

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY  
AND JOSEPH  
**December 29, 22024**  
Mass Intentions

December 29, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00AM+Geraldine Petrunak, Birthday (Family)

10:00AM+Barry Krug (Bob & Tammy Datis)

2:00 P.M. Opening Mass for the Jubilee Year

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**

December 30, Monday, Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:00PM+Ann Rhodes, Birthday (Family)

December 31, Tuesday, Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:00PM Special Intention, 60th Wedding Ann.

(Wife Suzanne)

**Vigil : Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

5:30PM+Jean Fornwalt (Kat & Ed Zeak)

**January 1, Wednesday, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

8:00AM Peace on Earth

10:00AM Pro Popolo/For the People

January 2, Thursday, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

12:00PM+Ray Kelly (Family)

January 3, Friday, Christmas Weekday

12:00PM+Paul & Edith Weible (Sandra J. Hankinson)

January 4, Saturday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

12:00PM+David Seidel, Birthday (Wife)

**Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00PM+James Kenawell Sr., Birth (Son James Jr.)

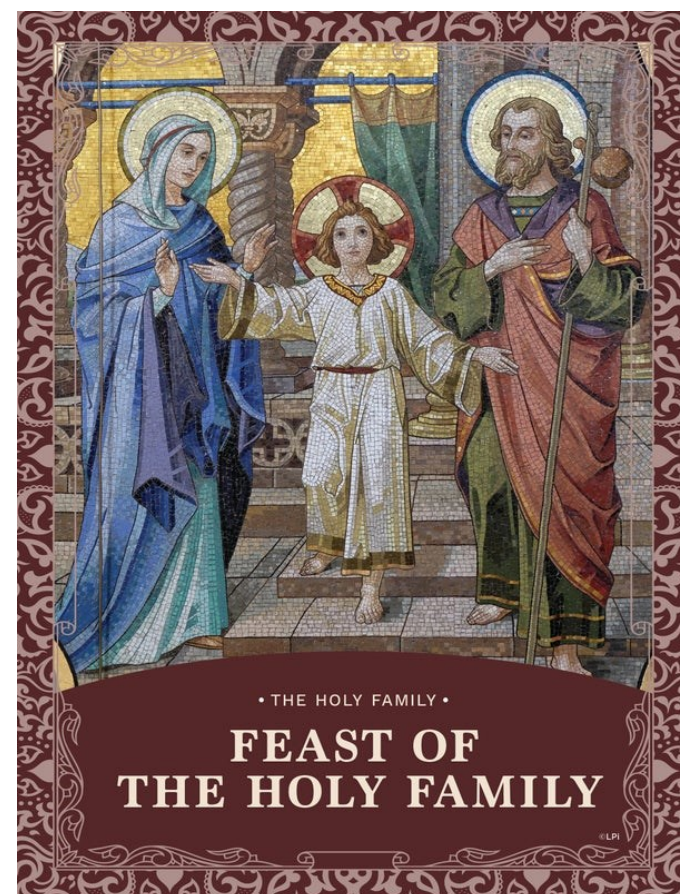
**January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00AM+Regis McCloskey (Barbara Caracceos and Family)

10:00AM+Alberta Weaver, Ann. (Weaver Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM**



Every parish is a family of families, made up with all kinds of different personalities, strengths, weakness, gifts, challenges, and wounds. There are moments of grief and gladness. There are experiences that enrich and disappoint. There are memories of the past and dreams for the future.

As the Church continues to celebrate the Christmas season, I want to thank you for your participation in the life of the Cathedral parish. I also want to encourage you to grow in holiness and become more involved. The Church needs the talents of all her members.

You and your family are remembered in my prayer. The intercession of the Holy Family is a powerful source of encouragement for all of us.

Blessings,

Msgr. Stan Carson

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, December 22, 2024, \$ 12,803.86

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

**RADIO MASS**

Following consultations with our Parish Council and Finance Council, it has been decided to discontinue broadcasting our 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass on the radio. Gratitude is extended to our generous sponsors.

