



Sunday

December 30, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 12/31

7:00 a.m. Pat Nagel by Nancy & Bob Dombroski

Tuesday, 1/1

9:00 a.m. Larry Engel by St. John's collection counters

Wednesday, 1/2

7:00 a.m. Pat Nagel by Mary & Kiara

Thursday, 1/3

7:00 a.m. Pat Nagel by Jayne & Roger Lendach & Rose Marsjanik

Friday, 1/4

7:00 a.m. John Giarcho by Eileen & Lou Capozzi

Saturday, 1/5

5:00 p.m. Anne & Edward Sheenan by Dianne Applegate

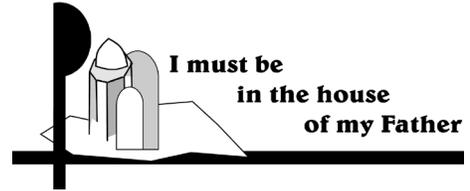
Sunday, 1/6

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Betty Hummel by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

10:30 a.m. Mariana Lucido by Enza DiStefano

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Al Geigel by his family.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Henry Janssen by Joan & Ed Nowicki.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

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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

Monday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

First Friday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

First Saturday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

“Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect... Joseph went to the region in Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth.”

We are still admiring the many gifts of Christmas. The packages have been opened and their contents displayed. There are gifts you still have to be shared with others. You did not deliver them yet. They are the virtues enumerated by St. Paul in his letter. Surely there is someone waiting to receive your gift of patience, humility and kindness. It is not too late to make sure they receive it. The gift of love is the gift wrap, bow or ribbon to bring everything together.

Can’t you see the Holy Family, settling down after their journey from Bethlehem to Egypt, happy to take a few minutes to relax and be glad that they have a home. As this special family began to accustom themselves to a new experience, they surely must have been glad the infant Son was with them. As we settle, as we approach a new year, may we find the same Lord as the center of our attention with our family in our home.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS