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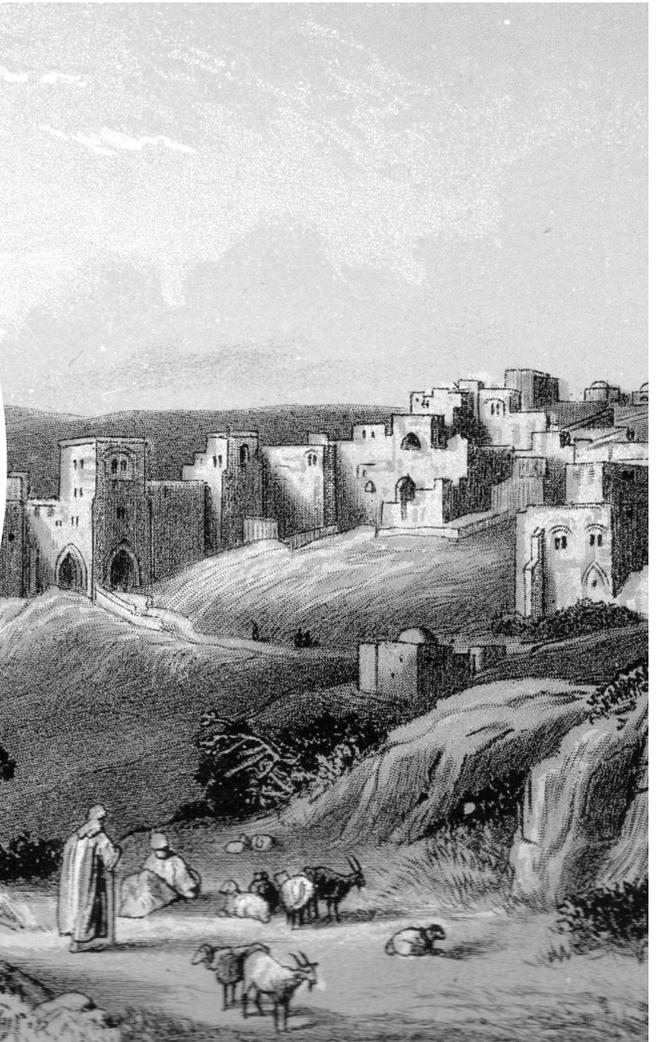
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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020



Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Monday - Thursday

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Feast of the Holy Family

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well-suited for education in the virtues." The CCC adds: "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children." (CCC #2223).

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy - the Sacrament of priesthood and the Sacrament of marriage. Through the Sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home. I wish you all a happy and a peaceful family life.

Readings for Sunday, January 3, 2021

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Saint of the Week **St. Basil the Great**

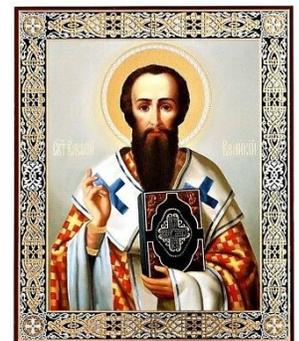
Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea (now southeastern Turkey) and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him.

Basil was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds and built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world. And as a youth organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen.

Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: January 2

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 26

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the Harber Family

Sunday, December 27

8:30 a.m. - Jean Quinn †

Monday, December 28

No Mass

Tuesday, December 29

No Mass

Wednesday, December 30

No Mass

Thursday, December 31 (Solemnity of Mary)

6:00 p.m. - Maureene Lupis †

Friday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)

8:30 a.m. - Larry & Carmela DeMasi

Saturday, January 2

4:00 p.m. - Bob & Rosemarie Myers

Sunday, January 3

8:30 a.m. - Fr. Thomas' Intentions



Bishop Mark Brennan and more than 40 talented musicians and singers from parishes across West Virginia have presented a very special Christmas message for all of us. If you have not yet watched it, the link is available on our website. If you have already watched it...you should watch it again! Together we sing "Hallelujah!"

Collections & Attendance:

Week Ending December 20, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$913
Loose Donations.....	\$5
Holiday Flowers.....	\$10
Total.....	\$928
Diocesan Collections.....	\$80
Saturday Attendance.....	23
Sunday Attendance.....	40
Total.....	63

As a reminder, we can accept donations for our Giving Tuesday campaign through December 31. If you have not yet contributed, please drop your donation in the offertory or mail it to the parish office. Thank you!



HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

Thursday, December 31, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021
8:30 a.m.

Father, the image of the Virgin is found in your Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Trace in our actions the lines of her love, and in our hearts her readiness of faith. Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Knight Michael Stanislawczyk is shown here with the donations from our parish to the local Warm the Children campaign. The Knights thank everyone who contributed to this year's drive; we were able to provide new coats and other winter items to 20 local children.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

- Saturday, January 2Sue Harber (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)
- Sunday, January 3Pam Williams (L)
Nancy Starcher (C)
- Saturday, January 9Anita Tetreault (L)
Linda Marsh (C)
- Sunday, January 10.....Geoff Newlin (L)
Julie Alt (C)
- Saturday, January 16.....Alan Taylor (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)
- Sunday, January 17.....Alan Taylor (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.

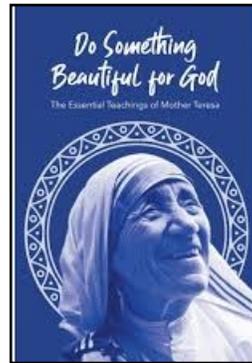
Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed this week. Office hours will return to normal on Monday, January 4, 2021 (Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

CCD Virtual Christmas Program

Our religious education students have presented a virtual Christmas program for everyone! If you have not yet seen it, a link is on our church website.

Do Something Beautiful for God!



“Do Something Beautiful for God,” a book which features the essential teachings of Mother Teresa, is our Christmas gift to all of our parish family. Copies are available in the back of the church and in a tote on the

porch of the parish office. *Merry Christmas!*

2021 Wall Calendars

The 2021 wall calendars are available in the back of the church or from the tote on the porch of the parish office. Our thanks to parishioner Dean Nofsinger and the Markwood Funeral Home for again sponsoring our church calendar.

Christmas Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to our parishioners who helped prepare the church for the Christmas season or who delivered cookies to our homebound:

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| Denny Dolechek | Mike & Rosie Landis |
| Mike Fleming | Doug Minnich |
| Flying W Farms | Nancy Starcher |
| Jean & Sue Harber | Joanne Stickley |
| Beverley Iser | Kelli Wittman |
| Jeff & Remy Kuhn | |

We also thank those who lend their time and talents each week, including our lectors, organists, cantors, ushers, and cleaners. May God bless each of you abundantly!