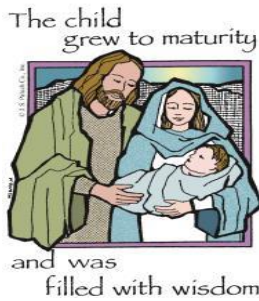


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December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD"
(1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

PSALM: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

SECOND READING: We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us
(1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

GOSPEL: Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

<u>New Year's Eve Mass</u>		<u>New Year's Day Mass</u>	
5:30PM	Tuesday, Dec 31 st	9:00 AM	Wednesday, Jan 1 st
Lector:	Volunteer	Lector:	Volunteer
5:30PM	Saturday - Jan 4 th	9:00AM	Sunday - Jan 5 th
Lector	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Denise Lakatos

Mass Intentions for the Week:

(Dec 30th - Jan 5th)

MON 12/30 7:00AM. + (A) Rich Poplinski - (Connie & Family)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

TUES 12/31 NO MORNING MASS

5:30PM. . + For Living & Deceased Members of St. Anne's Parish

NEW YEAR'S DAY

WED 01/01 9:00AM + (B) Margaret Blair - (Family)

THURS 01/02 7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar

FRI 01/03 7:00AM + Dom Kurtz, Sr - (Dave Schriff Family)

SAT 01/04 5:30PM. . + Pro Populo

SUN 01/05 9:00AM. . + (A) Ralph Holtzman - (Sister, Eleanor)

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Stewardship Reflections:

Today's Gospel reading on this Feast of the Holy Family gives us a glimpse into the childhood of Jesus with his Mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. This is a family like no other – consisting of the very Son of God, Mary the Queen of all Saints, and St Joseph the patron of the Universal Church. Yet as we see in today's Scripture passage, they led a life typical of the families of their day. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience, even today. And so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of Stewardship in family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2025, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. And let's make 2025 a year in our parish like never before. Happy Feast Day, parish family!

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
Dec 21st & Dec 22nd, 2024**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,545.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 270.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!



The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary – is this Wednesday, Jan 1st and is a **Holy Day of Obligation.**

There will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday, Dec 31st at 5:30PM.
Mass on Wednesday will be at 9AM.

Thank you so very much!! A special thank you to everyone who helped to get the Church ready for Christmas! All of the hard work that went into setting up the manger scenes, the cleaning and beautiful decorating of the Church, the Lectors, , Nadine for the beautiful music. Thank and God Bless each and every one of you.



The Christian Mothers would like to thank the "Special Angels" who volunteered their time to help wrap gifts at Boscov's. Your generosity is appreciated more than you know.

2024 Church Donations -- the cut-off date for posting donations for **2024 is Dec. 31st**. To receive credit on your 2024 Financial Statement, your envelopes must be received by that date. Any donation received after Dec 31st will be credited to 2025. Please call the office with any questions. Thank you.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! to the Moskal/Kennedy Funeral Home for once again providing beautiful calendars for our parish. God's blessings for your generous support to St. Anne's parish.

We are asking everyone during the month of January to write your name on your collection envelope to assist in posting. Thank you

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Bless Your Home -- Gather at the threshold of your home (inside or outside). Say a prayer noting the sacredness of your home and asking a blessing on all who enter and leave through this door. Using white chalk, write **20+C+M+B+25** above the door. These letters stand for the first letters of the names of the three kings, Balthasar, Gaspar, and Melchior. In Latin, these letters are also the first letters of the words "**Christus mansionem benedicat**"
God Bless This House

**OPENING MASS OF
THE JUBILEE 2025
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 @
2PM**

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Join in Mass; Stay to see for yourself the "Expressions of Hope" - over 200 pieces of original Art, Poetry, Photography & Sculpture!
Made by OUR Parishioners!
Cathedral Hall directly following Mass, refreshments will be served.

**A Family Perspective
Holy Family**

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 every-thing. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

ABORTION:

For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

"We Pray to the Lord"

