# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season, I want to thank everybody who worked so hard to make our celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas

Day so special. Our celebrations were not fully back to normal because of the ongoing pandemic, but they were still beautiful reminders of God's tremendous Love for us; a Love so great that He sent His Son to save us. Thank you to all who made our celebrations so special.

It is important to remember that Christmas is not over. The Christmas Season doesn't end until January 10th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we reflected on during the Advent Season, many of us find Christmas such a let down because all of our attention is focused on the commercial aspects of the season. For too many of us, after the presents are opened on Christmas Day there is nothing else. However, in Faith we continue to celebrate. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the model for us as a family at home and also as a parish family. Today the Church invites us to stop and think about the qualities that must have been present in the Holy Family: Love/charity, patience, and forgiveness are a few that come to mind. During these challenging times of this long pandemic, we must seek to make these qualities present in our own lives, in our own families. There is a great temptation to think only about ourselves; the Holy Family sets an example for how we all should strive to live. Let us pray that these same attributes will mark all of our families, including our parish family.

Please be aware that there will not be a 9 am Mass on Mondays beginning next week.

My prayers remain with all of you for a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

In the Peace of the New-Born King, Fr. Caruso



Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to DJ Scarfino (our parish's DIY guy)!! Hope your birthday was fun filled, you surely deserve a fun day!!

#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our reports for the OLP/St. Peter Collection and SJ/HT Collection will be printed in a future bulletin. Thank you for your continued support and wishing everyone a blessed holiday season.



The Christmas Flower Booklet will be online starting December 25th on the Parish website and also on Facebook.

If you wish to receive a paper copy, please call the Parish Office, 315-422-7163.

# **Synod Listening Session with Bishop Lucia**

A Synod Listening session is scheduled to take place at St. John/Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm with Bishop Lucia. This will be a combined Northside event which will include Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church and Assumption Church. This session will take place within the Church. The goal of these listening sessions is to provide you with the opportunity to gather with the People of God and to speak freely, boldly and courageously, from your heart, to Bishop Lucia about what is going well in our diocese and in all of the said parishes and what you would like to see improved. All are welcome



## **2021 HOPE APPEAL UPDATE** LAST CHANCE TO GIVE

The Annual HOPE Appeal Campaign for 2021 will be coming to a close as of December 31st. This will be the last time you will be able to donate to the HOPE Appeal. If you have not pledged/donated to the appeal yet, won't you prayerfully consider doing so. To date 134 fellow parishioners have given; totaling \$14,770.00. Please remember no amount is too large or too small. Wouldn't it be great to have 100% participation? Thank you to those who have responded!



To allow our parish staff some time for rest and to be with their families during the Christmas season, the Parish Office will be closed beginning Friday, December 24th through Monday, January 3rd.

## This Week We Remember...

December 27 St. John, the Apostle Monday:

9:00 am

Joseph Manfredi, Ann/Daughter, Rose

The Deceased Members of the Anthony Adornato Family/

The Pocai Family

12:00 pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

December 28 Tuesday:

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 am

Rosita Simiele/Pat Houston

12:00 pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Wednesday: December 29 St. Thomas Becket 9:00 am

Angela "Babe" Frontale/Mary Prince

Dr. George C. Heitzman, Ann./Wife, Gina and Family

12:00 pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

December 30 Thursday:

9:00 am

Pasquale Sisera/Wife and Children

Rosemarie Andaloro, Ann./Zita and Ang

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Friday: December 31 St. Sylvester

9:00 am

Ursula Donofrio/Tony and Michele Chiodo

12:00 pm

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday: January 1

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

11:30 am

Erik J. Heisler/Mom. Joanne and John

The Laurenti and Costa Families/Joanne and John

Benny and Terry Cimino/Son, Joseph

5:30 pm at St. John's/Holy Trinity

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

Sunday: January 2

Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am

Billy Fuccillo/John Minozzi

9:00 am at St. John's/Holy Trinity

For the Parishioner of St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity

#### 11:30 am

Angelo Borreggine/Wife, Frances Maria A. Salvatore (B)/Family Vito Toia/Patty Marco

#### 5:00 pm

For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Pompei / St. Peter



# Padre Pio

**Devotional Candle Burning** For the Special Intentions of Liz and Tony



Bread and Wine For Masses Celebrated During The Week For My Special Intention Laura DelVecchio



This Week's Sanctuary Lamps Are Burning Millie Aloi Requested By John Sunser



#### BEREAVEMENT

Please remember in your prayers, Rosalie Warren, who passed away recently. Our deepest sympathy to her family. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

#### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

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

#### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Mass, Friday, December 31st 5:30 pm at St. John/Holy Trinity Church and 5:30 pm in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter Church

New Year's Day Mass, Saturday, January 1st 9:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity 9:00 am in Vietnamese at OLP/St. Peter 11:30 am Mass at OLP/St. Peter There is no Vigil Mass Saturday, January 1st.

