

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, December 26 – Fr. Manning
9:00 a.m. Julia Reitz from Women of Faith
Tuesday December 28
9:00 am Prayer Service
Sunday, January 2 Fr. Haladej
9:00 am Michael Dyer by John & Dixilene Park

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: January 2, 2021					
Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	Servers	Priest	Camera
Sunday 9:00 am	Betty Paul	Deacon Ralph	Andrew Latham	Haladej	Becca
	Chrissy Dundon				
Parish Stewardship Week of December 19, 2021					

Collection 12/19/21	Envelopes: 58
Sunday Offertory \$ 1789.65	Attendance: 85
E-Offering \$ 616.18	Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00
Christmas Flowers \$ 180.00	
Needy of parish \$ 680.00	
Christmas \$ 100.00	
Catholic Schools \$ 10.00	
Donation \$ 565.00	
New Year \$ 10.00	
Expenditures \$ 10.00	
Immac. Concep. \$ 10.00	
Candles \$ 47.00	
Total 40.17.83	

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Priest Rotation Schedule for next week

1/1 SJA - 4 pm Fr. Manning
 RC - 5 pm Fr. Weikart
 1/2 SJM – 8 am Fr. Weikart
 SA – 9 am Fr. Haladej
 RC- 10 am Fr. Weikart
 SJA 11 am Fr. Haladej

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Second Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Gospel: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24



Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at St. Ann
Dec. 26th 6:00 pm Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins
Dec. 31st 12:00 Noon at SJA, and RC 4:00 pm
New Year’s Mass Schedule
Dec. 31st SJA 4:00 pm
Jan 1st No Confessions
Regular - Saturday Mass Schedule SJA 4:00 pm, RC 5:00 pm

Christmas Caroling to the Shut-ins in the surrounding area. Anyone that would like to join in, we will be meeting at the St. Joseph Alliance Schwartz center at 6:00 pm Sunday Dec. 26th. We will be taking 2 buses, or you may drive if you prefer. Please dress for the weather. After caroling we will come back to the parish hall for cookies & hot cocoa. **Cookies are needed for the reception following, if you would like to donate some.**



Monday Dec. 27th and Monday January 3rd for the Holidays. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Staff!

Community Fellowship and Food Free Dinner on January 24th at 5:00 pm at St. Ann Church Hall, Food donated by Mile Branch Grange. All are welcome!

Birthdays

12/28 Eddy Craig, Lukas Greshaw
 1/1 Darlene Snyder
 1/2 Raymond Carver



Merry Christmas. The celebration of Christmas is a celebration of family. It’s a celebration of what has been called the invasion of God into humanity. God came to us as a little baby out of love, a love that changed everything. Due to the quirks of the calendar this year we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family the day after our Christmas celebration, everything feels crowded together. There is a little emotional awkwardness in looking at the Holy Family story so soon after Christmas after all we just celebrated our Lord’s birth and now, we find him at age 12 lost in the temple just one day later. But the story is important for several reasons because I think it highlights the transformation of Jesus right before our eyes.

By the age of 12 a young Jewish boy would have received his bar mitzvah and become a man in the eyes of his faith and this incident becomes an awakening for His earthly parents. Joseph who had been given by God the enormous responsibility of taking care of Jesus and Mary and sheltering them from the machinations of Herod and his son now sees how utterly different Jesus will be. Maybe he gets a glimpse of Jesus’ mission, a mission that he will not live to see.

And Mary now finally comes to the realization at least in her heart that this Son she has born has begun His journey, a journey that will lead Him to follow His destiny as He begins the role of our Savior, the Messiah who will by His life and message change the world. She senses with a mother’s intuition the change that is taking place in her son. Jesus was born into the world on Christmas day but here in the temple is when he first assumes the mantle of Messiah. This gospel story can be called the beginning of His ministry.

Deacon Greg

Coming Back to Church

Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?
Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God’s grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12



Stewardship: “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



January 9th is Donut Sunday!

Stop in for fellowship, coffee and donuts after the 9:00 Mass.

Donuts \$7.00/dz.

Donut of the Month: Vanilla Cream

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