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| The Feast Of The Holy Family | December 29, 2024 |  |

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| **Mass Intentions** |
| December | 30 | 8:00 AM | **I/O Katie Millar requested by The Lane Family** |
| December | 31 | 8:00 AM5:00 PM | **I/O Christine & Evan Ticehurst req. by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst****People Of The Parish** |
| January | 1 | 9:00 AM  | **I/O Pat & Glenn Harshberger req.by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst** |
| January | 2 | 8:00 AM | **I/O Karen Kupris requested by The Fordyce Family** |
| January | 3 | 8:00 AM | **Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer** |
| January | 4 | 8:00 AM5:00 PM | **I/O Barry & Marian McCoy requested by Deacon Robinson****People Of The Parish** |
| January | 5 | 8:00 AM | **Rachel Scheib requested by Pat McEvoy** |
|  |  | 10:30 AM | **Joseph Sharman** |
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| Liturgical Ministries January 4-5 |
|  | **Lectors** | **Extraordinary Ministers** | **Servers** |
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|  5:00 PM | Dave Suydam | Patty Suydam | Terry Meek |
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| 8:00 AM | David Pray | Scott Sheaffer | Anna & Julia Sheaffer |
|   |   |   | C. Harlan, J. Morrison |
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|  10:30 AM | Nicole Wood | Mark Ticehurst | The Hoffman Family |
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| Schmidt Center Cleaning |
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| **January 5** | Kim Lane, Marian McCoy |  |
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| **January 12** | The Raugh Family |  |
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| Next Sunday’s Readings |
| *Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures* |
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| **Isaiah** 60:1-6 | **Ephesians** 3:2-3a,5-6 | **Matthew** 2:1-12 |

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| Christian Stewardship  |
| **Last Sunday’s Collection amounted to:** $5,221.00  |
| **The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to:** $5,269.75 |
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| May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!! |

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These are the attributes Paul instructs the Colossians in today’s reading to “put on” or to “clothe” themselves with. It’s quite a list, isn’t it? Paul goes on to talk about the virtues of the Christian family, which is fitting for today’s Feast of the Holy Family. It is reasonable to expect, then, that the Gospel passage would follow through by expounding on the virtues of the perfect family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Instead, in Luke’s Gospel, we have the only story in all of Scripture of Jesus’ childhood. The only one that shows the specific interactions of them as a family – it tells the story of Jesus at age 12 who stays in Jerusalem without Mary and Joseph knowing and who are unable to find him for days. Prayerfully reflecting on this unique glimpse of the Holy Family working through misunderstandings, fear, and hurt helps us relate even more to the true humanness of Jesus and the Holy Family.

Church Calendar

***Sunday, December 29th (Holy Family Sunday)***

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

No CCD

***Monday, December 30th***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Tuesday, December 31st (New Year’s Eve)***

Mass, 8:00AM

Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God, 5:00PM

***Wednesday, January 1st (Mary, Mother of God)***

Mass, 9:00AM

***Thursday, January 2nd***

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

***Friday, January 3rd***

Mass, 8:00AM

***Saturday, January 4th***

Mass In Honor of BVM, 8:00 AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

***Sunday, January 5th (Feast of the Epiphany)***

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of Your Son.”

In the Holy Family, we see a model of relationship in human form. We are part of a holy family as well: we are children of God. And like Mary and Joseph, our family is enriched and strengthened when we are attentive to the presence of Jesus in our lives. Luke writes: “[Mary] kept all these things in her heart.” Like Mary, let us strive to hold Jesus’ words and commandments in our hearts so we can focus on God’s divine plan for our lives. In the next line of Paul’s letter offering us the “tools” for loving relationships (compassion … patience) he adds, “bearing with one another and forgiving one another.” In other words: love. We must put Jesus, who is love, at the center of our relationships and do everything in his name. Then our family, and our lives, will be holy indeed.

Mary, mother of faithful love;

Joseph, gentle and humble man of God;

Jesus, Son of Mary,

Bless, guide, and protect

the families you created.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Tara Smith, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone **(602-6298)** or deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website ([www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

New Year’s Masses: January 1st is the feast of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on December 31st at 5:00PM and Mass on New Year’s Day will begin at 9:00AM. Let us begin the New Year with prayerful recourse to Jesus through Mary!!

Parish Contribution Statements for your church contributions will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office (info@stbernardsnbpa.org) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

Thank you, fellow Parishioners: The Parish is indebted to the many parishioners who helped clean and decorate the Church for the Christmas holidays. So often we do not think about the work and the hours that must be expended to make our parish home a beautiful place to worship and pray. May God bless and reward them for all they do for our parish family!

Parish Pastoral Council: Our Parish Pastoral Council will next meet on Monday, January 20th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any commendations/recommendations for Council, please call Bill Davies (717-582-0191) to include them on the agenda.

Resolution suggestions for the New Year 2025

If you have a warm handclasp, use it in friendship.

If you have a gift of speech, speak the truth with love.

If you have energy, spend it for the good of others.

If you have money, give it without expecting a return.

If you have time, share it.

If you love little children or youth, lead them.

If you can sing, by all means, glorify God with your voice.

If you are fond of the beautiful and the artistic, decorate God’s altar in your heart.

If you have a heart of love, visit the sick, greet the stranger, and sympathize with the sorrowing.

If you have business ability, the church and the pastor need you.

If you have faith, pray always without ceasing.

If your church means life to you and yours, then attend Mass and devotions regularly and give thanks and tell others about it or bring them with you.

***Remember: When we make resolutions, we must decide, commit, and persevere, in order to succeed! A mere wish, unaccompanied with the personal efforts to achieve it, will never produce fruit in our lives. To change our life, we must change our habits!!***

Mary Mother of the Church: As mother to our Savior, Mary figures profoundly in the history of salvation. By blessed example she mirrors within herself the central truths of our faith. So when she is remembered or honored, her story naturally draws our eyes and hearts to her Son and His sacrifice and to love for the Father. For those of us who seek after Christ, Mary provides an exalted model, walking before us as we progress in faith, hope, and charity, learning from her how to do the will of God in all things. When this blessed mother touches each individual's heart so intimately, how can the Church ignore her? It is only right that the Church looks to Mary, who brought forth Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of her Virgin obedience, so that Christ may be born and grow in the hearts of the faithful also. The Virgin Mary's example of maternal love should empower and encourage the Church and each of her members as we seek the rebirth of all humanity.

Parish Calendars for 2025 are available in the narthex. These calendars are complementary from Melpezzi Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg.

**Wondrous birth**

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child

of the Virgin undefiled!

human and divine in one,

eager now his race to run!
God the Father is his source,

back to God he runs his course;

down to death and hell descends,

God's high throne he re-ascends.
Now His manger's halo bright

hallows night with newborn light;

let no night this light subdue,

let our faith shine ever new.

When they saw the star,

They rejoiced with exceeding great joy!