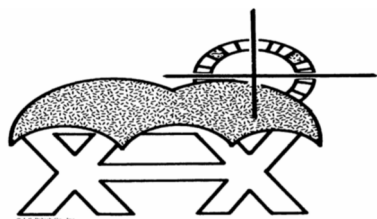


# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 28, 2014



My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

-Luke 2:30-31

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b>	<b>Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
9:00	A.M.	Mary Engelman r/o Daughter, Patricia
<b>TUES.,</b>	<b>Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
12:00	P.M.	Anthony M. Zotte r/o Debbie, Anthony & Amanda Zotte
<b>WED.,</b>	<b>Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
9:00	A.M.	Lisa Harrity r/o Kevin & Alex
7:00	P.M.	James D. Reilly r/o Mom, Dad & Brothers
<b>THURS.,</b>	<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>
9:00	A.M.	Antonietta Natale r/o Enrica & Ignazio Tripoli & Family
12:00	P.M.	Special Intention Tripoli Family r/o The Tripoli Family
<b>FRI.,</b>	<b>Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saints Basil the Great</b>
7:00	A.M.	Julie Erchick r/o Bill & Children
<b>SAT.,</b>	<b>Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b>
8:00	A.M.	Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	George Bradley r/o Wife, Carmie
<b>SUN.,</b>	<b>Jan. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
8:00	A.M.	Eleanor Loprete r/o OLMV Altar Rosary Society
10:00	A.M.	Martin & Anne Lacey r/o Marie Lacey
11:30	A.M.	Colasuonno & Doria Family r/o Mr. & Mrs. John Colasuonno
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana

## Week of December 28—Jan. 4

### *Altar Candles*

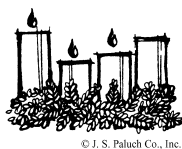
Lorenzo Troia r/o Wife & Family

### *Sanctuary Candles*

Zigmond Wysocki r/o Family

### *Altar Bread & Wine*

John Sardella r/o Wife, Audrey Sardella



## PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

St. Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

**THANK YOU** to all parishioners who submitted "Christmas Flower" offerings. Envelopes will be placed on our Tabernacle Altar, and loved ones will be remembered at Masses during the Christmas season.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK...**In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy. Prayers are requested for the recent deceased: Clement Ianiero, Sr.

## WEDDING BANNERS

III Tara Anello & Michael Polifonte

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3-4

5:00 pm—	Hayley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue
8:00 am—	Kevin Meier Joe Meier
10:00 am—	T. Sviderskis-Carroll A. Sviderskis-Carroll Katelyn Carmona
11:30 am—	Natalie Zychlinski Sheridan Hoyt Connor Fitzgerald



### *Weekly Financial information:*

During the weeks surrounding Christmas and New Year's Day, our bulletins have to be processed a week or two early. As a result, weekly financial information is often not ready until after a bulletin has been sent to the printer. Our parish will publish the financial information for the weekends of December 14, 21, 28 and January 4 as well as our Christmas and New Year's Day collection in the January 11, 2015 bulletin. The Christmas 50/50 raffle results will also be published in the January 11 bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

*Father Pat, Father Mark, Deacon John, T,  
Deacon John C, Sister James, Mrs.  
Zmigrodski, Mr. Cassel, Mr. Kura and the  
parish staff wish all of you and your families  
a Happy, Holy and safe New Year !*



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Thank you Lord for giving me  
the brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
as each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
that I might help a friend.  
Give me strength and  
courage  
so a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty  
help me fill it with good  
things.  
Each new day fill with joy  
and the happiness it brings.  
Please give the  
leaders of our world  
a courage born of peace,  
that they might lead us gently  
and all the fighting cease.  
Please give to all upon this earth  
a heart that's filled with love;  
a gentle happy way to live  
with Your blessings from above.

**A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT** **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Just a few days ago we came together with great joy and expectation as we began our Christmas celebration. It seems impossible that all the presents are now opened, all the food has been eaten---a few left-overs stored in their plastic containers. Already we see trees are out by the curb, waiting to be picked up as trash. Lights are no longer shining brightly at as many homes as there were just a few short days ago.

Indeed, the accumulated material of Christmas is already being collected, ready to be stored away for another year or to be put out for collection. The secular component of Christmas has come and gone and we are almost pleased to return to the less hectic pace of our everyday lives.

Hopefully for us who try to live our faith throughout the year, Christmas is still very much present to us. As with many important holy events in the life of the Church, we continue to celebrate the feast of Christmas in the days ahead. For us who believe in the birth of the Christ-child, Christmas is an ongoing event, not simply a moment in time that comes upon us and then is gone! We celebrate this important feast of the Birth of the Lord for eight days.

We refer to this as the Octave of Christmas. Certainly we share in the everyday Christmas delight as do our friends and neighbors. We celebrate and visit with family and friends, we share wonderful food and friendship. We delight in the beauty of the Christmas decorations that adorn our home and the homes of our neighbors. We exchange gifts and accept with gratitude the love that is shared with us by so many people who are important to our lives.

But for us there is something so much more powerful as we enter into the Season of Christmas. We are believers, and we believe in the truth of the Presence of Jesus who becomes present among us as the Christ-child. Central to our celebration is the truth that Jesus is, indeed, the Son of God and the child of Mary---the divine child who enters the world to fulfill the promise of God to Abraham so long ago.

It is the birth of the Christ-child that enlivens our hearts and souls during this special time of the year. As Catholic believers, we celebrate Christmas as an event---a world-changing event. The Child of God has entered into the world, and the world is now changed forever! Through the Good News shared by this new-born child, the rift that has existed between God and the human family can now be healed, and the human family can once again touch and be touched by the divine presence that is among us in the person of Jesus!

During the weeks of Advent, we have been preparing, with a sense of joyful anticipation, to welcome the Christ-child. And now the Christ-child is present among us; and we should be glad, indeed! But for us, the presence of the Christ-child cannot be just a one day event. For us, the presence of the Lord must remain constant, and we must focus always, in our souls, on this true and everlasting presence.

As we continue to celebrate Christmas as a time to open our hearts to the true presence of the Savior, may we share the Good News of His presence---by our words and by our actions!

In peace and prayer,  
**Father Pat**

January 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Vigil Mass celebrated Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M.  
Mass celebrated: Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M only.

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES:**

Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> Mass at 9:00 A.M. ONLY.  
Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> Mass at 12:00 Noon.

**REMINDER PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS...**

Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> — 8:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> — 8:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> — 8:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> — PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> — 8:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.  
Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> — Regular Office hours Resume (8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.)

**THANK YOU** to Rives Cassel and all members of our Music Ministry for the beautiful presentations during our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Thank you also for a moving Taize Prayer experience and also for the presentation by the Deerfield Players.

**THANK YOU** to our Knights of Columbus for the generous Christmas donation to our parish. Thanks also to the OLMV Chinese Community for their generous donation to our parish at Christmas. We are truly enriched by our Catholic brothers and sisters who come from so many places around the globe to worship at Our Lady of Mount Virgin.



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL:  
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**

Holy Savior Academy is the Catholic School for the Middlebrook Deanery. Located at 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, it serves children in Pre-K through grade 8. After school programs are available as well as a year-round pre-kindergarten program. Please review the school web-site: [holysavioracademy.com](http://holysavioracademy.com), or contact the principal, Mrs. Kristen Kiernan, at 908-822-5890 to find out additional information or to request a tour of the school.

**OLMV PARISH CALENDAR...**

**Altar Rosary Society: 8:00 am Mass & Communion on Sunday, January 4, 2015.**

**Please plan ahead...Super Bowl Bake Sale, weekend of January 31–February 1.**

**Baptismal Class:** Thursday, January 8, 2015. Families must be registered in the Parish and sign up for the class in advance. For more information please call the Parish Office.

