

Welcome to...

The holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will
overshadow you. Therefore the child to
be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

Luke 1:35 (NAB)



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Welcome to Holy Family of Nazareth!

New Parishioners: Call or stop by the Parish office to register.

Check out our web site at www.holyfamilyofnazareth.com

Parish Office 978-537-3016 - Fax 978-534-1119

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Office Schedule: Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesdays until 6:00 pm

Staff

Pastor: Rev. José A. Rodríguez

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Mrs. Anne M. Booth

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Baptism

Please make an appointment with Fr. José

Marriage

Couples should call the Parish Office at least one year prior to wedding date

Confession

See *Current Events* for hours

Sponsor Requirements

Must be an active, practicing, Catholic who has had the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Masses and Devotions

Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4:00 pm - Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Daily Mass: Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 am

Rosary: Prayed at 7:30am (Wed thru Fri)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

(Fridays)

11:45 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Catholic Media...

Catholic Radio WQPH, 89.3FM.

Watch Leominster LATV:

Wed. at 6 pm; Thurs. at 4 pm; Sundays at 9 am.

**Holy Trinity Chapel
(Spanish Masses)**

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 2:00 pm

69 Lincoln Terrace

Children-At-Risk-Hotline: 1-800-792 5200

Drug Abuse or Alcoholism: 1-855-786-7378

National Hope Line Network: 1-800-784-2433

Domestic Violence Resources: 1-877-342-9355

Office for Healing and Prevention:

Diocese of Worcester 1-508-929-4363

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

Mass Intentions



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
this week for...
Rachel Elizabeth Lee

Date	MASS	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Saturday, Dec 20	4:00 pm	+Marcia Oliver (14th Anniversary)	The Family
Sunday, Dec 21	8:00 am	+Zoel Richard (1st Anniversary)	His Wife & Children
	10:15 am	+Doris Brideau	Her Husband
	6:00 pm	Special Intention	
Monday, Dec 22	8:00 am	+Jeffrey Reynolds	The Family
Tuesday, Dec 23	8:00 am	+Ellie DeLibero	The Dolan Family
Wednesday, Dec 24	4:00 pm	<i>All Parishioners</i>	Holy Trinity Chapel
	7:00 pm	<i>Spanish Mass</i>	
Thursday, Dec 25	9:00 am	<i>All Parishioners</i>	
Friday, Dec 26	8:00 am	+Paul & Louise LeBlanc	Dave & Betty Dunn
Saturday, Dec 27	4:00 pm	+Fidele Richard (6th Anniversary)	M/M Daniel Richard & Family
Sunday, Dec 28	8:00 am	+Zoel Richard (1st Anniversary)	His Wife & Children
	10:15 am	+Carl "Skip" Agnew (11th Anniv.)	The Family

From the Pastor...

Dear family,

On behalf of the staff and myself,

I want to wish you all

a holy and joyful Christmas!

May Christ who brought hope to the shepherds, the same Christ who brought light into darkness, fill your homes and hearts with these gifts!

Peace to all,

Fr. José



Holy Family Breakfast

Sunday, Dec 28 8:45 - 10:00

Join together in celebration of our Patronal Feast, the Holy Family.

Includes: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cold cereal, muffins, coffee, tea & juice

RSVP by calling the parish office.

Current Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, 12/21	9:00 - 10 am 9:00 am & 11:15 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm	Weeks A & B - <i>Pageant Practice</i> Coffee Plus Baptism Confirmation Class
Tuesday, 12/23	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 12/24	8:30 am - Noon	<i>Office Hours</i>
Thursday, 12/25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>
Friday, 12/26	8:30 - 11:45 am 11:45 am	Adoration Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, 12/27	10:30 am	Confessions
Sunday, 12/28	8:45 - 10:00 am 7:00 pm	<i>No Religious Education</i> Holy Family Breakfast Ultreya

Our Celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ

Wednesday, December 24

Choir Concert - 3:30 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm

Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 25

Mass at 9:00 am

May you have a Joyful & Peaceful Christmas!

New Year's Eve 4:00 pm & New Year's Day 9:00 am



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The Giving Tree

What a great response!
Gifts were distributed to recipients earlier this week.

Thank you for your kindness!

Scripture for the week of December 21, 2014

- 21 SUN 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- 22 Mon 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
- 23 Tue Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
- 24 Wed 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
- 25 Thu Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-1
- 26 Fri Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
- 27 Sat 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8
- 28 SUN Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Advent Novena

Our Advent Novena concludes on Christmas Eve.
Come spend time of prayer with weekday Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 8:00 am.
Church will open at 7:00 am

Three additional reasons to attend Mass...

1. **God has a special message for us.**
God speaks to us through the readings, homily and prayers.
2. **We need to talk to God.**
If we are in a relationship with God, we need to take time to talk to Him.
3. **People need our prayers.**
Prayers at Mass are special prayers.

SNOW DAYS

For Mass: If school is cancelled, the *weekday* morning Mass will be cancelled. If school is delayed, we will still have Mass. Call the office on *weekends*.



For Religious Ed: Tune to Channel 4 News or go to *wbz.com* and click on "cancellations".

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation *in memory of* or *in honor of* a loved one, please use this form and place it in an envelope marked *Christmas Flowers* and place it in the collection basket, or mail it to the office. Thank you for your generosity! (Please print names.)

Christmas Flower Donation by: _____

FOR:

	Living _____	Deceased _____
	Living _____	Deceased _____
	Living _____	Deceased _____

Annual Epiphany Pageant
Dress Rehearsal

January 3, 2015 - 9am - 10:30 am

The Feast of the Epiphany

January 4, 2015

In order to make this the best pageant ever, we need everyone to participate in some way. Parents we need your help. Please encourage your children to participate and remember the true meaning of this holiest of seasons.

In the area.....

The next *women's Cursillo weekend* is February 26 - March 1, and will be held at the Prindle Pond Conference center in Charlton, MA. For information and an application contact Betsy Fiedler at 978-534-5308, or Teresa Leger at 978-466-6864.

The 21st Annual National Memorial for the Preborn & their Mothers & Fathers will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22 in Washington, DC. Go to Christa@nprcouncil.org for information.

Weekly Offertory

December 13 & 14

Weekly Offering:	\$ 4,003.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 598.00
Mortgage:	\$ 272.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 609.00
Retired Religious:	\$ 1,465.00
Italian Dinner:	\$ 956.00

Thank you for all your support!

Give in proportion to the blessings the Lord has given you.
Deut 16:10

Christmas 2014

My dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

During this season of joy, our hearts are stirred by the beauty, depth and constancy of God's love for each of us. Truly, God so loved the world that He sent His Son as our Savior. (John 3:16)

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Christmas Mass, together with our family gatherings and customs, we are drawn together in the renewal of that comforting realization. In that quiet, families gather to share their joy and love for God and one another. Pope Francis reminds us that the family is a "center of love where the law of respect and communion reigns and...no one is set apart" and that "the family continues to be a school unparalleled in humanity, and indispensable contribution to a just and supportive society."

In difficult times, let us remember the enduring meaning of Christmas. ***God is with us.*** He loves us.

May the peace of Christmas always be your blessing and may the consolation of God's presence to you be your strength in times of trial.

With every prayerful best wish I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

2015 Lucky 25 Raffle

January through November:

\$100, \$50 & \$25

In December:

\$200, \$300, \$400, \$500 & \$1,000

\$25 per ticket

If you buy or sell four, you get one free.