#### **LET US PRAY**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Larry Argiro, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Grayce Costantini, Catherine Cushman, Angela D., Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Christina MacNuly, Peggy Miccinelli, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Timothy K. Suppes, Carmen Surace, Barbara Traino, Angela Vigliotti, Maryann Vigliotti, Shelly Visco, Jerry Vislosky, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.

### **CHRISTMASTIME**

Christmas is a time of sharing, A time of giving, a time of caring, A time to celebrate Christ's birth And wish good will to all on earth.



# Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter 2022 MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2022 Mass Book is open for your Mass Intentions. Please be advised there is no specific intentions at holiday Masses (For All Parishioners). Also, there will NOT be a 9:00 am morning Mass on Mondays (starting Jan. 1st; we are going back to our pre-Covid daily Mass schedule).

For your convenience here is the list of donations:

There is a \$10 donation for Masses; \$25 for Bread and Wine, \$10 each for Sanctuary Lamps (there are 2), \$10 each for Eucharistic Angels (there are 2), and \$10 for the Padre Pio candle these intentions will be for the whole week. Your requests may be made during our office hours M-F from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm



# **Retirement Fund for Religious**

A friendly reminder that we still will accept donations for an ongoing collection to help our aging religious. Elderly religious have offered their

lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the religious helps furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please give as generously as you can to this very worthy collection. Thank you.

#### **REMINDER:**

For all our parishioners who will be going to warmer climates: please notify the Parish Offices (315-422-7163) in advance so that your envelopes can be stopped until your return to the area, then we can reactivate the mailings. This should be a large savings in paying out the return postage fees. This worked very well in the past and we are hoping for the same good response. Thank you to all those who have responded.

#### **HOLY NAME 50/50 RAFFLE**

A friendly reminder to purchase your Holy Name 50/50 raffle ticket. We are asking all parishioners for their support to help make this fundraiser a great success. Tickets are available for you to purchase and as a reminder there are 300 tickets at \$50.00 each.

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The drawing will be on **May 11, 2022**. Please call Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis. We thank you for your support.



#### Vienna Boys Choir Through the Year

As many of you know...The Vienna Boy Choir concert previously scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 was postponed to Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm in our church. The postponement was due to the Choirs International travel concerns regarding covid.

However, tickets will remain on sale throughout the year for next year's concert. Even though it seems like a long time away we all know it will be here before we know it!!!

Give us a call for tickets or questions, 315-422-7163. Thanks so much!!!!

# New Year's Eve Day of Reflection

"A Year filled with Hope" New Year's Eve Day of Reflection, Tuesday, December 31 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Takes place at Christ the King Retreat House, 500 Brookford Rd. This past year has been a challenge for many. At our New Year's Eve day of reflection, with Chris Spilka, Director. We will look back on the year that was and lean on Christ for the coming year. Mass will be offered.

Offering: \$30.00 includes lunch. Register at www.ctkretreat.com or call 315-446-2680. Happy New Year 2022.

# OUR ANGELS ON EARTH... YOU....OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS

How do we ever thank you, **our wonderful parishioners**, for making Christmas and Santa happen for our school children?

Your generosity provided 3 gifts each for under the tree as well as the incredible knitted items from Joanne Licitra and Frances Ward. The children were blessed with knitted scarfs, gloves, blankets, balls and bears from these incredible ladies

What better way to celebrate Christmas than in the spirit of giving and sharing? We are so blessed to have so many true angels in our parish family that exemplify exactly that.

Thank you from the bottom of all our hearts for your goodness, Godliness and example of the true meaning of Christmas and Christ's birth



# **Coronavirus Update**

New York State has instituted a mask mandate in all public places effective to January 15th. It is being done as a safety precaution and out of the utmost concern for one's neighbor. Bishop Lucia expects everyone attending Church functions, especially Mass attendance, to cooperate with this important public health matter and comply with the mask mandate. Thank you.

