



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH ✕ DECEMBER 31, 2017

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Dec. 30

5:00 PM – Ralph Benincasa Jr., / the family

SUNDAY, Dec. 31

8:00 AM – Christopher Hirsch / Family

10:00 AM – FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM + THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

SATURDAY, Jan. 6

5:00 PM + John Pierce/ Cox Family

SUNDAY, Jan. 7

8:00 AM – George Dobbs / Marianne Cusa

10:00 AM – Special Intentions / Skip & Judy Diller

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Dec. 30

5:00 PM + Gervase Castner / Pat & Tom Barrett

SUNDAY, Dec. 31

9:00 AM Christopher Hirsch Family

11:00 AM – Margaret Harnish / Jim & Roberta Smath

MONDAY, Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM + Peggy Zajdel- 1st Anniversary / Zajdel Family

TUESDAY, Jan. 2

8:00 AM + Albert Tisbert / Jill Bonfiglio

7:00 PM – Rosary

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3

8:00 AM + Robert McDonnell / Duane & Al Salzano

THURSDAY, Jan. 4

8:00 AM + Jerry Thompson / Faith & Tom Cassidy

FRIDAY, Jan. 5

8:00 AM +Charlotte Mary Riffel / Michele & Tom Grieves

SATURDAY, Jan. 6

5:00 PM Parish Family of St. Thomas & our Family & Friends / Jeannie & Eric Stroud

SUNDAY, Jan. 7

9:00 AM + Sophia Wolters / her son Theodore

11:00 AM – George Dobbs / Robert & Anntoinette Schmidt

THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY

USAF Airman James Perez

Cpl. Michael Koval, USMC

PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC

PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC

Let us keep them in our prayers.

In honor of the Military serving our country at home and abroad, we invite you to remain after the Recessional Song at all weekend Masses to recite three Hail Mary's for their safety.

Dear Parish Family:



The feast of the Holy Family was introduced into the liturgical calendar in 1921, promoted as a way to honor the Christian family. So today not only do we honor the Holy Family, we also focus on our families and consider how we can be like the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in their devoted love and care for each other and in the way Mary and Joseph raised and cared for Jesus, can be a model for our own families.

NEW YEAR'S DAY,

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

JAN 1ST 9:00 AM (BOTH CHURCHES)

(No evening Mass)



PRAYER FOR LIFE That the family may become ever more the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden, we pray

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Brennan McCoy, Veronica Janssen, Kathy Brennan, Bill Povalitis, Aaron Alonzo, Tony Cabrera, Adela Glusiec, Sal Giello, Sal D'Arco, Marie Claude Jerome & Family, Msgr. Brendan P. Madden, Kevin Wickert, Betty Klein, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola & Bob Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Danny Scillieri, Gail Brennan, Fr. Michael Burke, Fr. Ron Sordillo, Louis "Louie" Panetta, Rich Day, Vicki Cardinali, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Rose Kelly, Stephen Vecchiotti, Devon Carbery, Bishop emeritus Frank J. Rodimer, Vincent Ottani, Kathleen Peterson, Mrs. Karas, Linda Albecker, Ernie Sudo, Gloria Fetter, Penny Sorokach (nursing home), Brandon Wozniak, and Lisa Laganella.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:



Carolyn Wright, Regina McCartney, Bill Braccone, Michael Adams, Joseph Wyso, Jim Fierro, Loretta Perrucci, Theodore Ciesla, Lewis Kansas, Margaret Babich, John Mahon, Elvira Budesheim, Robert Olivieri, Pauline Diliberto, Sam Carabello, Alex D'Arco, Gene Keeler, Joan Cartier, John Habuda, Timothy Egan, Michael Kaiser, Margaret Godar, Anna Annucci, Eugene Ambrosio, Rosa Bascietto, Elena Galfo, George Dick, Elizabeth Minardi, Leah Mary Cummings, Jack Straus, Eileen Carbery, Stasia Wargo, Wladyslaw Kowalski, Marjorie (Peggy) Zajdel, Evelyn Geary, Shirley Brown, Marge Endlicher, Gary Smitheman, Chris Hirsch, Joan France, Rev. Fr. William Michael George (nephew of Nancy & Jim Zajdel), Esther Benard, Vincent Ginella, Marguerite Socci, Chris Woop, Antoinette Sterlaci, Mark Hale, Esther Punturieri, Lucy Cox, Claire Reilly, Joseph Romano, Fr. Bob Hooper, Madeline Mae Greischel, James Geary, Fr John Kenney C.S.P., John Zboraj, Helen Rogers, William Noriega, Gary Feiner, J. Glenn Beury and Shelia Rhoades.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK? Do I display the attributes described in today's readings when relating to my own family? As we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, do I show these qualities in my relations with friends, coworkers, and strangers?

