. This year's theme, "**Promoting a Church and a World for All,**" draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.



Office Hours:
The Parish office hours are **Monday-Friday**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The office will be closed for **New Year's Eve, December 31st** and **New Year's Day, January 1st** and resume **January 2, 2020.**

World Day of Peace 2020: On **January 1st, 2019**, **Pope Francis** will mark the annual **World Day of Peace** with a message. **Pope Francis** compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized.

- SJB Collection Counters for Monday, December 30, 2019**
Maruja Paule & Darlene Rauch
- SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 6, 2020**
Linda McCreary & Paula Pesce

Feast of the Holy Family: Today, we honor the **Holy Family**. The devotion to the **Holy Family** was born in **Bethlehem**, together with the **Baby Jesus**. The shepherds went to adore the **Child**, and, at the same time, they gave honor to **His** family. Later, the three wise men came from the **East** to adore and give honor to the newborn **King** with gifts of **gold, frankincense, and myrrh** that would be safeguarded by **His** family.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN
December 22 & 29th, 2019
Due to the holidays the weekly stewardship will be in January 5th's bulletin.

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: This feast is the celebration of **Mary's** motherhood of **Jesus**. The title "**Mother of God**" is a western derivation from the **Greek Theotokos**, which means "**God bearer.**" On this day, we are reminded of the role that the **Blessed Virgin** played in the plan of our salvation. Calling **Mary "Mother of God"** is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as **Christmas** honors **Jesus** as the "**Prince of Peace,**" the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** honors **Mary** as the "**Queen of Peace.**" **New Year's Day** is also designated as the **World Day of Peace**, further acknowledging the role of **Mary** in our hearts and in our world.

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Sacred Heart Church	Vigil	5:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Cathedral		4:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church		5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
		Holy Hour & Midnight

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2020

St. Joseph's Cathedral	Day	10:00 a.m.
St. Patrick's Church		7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
		12:00 p.m.

NO MASS AT ST. JOHN'S NEW YEAR'S EVE OR DAY!

The LaBefanna Celebration is **Sunday, January 5, 2020**, sponsored by the **Le Donne** members after **Mass** in **Marrapese Hall**. Please bring children, grandchildren and enjoy this beautiful tradition.



Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for **Egypt**.

He stayed there until the death of **Herod**, that what the **Lord** had said through the prophet might be fulfilled,


Out of Egypt I called my son.
Matthew 2: 14-15

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of **January** is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**. The first twelve days of **January** fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of **January** are the beginning of **Ordinary Time**.

Holy Father's Intention for January 2020: You are invited to answer the **Holy Father's** request and join with people worldwide in praying for the following intention: **We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.**

Poverty Awareness Month: January is **Poverty Awareness Month!** More than 40 million **Americans** currently live in poverty. You can make a difference: **Encounter, Learn, Act.** Visit the **USCCB's Poverty USA** website (www.povertyusa.org) and learn how.



Hail Mary
Hail Mary
full of Grace.
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death
Amen.

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