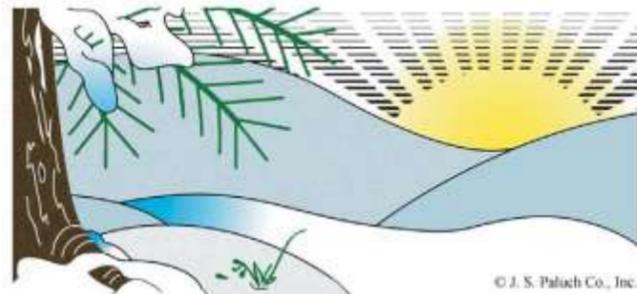


**The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 30, 2018**

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
— 1 John 3:2a



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**HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS**

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

**Gospel** — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am 6:00 pm	<b>December 31</b> † Joseph I. Bosso † Josephine Nieri
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am 6:00 pm	<b>January 1</b> † Rinaldo Schenone † Froreino, † Delia and † Paul Gemignani
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>January 2</b> Communal Service
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 3</b> † Giuseppe Benedetti
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>January 4</b> † Tessa Spiteri Lencioni
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>January 5</b> † Larry Cavagnaro † Manuel Scerri
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>January 6</b> People of the Parish † Oriana Simonetti † Mary Ann Maryatt

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Sunday Collection December 23, 2018**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,953.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,047.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$ 9,564.00</b>
<b>Novena</b>	<b>\$ 1,413.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

**Holy Day of Obligation  
Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God**

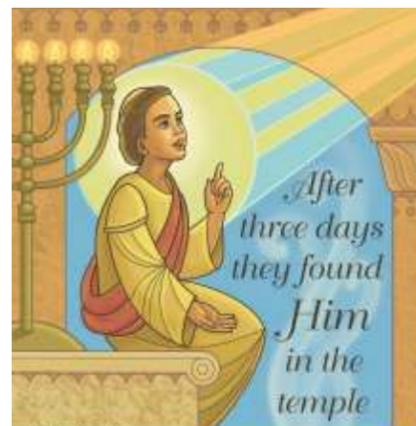
**Monday December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00 am regular Mass  
6:00 pm Eve of the Holy Day Vigil

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00am Mass  
6:00 pm Mass

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

Our goal is \$50,615.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged \$35,801.00 leaving a balance of \$14,374.00. Please help us reach our goal by the end of the year. Any deficit will have to be paid for by the parish as well as any overage will be returned to the parish. The cut-off date for the Archdiocese finance office to physically be in receipt of 2018 donations is January 9, 2019. Any donations received after that date will be posted in the 2019 AAA.

Thank you to the Maltese Society for their donation of \$200.00 from their recent casino trip.



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**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS  
GRATITUDE**



The Priests of the parish would like to say "Thank You" to all the parishioners for their gifts, cards, and prayers during the Holy Season. We are grateful to the members of the Art and Environment Committee for decorating our Church so beautifully, the parish choirs and organist for their uplifting music ministry during the Holy Season, and to all who generously donated festive Poinsettias to the Church. We would also like to thank all the organizations and individuals and sponsors who contributed to our nine Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas.



The Parish office will be closed on Monday December 31<sup>st</sup> and on Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup>