



# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

*Simeon said,  
“Now, Master, you may  
let your servant go in peace,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have  
seen your salvation.”*

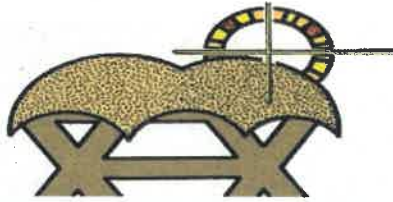
*Luke 2:29-30*

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On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. “Family” may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the “father, mother, child” family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multi-generational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey

by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today’s Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and “your descendants will be more numerous than the stars.” The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 26, 2020 – 5:45pm**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Sunday, December 27, 2020 – 9:00 am**

**Steve Niemiec – Special Intention**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – NO MASS**

**Friday, January 1, 2021 - 9:00 am - Solemnity of Mary –**

**Parish Family**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Saturday, January 2, 2021 – 5:45pm**

**+Dorothy “Dot” McGrath – req. by Ed & Judy Phelan**

**Sunday, January 3, 2021 – 9:00 am**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

DATE	USHER/GREETER	LECTOR
FRIDAY, January 1 – 9:00am	Mike & Katie Horath	Grace Niemiec EM – Steve Niemiec
SATURDAY, January 2 - 5:45pm	Doug & Eva Luehrs	Jim Kreske
SUNDAY, January 3 - 9:00am	Dan & Cathy Gesell	Sarah Hoehn

**COUNTERS FOR JANUARY 3, 2021 – Horath**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

– Luke 2:30-31

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is  
\$2,090.37

Sunday, December 13.....\$1625.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for on-going expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



*Please Participate!*  
*Your Gift Makes a Difference!*

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,837.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 10,362.00
Balance Due	\$ 475.00
2020 Rebate	\$ 113.00

Thank you for your generous response.



Our Two Week Candle is  
burning for  
Gordon Flint  
Requested by  
Marge Flint

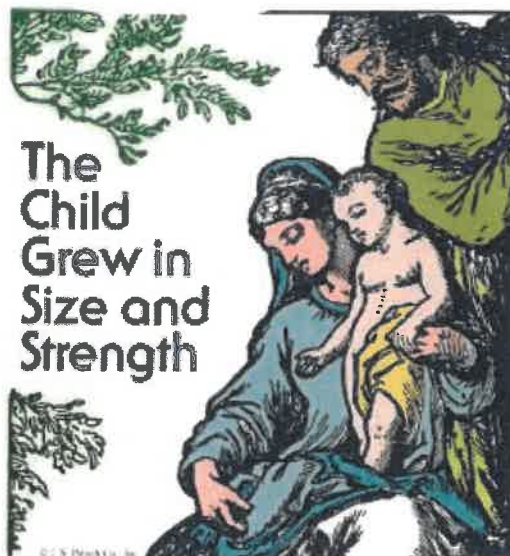
2021 Offering Envelopes are available  
to those who requested them.

If you would still like a boxed set,  
please call the office. Thank You.

A limited number of 2021 Calendars  
donated by the

Forsythe Funeral Home are available  
in the Church.

Thank You!





## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:

Bob & Carmen Elkin  
Jim & Rita Phelan  
Jerry & Vicky Phelan  
Dot McGrath  
Donald Price

Eleanor Price  
Robert & Cheryl Smith  
Deceased Members of the  
Hoehn & Kennedy Families  
Deceased Members of the  
Stromski & Cakora Families  
Loretta Long  
Francis Long  
Con and Ron Gregory

Mr. & Mrs. Lavern Lovell  
Bill Gast Family  
Mary Gast  
James Phelan Family  
Stauffenberg Family  
Jim Kreske Family  
Bernard & JoAnn McGee  
Ed Knowles  
Brenda Moore-McGee  
Kathleen Kinsella  
Alice Galvez  
Rose Mary Smith  
Rosella Smith  
Leonard Smith



## WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Noreen McAndrew; Mary Jo Moran; Jan Sharp; Lana Wynne

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

### Intention of the Holy Father MONTH JANUARY

- May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1 (815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK December 27, 2020



Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2;  
Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: The Holy Innocents

Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket

Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: St. Sylvester I;

Friday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday

Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday





## POWER IN PRESCRIBED RITUALS

Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

## EXAMPLES IN OUR ELDERS

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don't know the rubrics well, or aren't dressed better, or "why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?" Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he sees the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

Today's Readings: Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3; Ps 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19; Lk 2:22–40 [22, 39–40]

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