

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY ['B']

DECEMBER 28TH, 2014

"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him."

[The Gospel according to Luke 2:40]

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

Saturday, 12/27	5:00 P.M.	Catherine Neenan by Cathy Roush
Sunday, 12/28	8:30 A.M.	Families of our Parish
Monday, 12/29	8:30 A.M.	Richard A. Cantwell
Tuesday, 12/30	8:30 A.M.	Charles J. Okon
Wednesday, 12/31	5:00 P.M.	Deceased Parishioners of 2014
Thursday, 1/1	8:30 A.M.	Parishioners of St. Anthony's
Friday, 1/2	8:30 A.M.	No Mass
Saturday, 1/3	5:00 P.M.	[available]
Sunday, 1/4	8:30 A.M.	[available]



Ministers of the Liturgy

December 28	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/	Amelia McGhee	Sandy Schimmel
Acolytes	Aaron McGhee	_____

Readers	Janet Bertomen	Pat Mara
Eucharistic	Eleanor Pulver	Diana Forte
Ministers	_____	Maria Heaney

Ministers of	Jill Atherton	_____
Hospitality	_____	_____

January 4	<u>5:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>
Servers/	Jason Stroly	Amelia McGhee
Acolytes	Joy Lynch	_____

Readers	Janet Bertomen	Jackie Reynolds
Eucharistic	Eleanor Pulver	_____
Ministers	_____	Maria Heaney

Ministers of	_____	_____
Hospitality	_____	_____

The Christmas Season extends to The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 11th.



CHRISTMAS TIME

STEWARDSHIP – Last week's collection totaled **\$1,265.97**. In trying to maintain our budget, our weekly Sunday collection goal is **\$1,825.00**, which would now be **\$29,200.00**. Our total for the fiscal year is **\$22,906.34 – 78%**. Our **Christmas collection** raised **\$3,847.00**. The children's collection received **0** envelopes. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Counters: 12/28 Baxter & Jan Stickle; 1/4 Diana Forte; 1/11 Sandy Schimmel.

Prepare for the Lord's Day NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany Sunday

- 1] The Book of the Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6
- 2] Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
- 3] The Letter to the Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 4] The Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

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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/honor of
 [available]
 by
 [available]

CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

+ Our Catechetical Program will not meet today.
For additional information call Jeanne Stroly, our Coordinator
at 845-868-1043.

YEAR OF
MARK



January 4th, 2015 Solemnity of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Christ came to save all people. The magi represent those who come to know God through nature. The Second Vatican Council's *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)* teaches that God was first made known "in created realities" (3). The magi read the sky and are led to find the light of the world. Herod's advisors turn to the Scriptures and learn that the Messiah is to be born "in Bethlehem of Judea" (Mt 2:5). But Herod's response is not "to do him homage" like the magi (v2); he seeks to destroy the child. While Herod is "greatly troubled" by the birth of the child, the magi are "overjoyed" (v10). Our response to God's revelation is key to our salvation.

Today's text from Isaiah is often interpreted through the lens of the story of the magi. Writing five centuries before Christ's birth, our prophet, Third Isaiah, envisions a time when Zion, God's mountain, will be a place where the nations of the world will encounter the Lord. "Your light has come," he says to his people, "the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (v1). Writing some years after the exile, our prophet has a strong sense of universalism: God desires to save all people. We are called to walk in God's light.

Paul writes to the Ephesians of God's mystery, which "was made known to me by revelation" (v3). This is a new message, "not made known to human beings in other generations" but now made known "by the Spirit" (v5). In Christ this mystery has been revealed: "the Gentiles are coheirs ... in the promise of Christ Jesus" (v6). Christ came for all. It is up to us to accept or reject him.

For reflection: What is my attitude toward those who seek God in places other than the church? How can I better carry Christ's light to the world in this new calendar year?

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Resources for Faith Development

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

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

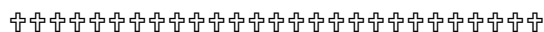
Fr. George M. Smiga, website
<buildingontheword.org>

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 place by Dec.
31, 2014. [Give Fr. White an envelope with your name
and address and \$10.]**



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on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

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A Christmas Gift to each other?

"Wake Up The World"

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called
women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity
through the evangelical counsels of
poverty, chastity, and obedience.

During this year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks
for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of
inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to
make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and
daughters who, having found the pearl of great price,
treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of a Family

{For the Family when gathered together during this Season
around the Christmas Tree, Nativity Scene or Table.}

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own
incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as he lived
its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so
that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy
prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and,
as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to
your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Feeding Our Neighbors: A Catholic Response

A Campaign to restock the food pantries and
soup kitchens throughout
the Archdiocese of New York
during the week from

Sunday, January 25th through Sunday, February 1st, 2015

Watch for the details on how to participate.