**Winter Blood Drive – January 11, 2015. 8:00am – 1:00pm.** Please mark your calendars for the date. As always, blood is in serious demand. New Jersey Blood Services is very grateful to our generous and caring donors. They have stated in previous letters of gratitude that “There is no substitute for caring people who take time to donate blood so that others may live.” For more information regarding Medical Eligibility for blood donation please call 1-800-688-0900 or visit their website at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

**Winter Bible Study Beginning Soon!**

Join us for a 6 session program (plus celebration) as we deepen our discipleship and more fully learn to speak and live **Heart to Heart with God!** Both morning and evening sessions are offered for your convenience: Wednesdays at 10 AM or 7:00 PM in Petra House. Come to **either** session-we **begin on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** (schedules are on bulletin boards around the church). All are welcome, but you must pre-register for books to be ordered. Please come to parish office to register on/before Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Erangelization Meeting.... Monday, January 5 at 7 PM in Petra House...join us to plan our upcoming events for 2015! New Members WELCOME!**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS are about to begin! Join this interested group who gather to deepen their understanding and commitment to Jesus and to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you are over 18 years of age and have celebrated Baptism and Communion, but not Confirmation, you are welcome to our FIRST MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM in Petra House. Please call Sister James to register or for further information (732-609-1091).**

**2014 Bishop’s Annual Appeal  
Life-Changing Faith**

The Office of Family Life empowers families to accept and embrace Catholic values by courageously modeling those values for society by the joyful acceptance of cultural diversity, the compassionate outpouring of love for those who are hurting or in need and for the ongoing affirmation of the dignity of all human life.

***Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports these vital ministries for our families and communities.***

**Thank you** to our parishioners who have already made a gift the Diocese of Metuchen Annual Bishop’s Appeal. To date, 270 parish families have pledged almost \$49,500.00 toward our parish goal of \$85,200.00. Bishop Paul thanks all who have already made their yearly gift and encourages all of our families to generously support this appeal which supports so many of our diocesan ministries.

**THANK YOU** to our generous parishioners for your response to our monthly FISH food collection, this month we were able to collect 94 bags of food. The needs of the less fortunate are felt with even more intensity during this time of year, and the assistance received by our parishioners does so much do relieve the needs of the poor among us.

**Ministry to Veterans and Military Families:**

**OLMV Ministry to Veterans and Military Families** is an outreach program that provides information and assistance to members of the military, their families and to veterans who have served in the armed forces of our country. The ministry can be reached by phone at 732-356-2149 x 1109. Recently this ministry arranged for a speaker from the Veteran’s Administration to talk about the benefits that are available to veterans, to members of the Armed Forces and to their families. More than 50 people stopped by and took advantage of the information that was made available. A second information session will take place in the early spring. Watch out for additional information in the bulletin and on our parish bulletin boards. The Ministry is also planning a “Veterans and Military Personnel” recognition Mass and reception in May, so our parish can honor and say “thank you” to the many members of our community who have served and are continuing to serve our country. More information will be available in the near future in the weekly bulletin. The Veterans and Military Families ministry also reaches out to members of our community who have served our country and are now in need of assistance. If you have any questions, are in need of assistance or would like to become a part of this vital ministry here at OLMV, please call the Veteran’s and Military Families hotline at 732-356-2149 x 1109.

**Christmas 50/50 Raffle:**

Please remember to complete your **Christmas 50/50 raffle book**. Booklets can be returned to the parish office or dropped into the collection at Mass. Extra books are available at the Parish Office. Our Parish is hoping to replace the exterior doors of our church and the funds raised through this raffle will be put toward this project. There will be one winner who will receive half of the proceeds. Now won’t that be a nice call to receive on New Year’s Day right after the 12:00noon Mass!!!