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Roman Catholic Church

December 25, 2021

A Savior Is Born

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Diocese of Trenton

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Weekday Mass 9:00 AM—Chapel, 1 W Main St.
Mon., Tues., Thurs, Fri.

Weekend Mass

Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 8:00 AM, 10 AM, 11:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The parish business office will be **closed** from **Dec. 24 through and including Sunday, Jan. 2.**

The office will **reopen** at 9:00 AM on
Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

While the office is closed during these
days of Christmas:

- If there is an urgent need for assistance from a priest or from the parish staff, please call the parish office main number (732) 938-5375 and leave a voicemail message. Your call will be returned by Laura Randazzo, Parish Manager.
- Masses will take place at the usual times while the parish office is closed.

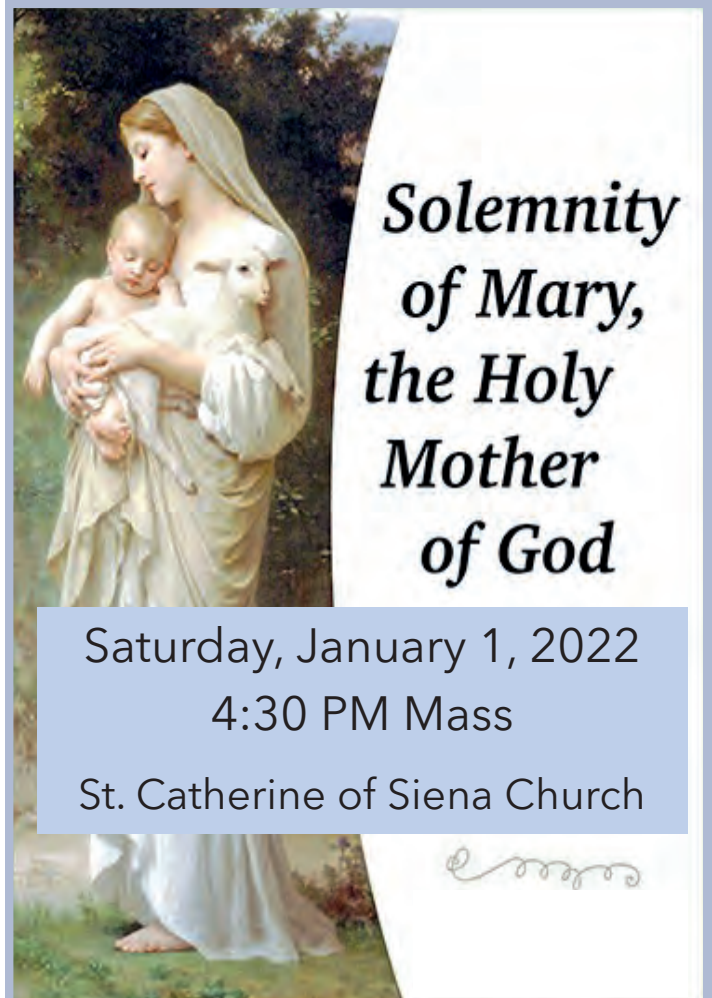


And From,

Deacon Dan, Laura Randazzo,

Doris Ramme, Janet Amato, &

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A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

May you and your families have a blessed and happiest of holy days, as this is the season of sharing as one happy and loving family. We hope that everyone is having a wonderful time as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who, after all, is the reason for the season. A great season of giving and forgiving, an excellent time to be joyfully singing, eating, and thanking the Lord God for all the blessings he has continued giving us despite our negligence, weaknesses, faults, and sins. An unforgettable day for all of us to be in Church. Truly a festive family event.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Home is where character most frequently shows its defects, and deficiencies. Being the refuge of the worn, the wary, and the aged, it is a place where many physical needs and trying ills of the human body most frequently come to the front. When we live in close contact, there are bound to be occasional clashes and misunderstandings, resulting in hurt and wounded feelings.

For this reason, home is where kindness, patience, forbearance, gentleness, charity, consideration for others, readiness to make allowances, slowness to see the faults and take offense, willingness to overlook, and excuse are most required.

