

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Fathering and Mothering God

"See what love God bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." John 3:1

Reflection

God our Father, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We thank you for giving us the bread we need. Holy is your name.

You hold us in your strong arms like a mother with a newborn infant. You have raised your children from generation to generation, planting seeds, harvesting grain, baking fresh bread, preparing meals, feeding your people, holding us up when we are too weak to stand on our own, teaching us how to walk and enabling us to go forth in the world as your daughters and sons.

God our Mother, you are the womb of our power, our tenderness and our courage. We forget too often that you are God. Holy is your name.

We who are as varied as your names are numerous, as varied as the ways in which you reveal yourself to us, we delight to be your cooperative, imaginative workers in a world abundant with redemptive images.

God our Father, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We thank you for giving us the bread we need. Holy is your name.

We see you in the sun and in the moon, the rain and the wind, coming power. We see you in the liberation of humanity from injustice and oppression. We see you coming with power. Holy is your name.

God our Mother, you are the womb of our power, our tenderness and our courage. We forget too often that you are God. Holy is your name.

We see you in our friends and lovers, our spouses and children. We know your passion, your commitment to right relations amongst us. We experience you, coming with power.

God our Father, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We thank you for giving us the bread we need. Holy is your name.

We see you in the bodies of hungry people, broke people, tortured people, and in a tortured earth. We tremble, yet we believe that you are coming with power. Holy is your name.

God our Mother, you are the womb of our power, our tenderness and our courage. We forget too often that you are God. Holy is your name.

We believe in you, we love you, we expect you to be with us, as we remember the power you revealed to us in the life of Jesus, your Son and our brother. Amen.

(Eucharistic Prayer, Center of Concern)

Quiet Time

Concluding Prayer

Come, Lord, with power into our midst.

Come with power into our prayer.

Come with power into our lives.

Come with power into our work.

Come with power into our togetherness.

Transform our prayer, our lives, our work, our togetherness,

that we may more truly be the body of Christ, your beloved and our Savior. Amen

*Prayers for Parish Groups
Donal Harrington & Julie Kavangh*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:16-21

PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD IN GRATITUDE FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

Honor be yours,

O Mother of God.

We rejoice in thanksgiving

for signs of God's love.

We take great joy in the fruitfulness of the earth,

in good harvests, in full barns

and in the special signs given to us this day.

We are grateful for the harvest-fullness

of life itself,

for the blessings of health

and the fruits of the Spirit which have come to us.

Together with all those who love your Son, Jesus,

we rejoice in Him

who was the fruit of your womb,

the harvest gift of history

and an eternal blessing to each us.

Mary, Blessed Mother and gateway to mystic love,
help us to be united with all those
who love God and seek truth.

May our gratitude this day
for the special gifts that have come to us,
be praise and honor
for our God, the Lord of All Gifts.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
we thank you for your intercession
and ask that you carry our prayer of gratitude
straightaway to the heart of God.
Amen

Edward Hays

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING PRAYER

*All Time Display Devices, Watches and Calendars
may be placed on the table.*

Lord, You who live outside of time,
and reside in the imperishable moment,
we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day (Eve)
upon Your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks, watches and time display devices,
You who kindly direct us
to observe the passing of minutes and hours.

May they make us aware of the miracle
of each second of life we experience.

May these our ticking or digital servants
help us not to miss that which is important,
while You keep us from machine-like routine.

May we ever be free from being clock watchers
and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars,
these ordered lists of days, weeks and months,
of holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts –
all our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars,
once reserved for the royal few,
for magi and pyramid priests,
now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days,
as they teach us the secret
that all life
is meant for celebration
and contemplation.

Bless, Lord, this New Year,
each of its 365 days and nights.
Bless us with new moons and full moons.
Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.
Grant to us, Lord,
the new year's gift
of a year of love.
Amen

Edward Hays

ALTAR SERVER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, January 5, 2019

11:30-1:30 PM

Bowling Alley



MEDITATION HOUR

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection
on **Thursday, January 10th in Church at 7 pm.**

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on **Sunday, January 13th** at 9:00 AM in the Russo
Room as we explore ways of managing your lives and your
roles as parents. Julia Gabriele, Family & Executive Coach,
will facilitate along with members of our Pastoral Staff.
Future session dates are: Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 5
All are welcome!

RCIA

Journey with Us!

Our next RCIA session is **Monday, January 14th from 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Russo Room. For more information about
RCIA, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 – 6: **Sunday, January 6**

Grades 2, 7-10: **Sunday, January 13**

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students of St. Philip Preparatory School are enjoying
their Christmas holiday and wish everyone a Happy
Healthy New Year!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

Next meeting is **Thursday, January 3, 2018** at 9:45 am in
the Molloy Center. We just donated over 100 hat and
scarf sets to various organizations! You don't need to be a
Columbiette to join. Any questions? Call Cathie Murtha.
(973-471-1265)

PRIME TIMERS

Next meeting: **Friday, January 4th at 1:00 pm** – Masonic
Lodge, Clifton. Inspirational speaker Joan Herrmann, has
been postponed. Instead, her team member, Vito Mazzo,
will speak about his private audience with Mother Teresa
on August 31, 1997.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday: *The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 pm*

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meetings: **Tuesday, January 8th & 22nd at 7 pm** in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Molloy Center.

PRAY FOR

THE DECEASED: Diane McNally

THE SICK: Mercy Mulligan, Chris Mueller, Brian Lipari

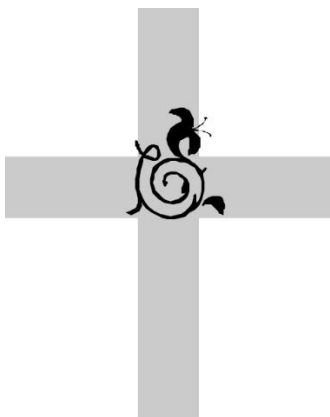
The names of parishioners that will be published in the bulletin can only be added by the sick person themselves or a designated authority for a limited period of time. The qualification for inclusion in the bulletin is for those who are gravely ill and in need of urgent prayer.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JANUARY 5/6, 2019

5:30 PM	Fr. Matt	8:00 AM	Fr. Joseph
10:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 N	Fr. Kevin

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 24, 2017	\$.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 23, 2018	
Envelopes	\$.00
Cash	\$.00
Online giving donation	\$.00
Total	\$.00



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or, for Year C, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Vincent & Sandra Borgese
Albert Pineda
Mary Nunno
Claire Neglia
12:00 George & Emelyn Masbang – 35th Anniversary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

9:00 Donald Muller

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019: SOLEMNITY OF MARY

11:00 Joseph Scafidi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

7:00 Russell Corona
9:00 Raymond Mattera

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

7:00 Helen Marro
9:00 Rita Miller

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

7:00 Mafalda Valentini – 25th Anniversary
9:00 Margaret Brophy 14th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

9:00 Judy & Nicola Ruggiero
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

8:00 Anne & Anthony Lipari
10:00 Patsy Sinisi
Matthew Telesh
Robert Parillo – 9th Anniversary
Gabino Watanabe
12:00 Andrew Doychak
Angela & Herbert Pugliese

The Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Thomas Sirvido
From his loving family

The Offertory Gifts: In Memory of
Edward Yobs