

# The Feast Of The Holy Family

December 28, 2025

## Mass Intentions

December	29	8:00 AM	I/O Mark & Ginny Ticehurst requested by Deacon Roinson
December	30	8:00 AM	Monsignor Cletus Wagman
December	31	8:00 AM	I/O John & Mary Blair requested by Deacon Robinson
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
January	1	9:00 AM	I/O Pat & Gwen Pray requested by Deacon Robinson
January	2	8:00 AM	I/O Father Sharman requested by Deacon Robinson
January	3	8:00 AM	Dr. Demetrius Bagley
		5:00 PM	Joni Lawrence requested by John & Mary Blair
January	4	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Lolly Merante requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst

## Liturgical Ministries January 3-4

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Jessica Grindle	Betty Berry	Joe Morrison
8:00 AM	David Pray	William Aldrich	H. Krieger, J. Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Bill Davies	A. Hoffman, J. Innerst

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 4

Tonya Sands

January 11

Robin & Mike Chiccini

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,571.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,111.00

**May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!**

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> (Holy Family)*

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

No CCD (Christmas Break)

### *Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

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

### *Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (Mary, Mother of God)*

Mass, 9:00AM

### *Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> (First Friday)*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

First Saturday Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany of the Lord)*

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“Let the Word of God  
reign in your heart.”**

### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: “If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen.” Following in the



footsteps of the Holy Family in today's Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of

the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell

you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy Family as different from ourselves – holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that's true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness.

It's easy to glamorize the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but in reality, the cross was with them long before the crucifixion. From the moment of the Annunciation, there would be trials, temptations, and sufferings. But each time, they respond with immediate obedience and deep trust. In doing so, they give us all a perfect example of what the Christian life should look like: a life motivated by love and always listening for the voice of God, ready to respond in an instant. As we accompany others on this journey of faith, we also must listen deeply to them in order to help them in discerning the Spirit's movement in their lives. As we hone the spiritual muscle of attentive listening, we grow in our ability to respond to God and to God's action in our lives, and to help others do the same.

Most of us will never hear from an angel in the middle of the night telling us to walk hundreds of miles with our baby in tow. But every single one of us will be – has been – called. Let us pray to God that the example of the Holy Family will increase in us the virtues of obedience and trust, so that we can respond to God's call in our lives.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Ron Scheib, Karen Peters, Jeff Galgon, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

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

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

**Notification of Hospitalization:** If you or a family member is hospitalized or if you know of someone homebound who would like to be visited, please notify the parish office so Father Sharman can make a pastoral visit. Each month Holy Communion is brought to our homebound parishioners.

**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.

**Rest in Peace:** In your charity and prayers remember the soul of **Maureen Gregory, mother of Arlene Rice**. May God grant Maureen a merciful judgment and give her family consolation and healing. May she rest in peace!

**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 Calendars** for 2026 are available in the narthex. These calendars are complementary from Melpuzzi Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg.

### **Resolution suggestions for the New Year 2026**

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!!**

**New Year's Masses:** January 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on December 31<sup>st</sup> 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!!



**Mary, Mother of God:** 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.