

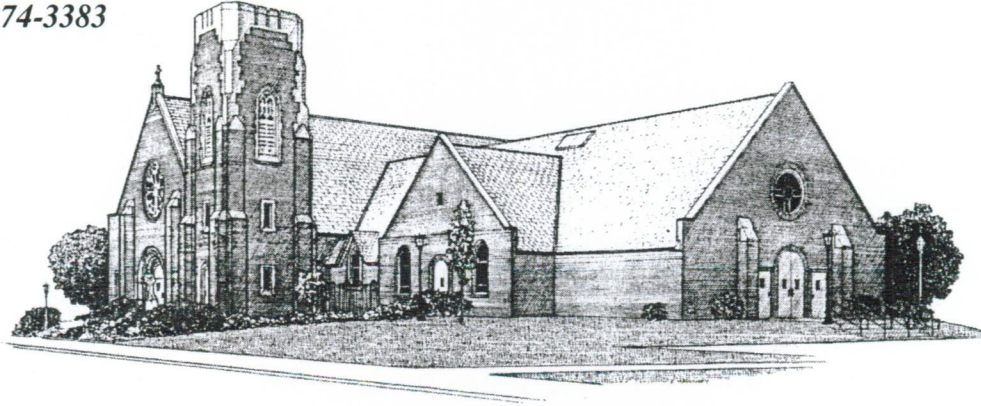
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM (Closed on Friday)

HOLY EUCHARIST

*Saturday Evening — 4:00 PM
Sunday Morning — 9:00 AM
Holy Days: as scheduled*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available prior to any
Saturday evening liturgy.*

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*A registered parishioner who wishes
to celebrate his or her marriage at St. Joseph's
is asked to contact the Parish Office
at least six months prior to the anticipated date
(and before any other arrangements
are made) in order to begin
sacramental preparation.*

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
*If you or someone in your family
is going to the hospital for surgery,
please request the Sacrament of Anointing
by calling the Parish Office.*

*Due to federal regulations, the parish is
unable to access inpatient information
from hospitals and nursing homes
without your consent.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*For registered members of the parish,
baptism may be arranged during
a weekend liturgy.
Parents should contact the office to attend class
in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism.*

NEW PARISHIONERS
*Catholics moving into the area
are invited to register in the
parish by calling the parish office.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 19TH THROUGH DECEMBER 27TH, 2020**

12-19	4:00 PM	Michael Pelham (6th Anniversary) – Wife & Children Marie Gabriele – Martin Gabriele George Santos – The Lenane and Nold Families
12-20	9:00 AM	Andrew & Mary Frank – The Gawlas Family Helen Swits – The Family Claudine Lull-Barber – Mom & Dad
12-21	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-22	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-23	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass – For All Parishioners
12-25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass – For All Parishioners
12-26	4:00 PM	Dominic DeMaria – His Sister
12-27	9:00 AM	Mary & Joseph Gatta – The Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – DEC. 26/27, 2020		
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	TBD	TBD
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 4	C. Kukan	D. Stec
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USHER	TBD	C. Reynolds
USHER	TBD	R. Schiavone
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GREETER	M. Schwartz	T. Caldwell
GREETER	A. Swartz	TBD
CLEANER	TBD	TBD
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We have **12 volunteer positions** (including lector and one Eucharistic minister) that need to be filled for each mass. Sign-up sheets are available in Holy Family Hall for each week. We have many empty slots for the weeks ahead. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer each week so that we may remain open ~ we could not continue to hold mass without you.

NOTE: We still have openings for volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please see sign-up sheets in Holy Family Hall this weekend!

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Our income for the period **Dec.7-13, 2020** amounted to **\$7,463.07** and expenses for the same period were **\$13,553.83**. Your support of St.

Joseph's is greatly appreciated and needed at this time even if you are unable to attend in person. Please be sure to drop your donations in the donation box on the way into mass. Any donation for a special Second Collection must be in a **separate envelope**, clearly marked for the designated collection.

As the calendar year comes to a close, just a reminder that all donations for 2020 must be received at the Parish Office or postmarked by December 31, 2020. Please plan accordingly.

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Remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, as well as those in hospitals and nursing homes and all of our shut-ins. We also pray for family, friends and those who have died recently, especially **Fr. Andre Houle OMI**, uncle of Andre (Claudia) Gregoire. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.



Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 12/21	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45
Tues. 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Wed. 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Thurs. 12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Lk 1:67-79
Fri. 12/25	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1-1.6	Jn 1:1-18
Sat. 12/26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22
Sun. 12/27	Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19	Lk 2:22-40

Sanctuary Candle
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Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's	12/24	4PM
	12/25	10AM
Immac. Conception	12/24	4PM & 7PM
	12/25	9AM
Our Lady of Grace	12/24	2:30PM & 5:30PM
	12/25	10:30AM

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We currently live stream our **9 am mass** on Sunday mornings. The link to connect with our live stream is:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDgBXL8RT\\_55biUcsAofgB4w9XGcHR8DA](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDgBXL8RT_55biUcsAofgB4w9XGcHR8DA)

We remind all parishioners that the dispensation from obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days **remains in force** until further notice. Those who are at risk or do not feel comfortable attending at this time, are encouraged to remain at home and participate via our live stream mass on YouTube. Please, if you are experiencing **ANY** cold or flu-like symptoms, **DO NOT COME TO MASS**. This is for everyone's safety.

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The **Sanctuary Candle** intention may be reserved for one week (Saturday thru Friday) for a \$10.00 donation. This intention may be used to honor a deceased loved one or as a living memorial for an anniversary, birthday or other special intention. Please contact the office for more information.

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Our church calendars for 2021 have arrived. We thank **The White Funeral Home** for providing these for our parish.

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May the Christ Child bring you and your family Christmas Joy and Peace and May His Love Guide you each Day of the New Year.

Fr. Jerry and the entire staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and may the coming New Year bring you lasting peace and happiness.



At the time the bulletin went to print, reservations for Christmas Eve mass were **full** and there were 10 slots left for Christmas Day. We will be working on the seat assignments to maximize as much space as we can legally allow. If we find we have some seats available, we will call those who put their names on a waiting list with the office. Limiting people coming to Christmas mass is not something we want to do, but need to do. If you have reserved a seat for one of the masses and find that you will **NOT** be coming, please let us know ASAP so that we can allow someone else to attend. We will be live streaming Christmas Eve mass for your convenience.

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We will be decorating and setting up the church and Holy Family Hall for Christmas immediately following Sunday's liturgy this weekend. COVID guidelines will still be in place (mask, social distancing). We realize this is a busy time of year for everyone, but your help would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you to those who have already sent in their donation for **Christmas**. This past year has been a challenge for all parishes to meet their expenses with the closures. Our budget always includes a larger line for the Easter and Christmas collections which help to carry us through the year. With being closed at Easter and a limited seating for Christmas, the challenge has been even greater. Please know the trustees and finance committee work very hard to ensure we are good stewards of your precious donations. In addition to monetary donations, we have parishioners who give of their time & talent on occasion to help with projects or repairs ~ this is also appreciated when we are trying to stretch the resources that we have. It is through these gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure to your parish, that we are able to continue the mission of Jesus Christ and be there for you in a time of need. Again, thank you to all who have continued to support St. Joseph's through this unusual time ~ it is **greatly** appreciated.

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Just a reminder that our mass for the **Solemnity of Mary** will be celebrated on **January 1st at 9 AM** here at St. Joseph's. There will also be a masses at Immaculate Conception at 6:00 PM on December 31st and at 10:00 AM on January 1st at Our Lady of Grace.

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