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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 29, 2019

Procession: **O Little Town of Bethlehem** –
GATHER #363
Gloria: Music Card #1
Responsorial Psalm: **Blest Are Those Who Love You** –
GATHER #125
Gospel Acclamation: GATHER #258
Offertory: **Good Christian Friends Rejoice** –
GATHER #362
Holy, Holy: **“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts...”**



Mystery of Faith: **“When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death O Lord until you come again”**
Great Amen: GATHER #168
Lamb of God: GATHER #171
Communion Music: **It Came Upon A Midnight Clear** –
GATHER #367
Recessional: **Hark Herald Angels Sing** -GATHER #3

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: I hope everyone enjoyed a holy and happy Christmas with family and friends! Many thanks to everyone who came to our celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! What a rich and wonderful time! These were such great celebrations and I thank everyone who helped in countless ways to make them joyous and prayerful!

As much as everyone enjoys Christmas, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that we have an entire season to celebrate. With apologies to *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, the Christmas Season extends from the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve thru the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which in 2020 falls on Sunday, January 12th.

We celebrated the Feast of the Holy Innocents on Saturday morning. This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family followed by the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on with a 4 pm Vigil Mass on December 31st and 9 am and 11 am Masses on January 1st. We gather over the next two weekends for the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord; we are back to our regular weekend Mass schedule for these celebrations. Our Christmas Season has much to offer... join in for the Eucharist...celebrate this season with joy!

Merry Christmas, Fr. Joe

PS: Welcome back to all of our Blessed Sacrament parish families who were away visiting relatives and friends on Christmas! Welcome home! Would you please consider your Christmas donation to Blessed Sacrament, your spiritual home? Your Christmas gift allows us to continue our parish ministries with Sacraments and service to our families and community.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR

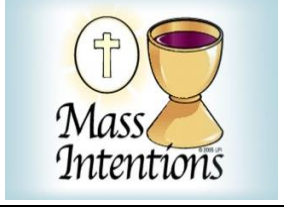
- **New Year's Eve/Mary Mother of God vigil** - 4:00 pm
- **New Year's Day/Mary Mother of God** – 9:00 am and 11:00 am
- **Epiphany of the Lord** – January 4, 4:00 pm, January 5, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and Noon
- **Baptism of the Lord** – January 11, 4:00 pm, January 12, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and Noon

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday, January 3 from 6:00-7:00 pm in the church.

COLLECTION NEWS: Our offertory collection from last weekend was **\$9,564**. The Christmas Flowers collection was **\$1,249**. The second collection last week for our Blessed Sacrament School was **\$2,166**. The Christmas collection was **\$22,788**. *Your continued stewardship makes all things possible*. Many thanks for all you do!

END OF YEAR: With December 31st approaching, some of you may be thinking about tax planning and donations. Let me ask that you keep Blessed Sacrament Church and School in mind as you complete your year-end planning. You can direct your gift to our Blessed Sacrament School and Blessed Sacrament Church (Church Building fund, the Bishop's Appeal and Re-Igniting Our Faith). Bishop's Appeal gifts are always welcome; we're about \$15,000 away from our \$103,000 goal. Please note any gifts *received* after 12/31/2019 must be recorded for 2020 tax year, regardless of the date on the check.

FABULOUS FEBRUARY: Tickets are **\$10** for a drawing every day in February. On **Valentine's Day**, **\$1,000** is given; on **weekends**, **\$100** and **weekdays**, **\$50**. All winners are put back into the drum and could be pulled again. Invite others to help with this fundraiser for the School by buying and helping to sell these popular tickets. The red flyers at the exits list prizes for each day and the bottom is the ticket. Cut it off and return it with your \$10 donation. This is the school's major fundraiser.