Today's Gospel reading gives us a picture of the Holy Family of Nazareth returning after a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. On their return journey, Mary and Joseph meet many relatives, colleagues, and others, and naturally, they have a lot to share among themselves. In this situation, they do not pay much attention to Jesus and take it for granted that He is among their relatives and friends. It is only later they realize Jesus is not with them.

The latter part of the gospel story deserves special attention. Mary and Joseph do pay for their 'taking for granted' and, more than that, they are prepared to pay for it. They take the trouble to return to Jerusalem and cannot rest until they have found Jesus. The joy expressed at finding Jesus speaks eloquently of the dangers and the agony they have undergone.

When we speak of giving time to one another in the family, we must admit that time and situation demands are different today. We should remember that the Holy Family of Nazareth we discuss was a human family too. This family also had to experience the struggles of life, being refugees, working hard to make both ends meet, meeting the demands of the law, and all other tensions that an ordinary family has to face. What made that human family a holy family was a happy family.

Despite all the struggles of life, they were together and had enough time to care for and listen to one another. It is this that can turn our human families too into holy families. If our priority is money which, according to some, is the means to happiness, or our priority is social status, then our families will remain just 'human families.' As somebody said: "The union of family lies in love, and love is the only reconciliation of authority and liberty." Lord God, may I give priority to my family. Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Our new calendar year begins with scriptural words of blessing, comfort, and empowerment. The priestly or Aaronic blessing in the Book of Numbers proclaims God's promise to be with us. God's face shines upon us with graciousness, kindness, and peace. A particular friend of mine prays for peace in hearts, homes, cities, churches, and the world. Peace is more than the absence of conflict. Peace means we will be all right because God is with us.

Paul comforts us with the reminder that we are adopted children of God. One with Christ, we are instruments of God's blessing, peace, comfort for our world. Mary models the way. She held the message and visit of the shepherds close to her heart, treasuring their words and pondering what their visit meant.

We find comfort by reflecting on God's visit and the message offered through the birth of Jesus that we celebrate this season. Let us ponder this event. Reflect on today's readings. What do they invite us to treasure? What is the difference between being God's child and how we live today?

Baptism makes us disciples of Jesus and empowers us to witness who he is, and the difference faith in Christ can make in our world. Do you feel unworthy? The Shepherds offer hope. They were considered unclean, suspicious characters, treated like those we tend to put down. If they could proclaim a message for Mary to ponder, so can we. On this day of Christmas, I would recommend rest, read, and reflecting on God's words of blessing and comfort, then rouse up your good self to witness Jesus Christ this day.

Son of Mary, please open my eyes to your presence around and within me. Fill me with your Spirit so that I can be an instrument of your light and peace for those I meet today. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

Mass Intentions

Saturday · December 25

8:00 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM

† **Angelo & Antoinette Pennetti & Family**

r/b Libby Miller

11:30 AM

† **Consolacion I. Anarcon**

r/b Margaret Tamburri

† **Joseph Cocuzza**

r/b loving wife, Maryann

Sunday · December 26

8:00 AM

† **Millie D'Amico**

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM

† **James Otten**

r/b Adelaide Sangiorgi

11:30 AM

† **Sal Remigio**

r/b Martinez Family



Monday · December 27

9:00 AM

† **Jean Burke**

r/b Beloved Husband & Family

Tuesday · December 28

9:00 AM

† **Ross W. Johnson**

r/b Sliwa Family

Thursday · December 30

9:00 AM

† **Mary Smilek**

r/b Joanne Monroe

Friday · December 31

9:00 AM

† **Reyes Family**

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With grateful thanks to those who contributed toward Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones and those who donated anonymously.



Parish Weekend Collection & Attendance Reporting

Due to the early Christmas-related bulletin publication deadline, the collection data for the weekend of December 18 and 19 and December 26 will be published in the January 9 bulletin.

The tallying of the Christmas collection ongoing at this time of the year as cash and checks earmarked for Christmas continue to come in through the mail and weekend masses. We will publish the amount of the Christmas collection in the next few weeks.

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