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## 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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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

### CONFessions

Saturday from  
4:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

# Mass Schedule

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## Saturday, December 26, 2020

5:00 p.m. Patricia Landry  
 (Birthday Remembrance &  
 4th Anniversary)  
 ~by her husband

## Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:30 a.m. Pauline & Leonard Landry  
 ~by Christine Wall  
 10:00 a.m. Tyler & Lucas White  
 (Birthday Remembrance)  
 ~by family  
 Bob Draper  
 (3rd Anniversary)  
 ~by family

## Thursday, December 31, 2020 - Solemnity of Mary

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

## Friday, January 1, 2021 - Solemnity of Mary

10:00 a.m. A. Frances Warrener  
 ~by family

## Saturday, January 2, 2021

5:00 p.m. John "Jay" Kelly, III  
 ~by Support Group Friends

## Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Willis  
 ~by family

10:00 a.m. Robert Bond  
 (2nd Anniversary)  
 ~by family

## ST. JOHN VIANNEY FOR THOSE IN NEED

**Monetary gifts** - Contributions for St. John Vianney For Those in Need to help those in our community who need help with food, rent and utilities can be made in the following ways:



On line donations can be made through our website at sjvparish.org.

Cash or check donations can be placed in the collection basket in the back of the church. Please make checks payable to **SJV Help For Those in Need**.

Thank you for your support!



## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Anyone wishing to set up onetime or recurring electronic contributions to the church or to make changes to their existing electronic contribution, can do so by visiting our website at [www.sjvparish.org](http://www.sjvparish.org) and clicking on the Donate button on the homepage. On line giving is a safe and consistent way of financially supporting our parish. Please contact the office at 333-6060 or [sjvdenise@gmail.com](mailto:sjvdenise@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

*Please notify the office if you wish to discontinue your budget envelopes.*

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December 27, 2020

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - *Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins*  
*(Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

**Psalm** - *Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105.*

**Second Reading** - *Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

**Gospel** - *The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40])*

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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, multigenerational 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.

### 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!

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# FAITH FORMATION CLASS NOTES

## GRADE 2 STUDENT REMINDER:

Special Liturgy for all grade 2 students and their families is scheduled as follows:

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM (Student names A-L)

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM (Student names M-Z)



## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

### New Year's Eve Mass Schedule

5:00 pm - livestreamed

### New Year's Day Mass Schedule

10:00 am – livestreamed

The office will close at noon on December 31st for New Year's and reopen January 4th.



## BAPTISM

The Liturgy of Baptism was celebrated recently for the following:

**Jaret Joel Bessette  
Addison Joan Merigan  
Peter Felice Micali, III  
Morgan Alexandria Rei**

We congratulate the parents and welcome these new members to our parish family.

To make arrangements to have your child baptized please call the office at 401-333-6060.



## BLESSING OF HOMES ON EPIPHANY

It is an ancient custom of the Church to bless homes on the Feast of Epiphany. **Chalk will not be distributed this year**, but if you have chalk at home you may use the following blessing to bless your home.

The year and the initials of the Three Wisemen are to be inscribed over the main entrance of the home in the following way:

**20+C+M+B+21**

Before the inscription is made, the following prayer is recited by the head of the house:

*God of our Father, we ask you to visit this home. Chase far away from it all the snares of the enemy. Send your Holy angels to live with us and keep us at peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.*

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December 11, 2020

Dear Fr. Pescatello:

I wanted to thank you and your parish for your continued support of the diocesan HIV/AIDS Ministry. Your donation in the amount of \$1,245.00 to this program is greatly appreciated and will help to bring shelter, food, and warmth to those living with HIV/AIDS. As always, your parish's assistance to those in need remains incredibly generous.

Please feel free to contact me at any time, and again, I am grateful for your support.

Sincerely,  
  
James K. Jahnz  
Supervisor  
Catholic Social Service of RI

*thank you all  
for your gift!  
- Jim*

This donation was largely made possible by a generous donation from the Arnold Mills Community House to be used for charitable purposes during the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to this important ministry.



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