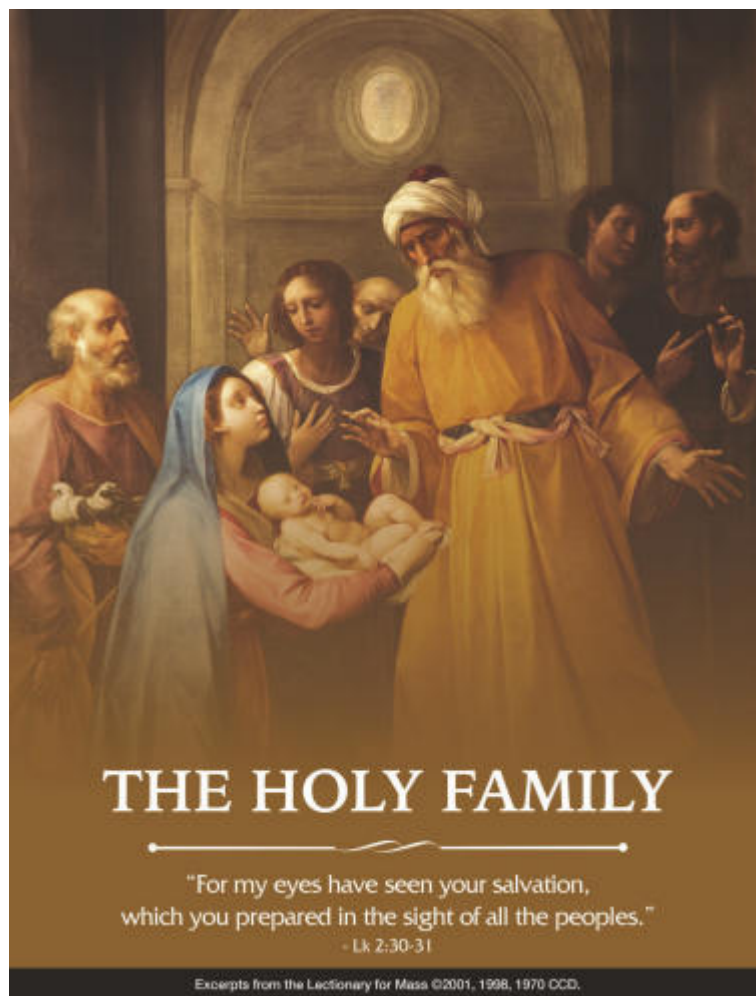


# St. Mary of the Assumption

119 Broad Street  
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Sunday, December 27, 2020 | The Feast of the Holy Family



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."  
- Lk 2:30-31

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### **Sacrament of Baptism**

**Sundays at 1:00 p.m. by appointment  
and after preparation with Mrs. Webster**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**By appointment**

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

**In case of emergency, at any time. Whenever someone is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound, please notify the parish office.**

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

**Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least one year before date, be registered parishioners and must present a recent baptismal certificate.**

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**Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday • 8:30 ~ 12:00**

**Phone calls to Reserve seats for mass will be taken during normal office hours, from Monday at 8:30 a.m. through Friday at 12:00 p.m.**

### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m.**

**Mon.-Fri: Open for Private Prayer from 7 am to 11:00 ~ No mass at this time.**

**First Saturday & Holy Days Only: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

*"One in Mind and Heart, Intent  
Upon God" ~ St. Augustine*



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

*For the week of December 28, 2020*

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

Joseph H. & Anna M. Wells  
Paul Gervais

Dr. Anne Marie Wells  
Peg & Family

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

Francis Kippen  
Paul A. Marziani

Keene Olmstead  
Bianca Razzano & Family

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Tammy Taylor  
Ellen Carrow  
Ann Gabriel  
George Fontaine

parents  
the Hanlon Family  
Husband & Family  
Joan & Family

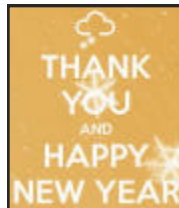
### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

Irene White Dudden  
Paul A. Marziani  
Matthew J. Dwyer

John White  
the Oliver Family  
the Hurley Family

*Thank You to everyone who continues to  
support our parish.*

*Offertory for the week of 12/6/2020*  
*Regular \$ 6160*



## *Calendar of Events*

- 12/27 **Feast of the Holy Family**  
01/01 **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**  
**10:00 AM Mass (no 7:45 am mass)**  
01/03 *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
01/04 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*  
01/10 *Baptism of the Lord*  
01/18 *Martin Luther King Day ~ Office is Closed*

## **ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION RESTORATION FUND**

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### **The Gift of Family**

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

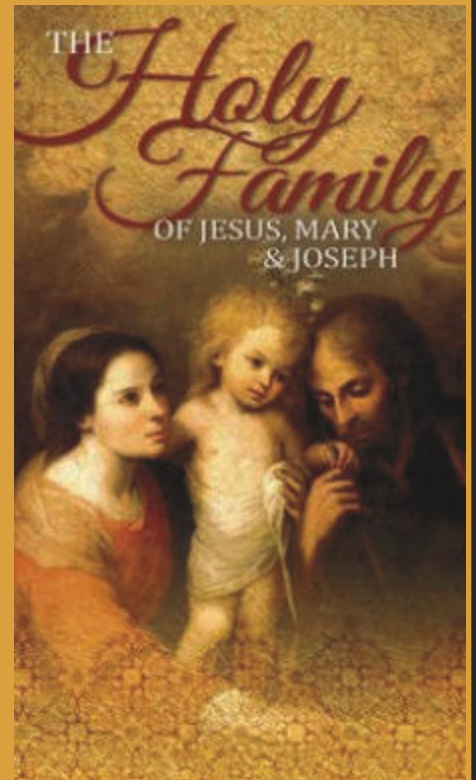
## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - December 27, 2020**

### ***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

***Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.***

***Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!***

***Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!***




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***Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way:*** Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Carol Hervieux-Potts, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Maria Pascarella, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Cathy Powers Vanina, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Bill Dame, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Melissa Rice, Paula Navojosky, Nicholas Muscatiello, William Furlong, Scott McGowty, Patricia Wilson, Father Joseph Getz O.S.A. ***Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.***







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