

"Hail, full of grace. The Lord is with you."

[The Gospel according to Luke 1:27b-28]

The **Community will gather for Eucharist** this week at the following times.

Saturday, 12/20	5:00 P.M.	John V. Orlandi, Jr. by Gemma Maurina
Sunday, 12/21	8:30 A.M.	Nettie Filancia
Monday, 12/22	8:30 A.M.	William Tendency
Tuesday, 12/23	8:30 A.M.	Guido Forte, Sr. by Diana Forte
Wednesday, 12/24	5:00 P.M.	Deceased Parishioners
Thursday, 12/25	8:30 A.M.	Parishioners of St. Anthony's
Friday, 12/26	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
Saturday, 12/27	5:00 P.M.	Catherine Neenan by Cathy Roush
Sunday, 12/28	8:30 A.M.	[available]



Ministers of the Liturgy

December 21	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/	Jason Stroly	Matthew Michetti
Acolytes	Joy Lynch	Sandy Schimmel
Readers	Janet Bertomen	Steve Cary
Eucharistic	Elaine Fletcher	Suzan Porter
Ministers		Maria Heaney
Ministers of	Al Blackburn	
Hospitality		Diana Forte
December 28	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/		
Acolytes		
Readers		
Eucharistic		Diana Forte
Ministers		
Ministers of	Jill Atherton	
Hospitality		

The Sacraments of Healing

Our healing prepares us for the reception of the Lord evermore deeply into our lives.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

~ the Lord's Loving Forgiveness ~

and *the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.*

On the weekend of December 20th & 21st the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at both Masses.

There will also be a Communal Penance Service in St. Anthony's Church on Monday, December 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

[There will be an opportunity for individual confession and absolution.]

The Schedule for **Masses in the Christmas Season** is available. Pick one up after Mass today.

STEWARDSHIP – Last week's collection totaled **\$1,654.22**. In trying to maintain our budget, our weekly Sunday collection goal is **\$1,825.00**, which would now be **\$27,375.00**. Our total for the fiscal year is **\$21,640.37 – 79%**. The collection for the **Retired Religious Fund** raised **\$472.00**. The children's collection received **0** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

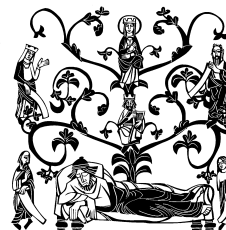
Counters: 12/21 Sandy Schimmel; 12/28 Baxter & Jan Stickle; 1/3 Diana Forte.

Prepare for the Lord's Day
NEXT SUNDAY: Holy Family Sunday

- 1] The Book of Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-5
- 2] Psalm 128:1-2,3-4,6-7,8-9
- 3] Letter to the Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19
- 4] The Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

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Parking

The east [field] side of the church can be used for parking in good weather, especially summer and fall. Please do NOT park in the rectory driveway.

Memorial Candles

+
The Altar Candles
burn the month of December
in memory of
Deborah Christensen
by
Pat & Frank Christensen

+
The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week
in memory of
Roseanne & Dec'd Fam. Mbrs.
Timpone & Zacarolli
by
Bill & Maryann Zacarolli

CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ Our **Catechetical Program** will have Children's Liturgy of the Word today.
For additional information call Jeanne Stroly, our Coordinator
at 845-868-1043.

YEAR OF
MARK



December 28th, 2014 Holy Family Sunday

We acknowledge Abraham as our father in faith. Today's reading from Genesis presents an elderly, childless Abram/ Abraham asking the Lord, "What good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless?" (15:2). But God promises, "Your own issue shall be your heir" (v 4). The Lord goes on to promise that Abram's descendants will be as many as the stars in the sky. God's promise is fulfilled: Sarah bears "Abraham a son in his old age" (21:2). The birth of this son, Isaac, is the next step in the history of the development of God's chosen people – the children of Abraham, the family tree of Jesus.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the faith of Abraham, who "received the power to generate, even though he was past the normal age – and Sarah herself was sterile" (v 11). God is acting in history to provide a blessing for the whole world through the house of Abraham. Beginning with the birth of Isaac, "there came forth from one man...descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky" (v 12). For the Church, Jesus – "the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Mt 1:1) – is the fulfillment of this promise. As part of the family of Nazareth, Jesus realizes God's promise.

Presenting Jesus in the temple of Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary fulfill "the law of Moses" (v 22). Luke narrates the stories of two prophetic individuals, Simeon and Anna, who both recognize and speak of the importance of this child, who will bring about "the redemption of Jerusalem" (v 38) and of the whole world. He is, as Simeon declares, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel" (v 32). As part of the family of Nazareth, Jesus returns with his parents to "Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth" (v 39), where he "grew and became strong...; and the favor of God was upon him" (v 40).

For reflection: How does Jesus' being part of a human family sanctify my own family? Do I consider myself part of the family tree of Abraham and Jesus?

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Catechetical Ministry to High School Youth

Gatherings at St. Anthony's Rectory
For high school age youth
Next Gathering - Sunday, Dec. 21st
from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M.

All high school youth of St. Anthony's and Immaculate Conception parishes who wish to participate: please email that you will be coming to

⇒⇒⇒<stanthonysre@fairpoint.net>⇒⇒⇒

[Carefully note the correct address.]

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord..."

Does your marriage sing the goodness of the Lord? Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help to strengthen you to be a light to the world. For more information on dates and locations go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3.

A Christmas Gift to each other?

Final Report on the Apostolic Visitation of Institutes of Women Religious in the United States of America

[After three years, the results of the 'Visitation' were published by the Vatican on December 16th. Excerpts follow. The entire document can be read on the Vatican website.]

"The Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life is sincerely grateful for the presence of women religious in the United States and for all that they contribute to the Church's evangelizing mission. Since the early days of the Catholic Church in their country, women religious have courageously been in the forefront of her evangelizing mission, selflessly tending to the spiritual, moral, educational, physical and social needs of countless individuals, especially the poor and marginalized. Throughout the nation's history, the educational apostolate of women religious in Catholic schools has fostered the personal development and nourished the faith of countless young people and helped the church community in the USA to flourish. In addition, a great majority of the Catholic healthcare systems in the United States, which serve millions of people each year, were established by congregations of women religious."

"Indeed, the entire Church sings the Magnificat to celebrate the great things that God does for women religious and for his people through them. We look to Mary, who constantly contemplates the mystery of God in our world, in human history and in our daily lives, the one who set out from her town "with haste" (Lk 1:39) to bring Jesus and the Gospel gift to others. In the words of Pope Francis we turn to Mary in prayer: "Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 288)."

Resources for Faith Development

Fr. Felix Just, SJ, webmaster of <catholic-resources.org>

[excellent for knowledge about the Bible, Liturgy, Art, and Theology]

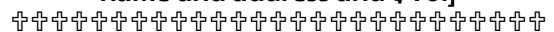
Fr. George M. Smiga, website
<buildingontheword.org>

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, <DatingGod.org>

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND "Sunflower Seeds" at
<melanniesvobodasnd.org>



Trial subscription of "Give Us This Day" for \$10 [covering Lent and Easter Time {Feb. thru May}] a gift for yourself or another. Order must be placed by Dec. 31, 2014. [Give Fr. White and envelope with your name and address and \$10.]



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