

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 26TH THROUGH JANUARY 3RD, 2020**

12-26	4:00 PM	Dominic DeMaria - His Sister
12-27	9:00 AM	Mary & Joseph Gatta - The Family
12-28	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-29	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-30	9:00 AM	Mass at Immaculate Conception
12-31	6:00 PM	Mass at Immaculate Conception - The Solemnity of Mary
01-01	9:00 AM	The Solemnity of Mary - St. Joseph's
	10:00 AM	The Solemnity of Mary - Our Lady of Grace
01-02	4:00 PM	Rev. Thomas Boyle - John & Shirl Crane Ruth P. Meier - The Meier Family
01-03	9:00 AM	For All Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - Jan. 2/3, 2021

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
LECTOR	TBD	TBD
BREAD 1	Celebrant	Celebrant
BREAD 4	TBD	D. Schoch
USHER	P. Shave	A. Mitchell
USHER	TBD	R. Schiavone
USHER	TBD	TBD
USHER	TBD	TBD
GREETER	TBD	TBD
GREETER	TBD	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.

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Our income for the period **Dec. 14-20, 2020** amounted to **\$2,791.75** and expenses for the same period were **\$2,898.07**. 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 as the Parish Office will be **closed** for the New Year's holiday beginning at 3 pm on December 30<sup>th</sup>.


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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. We also pray for men and women in our armed forces who are serving our country.

Scripture Readings for the Week		
Mon. 12/28	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Mt 2:13-18
Tues. 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2:22-35
Wed. 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17	Lk 2:36-40
Thurs. 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Fri. 01/01	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:16-21
Sat. 01/02	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
Sun. 01/03	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	Mt 2:1-12

Sanctuary Candle
Lit in Remembrance of
Michael Brazell
Requested by Maggie Brazell



~~ Sponsor of the Week ~~

J&T's Family CAFE
Serving Breakfast & Lunch
Mon-Sun 6am-2pm
Dine In or Take Out
518-344-6440
154 Sacandaga Rd. • Scotia
(DOLLAR GENERAL PLAZA)
 *Credit Cards Accepted*

Additional Christmas Memorial

Charisse Carino



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

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.



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.



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.



The Parish Office will be open regular hours (9AM - 3PM) from December 28th through the 30th. We will be closed December 31st and January 1st for the New Year's Holiday. The Parish Office will reopen on Monday, January 4th at 9 AM.



Our next order for Hannaford gift cards & reloads is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 29th**. Please contact Deb Griffith (518-810-8911) by **Monday, Dec. 28th** to have your gift card reloaded or to purchase a card. This will be the last order for 2020! Thank you to all who support this ongoing fundraiser!



Thanks to everyone who prepared the church for Christmas! There were many who worked "behind the scenes" to be sure the church was decorated, cleaned and ready to accept all who came. Our weekly volunteers were again in place to see that everyone was seated safely and assisted those who may not have been familiar with our guidelines. We were also blessed to have two retired priests, Fr. Leo Markert & Fr. Peter Russo, assist our Pastor, Fr. Jerry, so that all masses were covered in all three of our Family of Parishes. When we all work together, we can certainly do great things! Again, thank you for your *Time, Talent & Treasure* in support of your parish.

Brian Evers, from the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment will be offering a **virtual** Mental Health First Aid education program for older adults and those dealing with later life issues on **Wed., Feb. 3rd, from 1-5 PM**. This program introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds an understanding of their impact and overviews appropriate supports. This six-hour course consists of four hours of virtual instructor-led study and two hours of virtual self-study. There will be role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to offer initial help in a mental health crisis and connect people to the appropriate professional, peer, social and self-help care. The program also teaches risk factors and warning signs of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, substance misuse, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and schizophrenia. It also includes training on Opioid overdose. To request a registration form: email, call or write, Safe Environment Office safeenv@rcda.org, 518-453-6635, or mail: Safe Environment Office, 40 North Main Ave, Albany NY 12203. There is a cost of \$35. Registration deadline **Friday, January 22nd**. All faith traditions are welcomed.

Wishing all of our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry families a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year!

Roberta Quinn and Grace Fay

At this time we expect that January classes will resume as scheduled, but please be sure to check your emails for any changes.