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:



Anyone requesting a prayer shawl should fill out a form in the lobby of STA and leave the completed form in the basket. We will contact you with a time to pick up your shawl. For immediate need, please call Gabby Dyl at 973-713-0280. The Prayer Shawl ministry meets at STA at 7:30 pm the first Thursday of the month: next meeting is **Jan 4**, please join us. For more info. Call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-523.

FAMILY CONNECTION: One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.



Helping Hands is a combined parish community service group. If you are in need of any type of help, or if you know someone who needs help, please contact Gabrielle Dyl at 973-713-0280.

We are also searching for more volunteers! Open to all ages! This is a great way for the youth to get community service hours needed for Confirmation and Scouts.

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
TO BE HONORED IN CONVENT STATION**



The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth cordially invite you to join them for the Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Seton Associate Commitment Ceremony.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ, at 11:00 a.m. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the study hall of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. The Heritage Room at the Motherhouse will be open for a display of Mother Seton memorabilia. For more information call 973-290-5470. In case of inclement weather call (973) 290-5478. Snow date is January 13, 2018.

CHOOSE LIFE "The Word became flesh and dwelled among us," St. John's Gospel states. Perhaps if we could look at each unborn child as a word from God, we would be less likely to destroy those children who each have a unique message to share with the world.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Sunday**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
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

Monday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

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

First Friday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

BAPTISMS

At SJV: the last Sunday of the month either during the 10:30 am Mass **or at 11:45 am.** (Note the change in time)

At STA: the First Sunday of the month - either during the 11:00 a.m. Mass **or at 12:15 pm.** (Note the change in time.)

Couples desiring to have their child baptized **should be active parishioners, attending Mass regularly. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting.**

The next meeting will take place at Saint Thomas the Apostle on Monday evening at 7 pm January 8, 2018, March 19 - (CONFIRMATION is March 12 so the class had to be pushed back a week.) May 14 and July 9. To make baptismal arrangements contact the parish office by email: terry@ststjohn.org or call Saint John Vianney at 973-697-6550 / Saint Thomas the Apostle at 973-208-0090.

Knights of Columbus ~ Council Meetings

St. John Vianney Council #12649 meets at Saint John Vianney Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Joseph Lamb Council #5510 meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at Wiegand Farm – Department for Persons with Disabilities' meeting room. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

MARRIAGES

Prior to your booking of the reception, please call the Parish Office 1 year in advance of the wedding date to allow for proper pre-marital preparation.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Evening: 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

By request: contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Saint John Vianney/Saint Thomas the Apostle
Director of Rel. Ed. - debbie@ststjohn.org
CLASSES START: SATURDAY, SEPT 16, 2017**

Grades K-8: Saturday mornings 8:30 – 9:45AM

September – April at White Rock Elementary School.

Combined Confirmation Classes (9th & 10th Grade)
September – April, Bi-Monthly on Sunday mornings at Saint Thomas – Grade 9 - 10:30 AM - Noon Grade 10 - 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: A parishioner is one who belongs to the parish family. As such, he/she is registered and is committed through participation in the life of the parish community by attending mass regularly and by financially supporting your parish. In order for Baptism and Marriages to be administered and Sponsor Certificates, recommendations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting such must be registered and an active member of Saint John Vianney Parish or Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish community. We request that you register at the rectory when you move into our community so that we may be of service to you.

**God's
Chosen One**



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him... He came in the Spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regards to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God saying, ‘Now Master you can let your servant go in peace.’”

How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation ‘The Joy of Love’ provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, ‘Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.’

As we hear of all the new year’s resolutions, may we see this as our priority.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