As you know, there has been an significant increase in Masses that are available on television and the internet.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

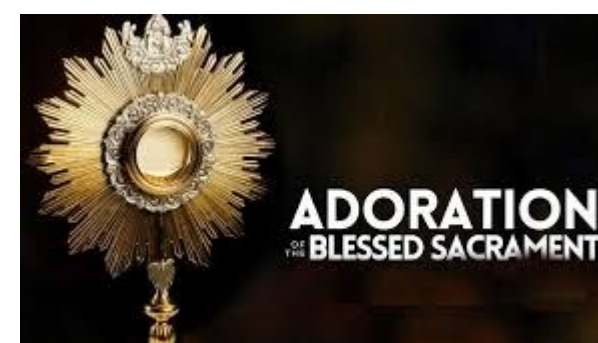
All meetings/sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8:00PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if you are unable to attend a meeting so that make up work can be assigned.

**PARENTS / STUDENT SESSIONS:**

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:00AM Mass May 4, 2025. If you have any questions please call Chris Laraia, 814-312-7317 or email me at claraia@dioceseaj.org



Our Eucharistic Day of Adoration in January will be on Wednesday, January 8.



Gratitude is extended to those who participated in our Advent Season Winter Coat Drive. The new and gently used winter coats will be greatly appreciated.



Every 25 years the Church celebrates a special Holy Year called the Jubilee Year. The next Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve 2024.

On Sunday, December 29, Bishop Mark will open the Jubilee in our diocese with a special Mass at 2:00 P.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

The upcoming Holy Year offers opportunities to be "ambassadors of hope" through loving service. Each parish is asked to provide assistance to those in need.



**Liturgical Ministers Schedules**

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will to be done by our parish office. Early in the new year we will begin to recruit additional liturgical ministers for all of our liturgies.



**Gratitude is extended to all the volunteers who participated in this year's Christmas Parade Entry. The contribution of your talent and time is deeply appreciated.**

**Float Construction Crew**

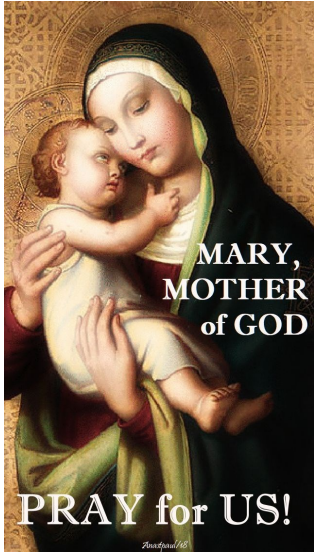
Randy Isenberg  
Matt Isenberg  
Bill & Grace Smith  
Paula Miller  
Dave Kimmel  
Bob Jones  
Tony Kibelbek  
John Fischer  
Carol Galioto  
Natasha & Daniel Boydston  
Dick Moran  
Mark Sanker

**Parade Group**

Matthew & Christine Repko Family  
Mark & Carol Sanker  
Maria & Cora Strohm  
Randy & Paula Clemens  
Jacob Dey  
Grace Golden  
Mark, Janice & Nathan Golden Family  
Angela Blough  
Tony Kibelbek  
Barbara Rossi  
Michele Luciano  
Patrick & Christine Dobbins Family  
Jesse, Alayna, & Mya Lee,

**Hospitality Group**

Mary Ann Bell  
Beth Moore  
Mark & Carol Sanker  
Butch Winkler  
Linda Yaskow



Wednesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and a holy day of obligation. There is a Mass on Tuesday, 12/31, at 5:30 P.M. Masses on 1/1 are at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. There is a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

**Stewardship Reflections**

Today's Gospel reading on this Feast of the Holy Family gives a glimpse into the childhood of Jesus with his Mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. This is a family like no other consisting of the very Son of God, Mary the Queen of all Saints, and St. Joseph the patron saint of the Universal Church. Yet as we see in today's scripture passage, they led a life typical of the families of their day. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience, even today. And so, we look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of Stewardship in family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2025, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. And let's make 2025 a year in our parish like never before. Happy Feast Day, parish family!

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

Gratitude is extended to the volunteers who decorated the Cathedral for Christmas. Appreciation is also extended to our ministers of music and liturgy.

Divine worship is our most essential duty and privilege as Catholic Christians.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown  
**THE CATHEDRAL  
OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

**INFANT BAPTISM:**

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

**CONFIRMATION:**

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.  
By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Upon Request and Communal celebration

**MARRIAGE:**

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

**DEVOTIONS:**

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM  
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY**

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator**

**Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary**

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

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**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603**

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.  
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

**Church Office:** 814-944-4603

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**Mass Times**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Weekday:</b>
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	<b>Saturday:</b>
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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