Saturday 12/28/2019 4:00 Dorothy Mittler Catherine Mooney Mary Nally Loretta & Howard Miller Angela, Frank & Antonia Nicotina John Danahy	Monday 12/30/2019 7:00 John Lincoln 12:00 Patricia Noel	Wednesday 1/1/2020 Mary Mother of God New Year's Day 9:00 Peace On Earth 11:00 Barbara Connery-Lima Mary Jane Kennedy	Friday 1/3/2020 7:00 Fred & Beverly Shogry 12:00 Colleen Cain – Thanksgiving for Blessing
Sunday 12/29/2019 9:00 For the People 10:30 Assunpa DiSapsio Donald J. Roberts 12:00 Silve Kanigui Prisilla Munro Elizabeth Lawlor (10 Ann)	Tuesday 12/31/2019 7:00 Fr. Thomas Connery 12:00 Anthony Carmona 4:00 Christian Kalled	Thursday 1/2/2020 7:00 John & Phyllis Schallaci 12:00 Marianne C. Poletto	

Our 2020 calendar is open if you would like to remember deceased family, friends, neighbors and co-workers on weekends, weekdays, holidays or holy day Masses.

6:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays, in Urdu, for our Pakistani Parishioners.

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 - 3:30 P.M.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL: On Sunday, January 26, from 10 AM to 12 PM we will be holding an **Open House** for anyone interested in enrolling a student for September 2020, and for all parishioners that would like to see the school. We do offer a **Full-Day** Kindergarten program, as well as an **After School Program**. Families may register students for Nursery through Grade 8 at this event. Please spread the word of this Open House to families who have school age children. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

The Faculty, Staff, and Students wish you a Blessed New Year!!

SCHOOL BUCKS: DOING SOME AFTER CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Using gift cards for after Christmas shopping at Colonie Center? Remember SCHOOL BUCKS! Shopping at Colonie Center supports Blessed Sacrament School. Don't forget your Colonie Center Black Friday receipts! Avoid the hassle, drop them off and our volunteer will register them.

December double points: Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang's, Auntie Anne's; **triple points:** H&M, Bose, Sephora and Torrid.

Now through Wednesday, January 15 donate 3 non-perishable items at Regal and receive one raffle ticket for a chance at a 'Movie Swag' prize pack from Regal Cinema.

PLEASE NOTE we have been informed that people are leaving copies of receipts for the School Bucks program. These are **NOT** acceptable. If you need to keep originals, you may submit them in the Management Office Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm and they will be handed back to you. If you would like our volunteer to record and return them, provide a self addressed envelope and we will mail them back to you.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Merry Christmas and thank you to all those who participated in the 2:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Your presence and participation is a gift to us. Many thanks to our organist, Ed Savoy who played the piano for the children.

May you all continue to celebrate Jesus' birth and prepare to celebrate the Holy Mother of God, Mary on January 1.

Faith Formation sessions resume on Sunday, January 12th from 9:00-10:15 am followed by Mass at 10:30 am.

COLLEGE DROP-IN: College students are invited to meet for conversation and pizza on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office.

OUR FOOD PANTRY: Food Pantry will be **closed** Thursday, December 26 and Thursday, January 2. Thank you for supporting this ministry. We are in need of shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. Would you like to volunteer at our food pantry? Call the Parish Office for more information.

THRIFT SHOP: The Thrift Shop will be **closed** 12/24 – 1/2/2020. No donations will be accepted when the shop is closed.

HOLY NAMES SOCIETY: Our next meeting is January 6th at 7 pm in the Church basement. Parishioners may purchase tickets in the sacristy. All men of the parish are invited to attend our meetings.

OVER 50 CLUB: The Over 50 Club Chicken Parmesan Dinner has been rescheduled for March 2nd. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry. For more information call Anne Snyder at 518 869 5247.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Prayed the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday each month after the noon Mass. Prayer cards are available.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Forman Room.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of each month after the Noon Mass.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION, NEVER REGISTERED OR NEW TO THE PARISH? Please sign below and drop in the collection.

Name: _____ () I am new to the parish

Address: _____ () Updating Information

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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