Dear Family in the Lord,

On this first Sunday in the Christmas season, we are reminded that the child who was God grew up as a member of a human family. Anyone who gives the Gospels a careful read will see that the Holy Family had their share of troubles and difficulties which caused worry and concern. Joseph showed a father’s courageous and protective instinct as he did his best to shield his family from hostility and the forces of evil. When he learned in a dream of Herod’s plot to kill the infant Jesus, he quickly uprooted Mary and the child and left that night for Egypt, where they lived as refugees in exile.

The most elementary Christian community of our lives is the family into which we are born. In the Baptism rite, parents are reminded of this in the words of the blessing: “They are to be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do.” The purpose of this feast is to underscore the importance, the “holy ground” of family life. It allows an occasion to reflect on our priorities and on the quality of our home and family life.

Family life is a full-time job, which is not so much about children and parents all living under one roof as about their hearts beating together in harmony and genuine love. This happens if the message of Christ, in all its fullness, is embraced and lived with joy and authenticity. Without focus on the real values that form us as family in the Lord, our homes can easily become places of surface connection, conflict, or simply a place to pause as we move from one activity to another. Certainly, conflicts, tensions, and misunderstandings can emerge as people live in close contact with each other, so patience, humility in admitting faults, and generosity in extending understanding and forgiveness need to be stressed. It comes down to the difference between the “urgent” and the “essential” once again. There’s one thing for sure, happiness in the home can’t be bought by accumulating all the “creature comforts.”

Finally, no matter what age young people are, home needs to be the place they feel valued, respected, and free to talk about their troubles, struggles, difficulties, and fears. Time needs to be invested with them, not only listening to their problems, but sharing their visions and dreams for the future. The present age, a secular and godless culture, leaves no room for complacency regarding matters of faith. Handing on the faith means handing on a way of life. We teach prayer by praying together. We teach mercy by showing it and being honest, even as adults, in letting our kids know we need it from God. We show the value we place on the Word, growing in understanding and in our parish family, by the way we engage ourselves with these values.

I remember a little plaque that used to hang near the kitchen door in the home I grew up in. It sums up all of this rather well: “Home: Where each lives for the other, and all live for God.”

Yours in His Love,

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**The Week at a Glance**

**Monday, December 29**

**Tuesday, December 30**
Bible Study (in Spanish) – 5:00 PM (EDPC LL)
Televised Parish Mass – 7 PM, Channel 98

**Wednesday, December 31**
Prayer Cenacle – 2:00 PM (SC C)
Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass – 4:00 PM (IC)
Holy Hour – 11:30PM-12:30AM (IC C)

**Thursday, January 1**
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day Mass – 9:30 AM (IC)

**Friday, January 2**
Breakfast Group – 8:30 AM (SC H)
First Friday Mass – 7:00 PM (SC C)
Nocturnal Adoration – 7:30-Midnight (SC C)

**Saturday, January 3**
Capella Alamire Recording Session – 9-3 (IC)
Rosary – 3:30 PM (IC C)

**Sunday, January 4**
Children K-5 Class Group B – 10:00 AM (SPS)
Televised Parish Mass – 10 AM, Channel 98
Children's Choir Practice – Noon (IC C)
Choir Practice Spanish Mass – 1:30 PM (SC)
Spanish Mass – 2:00 PM (SC C)

**20/20 WINNERS**
$25 Winners ~ Week 17

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**Sanctuary Lamps**
The sanctuary lamp at St. Catherine Church will burn this week for Alice Buckley, 5th anniversary, as requested by Becky Wylie and family.

At Immaculate Conception Church, the sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Lindsay DiNapoli, as requested by her husband Tom.

**Traveling Vocation Icon**
This week, Jim & Roxanne Wilton will receive the Icon of Jesus Knocking at the Door into their home and intercede in a special way for Shannon and all in formation, for those discerning, and for many vocations to rise up from our community.
**Intention For Holy Mass**

**Monday**
DEC 29  
St. Thomas Becket  
8:00AM  
SC  
Conrad Lajoie, by Bernie & Theresa Lajoie

**Tuesday**
DEC 30  
Christmas Octave Day  
8:00AM  
SC  
John Hynes, by Bernie & Theresa Lajoie

**Wednesday**
DEC 31  
St. Sylvester  
8:00AM  
SC  
Don Buenaventura, by Maribel Barry  
4:00PM  
IC  
Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)

**Thursday**
JAN 1  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
9:30AM  
IC  
Kathleen Laugenour, by Lisa & Bob Louttit

**Friday**
JAN 2  
St. Basil, St. Gregory  
8:00AM  
SC  
T J Bassett, by the Maloney Family  
7:00PM  
SC  
Alice Buckley (4th anniversary), by Mary P

**Saturday**
JAN 3  
The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
8:00AM  
SC  
M. Therese L’Ecuyer, by her Family  
Vigil  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
4:00PM  
IC  
Margaret Rose Webb (5th anniversary), by her Husband & Family

**Sunday**
JAN 4  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
8:30AM  
IC  
Mary Sullivan, by her sister Peg  
10:30AM  
IC  
Theresa Dube, by the McDonough Family  
2:00PM  
in Spanish  
Celebrant’s Intention  
4:30PM  
IC  
Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)

To schedule Mass intentions, please call Marilyn Chavez at the St. Catherine office, 436-0344.

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**New Year’s Schedule**

This is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation, and the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

**Wednesday, December 31**
4:00 PM  
Immaculate Conception

**Thursday, January 1**
9:30 AM  
Immaculate Conception

**New Year’s Eve Holy Hour**

We invite you to spend the last 30 minutes of the passing year and the first 30 minutes of the new year in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction will be imparted at the stroke of Midnight to ask the Lord’s blessing on the year before us. There will be a series of reflective petitions to focus on intercessory prayer as we look back and look ahead.

All are invited to join us on New Year’s Eve, from 11:30 PM to 12:30 AM, at Immaculate Conception Church!

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**Parish News**

**NEW! Epiphany Blessing**
The blessing of chalk, for use in your homes for blessing in the coming year, will take place at each Holy Mass next weekend as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord!

**NEW! First Friday Devotion**
Join us for our monthly devotion of reparation with First Friday Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Litany of the Sacred Heart. The Blessed Sacrament then remains exposed for your prayerful visits and personal adoration until 11:45 PM. We conclude nocturnal adoration with Compline (Night Prayer) and Benediction at 11:45 PM. “Can you watch one hour with me?”

**NEW! Children’s Ministry/RCIA Resume**
RCIA Sessions will begin meeting again next Sunday, January 4, at St. Patrick School in the Library, 12:00-1:00 PM. Children’s Ministry for Grades 1-5 (group B) begin meeting next Sunday, January 4, from 10:00 – 11:45 AM.

**NEW! First Reconciliation Rehearsal**
First Reconciliation Rehearsal will take place Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. All second graders who are involved in sacramental preparation in our parish must attend with at least one parent. At-Home Reconciliation Books are due on January 4th.

**NEW! No Coffee Hour This Weekend**
There will be no Coffee Hour Hospitality this weekend to allow our volunteers the Christmas Holiday weekend off.

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**Collection Report Delay**
Because of the Christmas Holiday, our weekly financial report was not available when the bulletin went to press. It will appear next week.

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From all of us, to all of you,  
Best Wishes for a  
Happy & Blessed New Year!  
Fr. Gary and the Parish Staff
Christmas Flower Memorials

Many thanks for your generosity!  All the souls in whose memory donations were received for our Christmas flowers and decorations are being remembered in the Masses of the Christmas Octave.

Mr & Mrs Jack Alexander                          Roger Chavez                          Antonio & Maria DiNapoli
The Allard & Coughlin Families                    Harold Cherry                         Ralph & Sadie DiNapoli
The Anania Family                                  Victor Chini                          The Doherty & Fisher Families
Hattie & Chet Andruszkiewicz                      Robert & Mary Emma Christopher        The Doherty/Fisher/DeFeo Families
Joan Arnold                                        Donna Cirillo Eshardt                Catherine Donohue
Mr & Mrs Attia & Family                           Denise Cloutier                       The Downes Family
William "Butch" Aubertine                         Joseph E. Coffill                     The Downey Family
Lauren K. Ayers                                    The Colliton Family                  The DuBois Family
The Babula Family                                  Nancy Conboy                         Sarah Duhamel
Tony & Marge Baldinelli                            The Condon Family                    Natalie Duchesne
Iola Ballou                                        Ernest & Sophia Cook                 Ellen & Lorraine Dupuis
Sheila Barry Robinson                              Edward & Margaret Corless             Emery & Andrea Dupuis
The Baruffi Family                                 The Corrado Family                   Tom & Teresa Dwyer
John & Margaret Batick                              David & Sarah Coughlin                Eileen & William Dwyer
Fred Bauer                                         Jane F. Crapper                      Mary & Walter Dziegiel
William & Elizabeth Q. Beattie                     Silvie & Ana Crow                    The Edwards & Tonietto Family
Jack Berry                                         Betty Joy Crowe                      John Elhstrom
David Best                                         James & Blanche Curle                Brud & Ethel Eldredge
The Bilodeau Family                                The Curtin Family                    Mr & Mrs B. Enborg
Theresa Bordanaro                                  Donna M. Daigneau                    Rick Erickson
Leeman E. Boston, Sr.                              Anthony & Sally Daniels              John & Anne Fay
Richard Brauck                                      Charles & Jessie Darcy               John & Elsa Falante
The Brelis Family                                  Kay, Lloyd & Donald Darling          John R. Falante, Jr.
The Brown Family                                   Bernadette M. Davis                  The Fales Family
Gerald R. Brown, Sr.                               Bartlett G. Davis                    The Kouza Family
Rev. Albion F. Bulger                              Skip Day                              Joseph & Juliann Favalaro
Mr & Mrs Albion Bulger                             The DeCecca Family                   Alden & Ruth Fernald
Mildred Burns                                      Charles DeCecca                      Genevieve Fitzgerald
Msgr. Lawrence E Burns                             Ann Delaney                          Leo T. Fitzgerald
Roy Burris                                         Guy & Mary Dellecese                  Deceased of the Flach & Salzer Families
Sal Canino                                         Julius & Mary Q. Delpino             William & Catherine Fleckenstein
Alfred Cardinal                                     Robert Delpino                       Charles & Elsie Fleckenstein
Rose & Dee Carpenito                                Teresa B. Demarais                    Nickolas & Florence Fleckenstein
The Carroll Family                                 The Demaray Family                   Juana Fleming
Fr. Casey                                          Cecelia Desjardins                   Robert & Rose Ford
David Caskie                                        Cecilia DeTolla                      Mrs Ford
Steven Caskie                                       Catherine Devlin                     Edward Fournier
Leoncio Castro                                      Col. John Brooks Devoe               John & Anna Fritz
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Felicidad Chavez                                    Rudy & Clara DiNapoli                 Mr & Mrs R.J. Gildea
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David Gordon                                        Isabel, Charles & Tim McCarthy
Mary Gordon                                          John D. & Rose McCooey
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