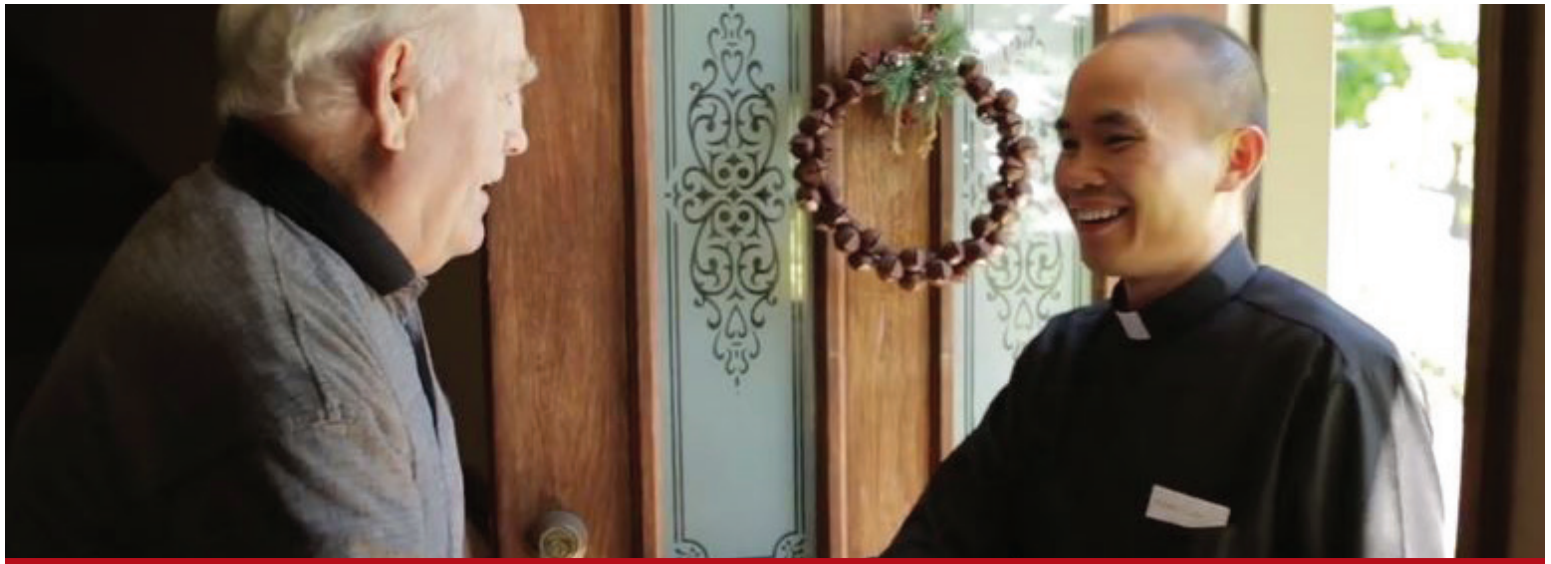
Tickets available in the office.

They make great Christmas gifts.

We appreciate all your support!



Our first drawing is Jan. 7, 2015



Meet Fr. Huy – *Bringing the Hope of Christ to Others*

It is mid-morning in November, and Jim Thompson greets his pastor, Fr. Huy Nguyen, at his front door. “I cannot see,” Jim reflects, “but when Fr. Huy goes out of his way to bring me communion or to just visit, it makes my day. He gives me the strength to keep going.”

As a young child, Fr. Huy fled Vietnam with his family as one of the “boat people.” He knows what true sacrifice is and feels blessed by the grace of hope in his own life. “It gives me great joy when I visit homebound people such as Jim,” says Fr. Huy. “I never thought I would be a priest in America. Now, even though Jim cannot come to the Church, I can help give him hope by bringing Christ to Jim. God does work in very miraculous ways.”

Fr. Huy, like so many priests in our Archdiocese, is there to bring the Sacraments to homebound parishioners every day of the week. This Christmas, please consider making a generous gift to your parish collection to show our priests you truly care.

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all of Boston’s priests.



“Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.”

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, please visit www.clergyfunds.org/intentions.

To watch a short video of Fr. Huy Nguyen, please visit our website at www.clergyfunds.org.



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