

December 28, 2025



Today's readings

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

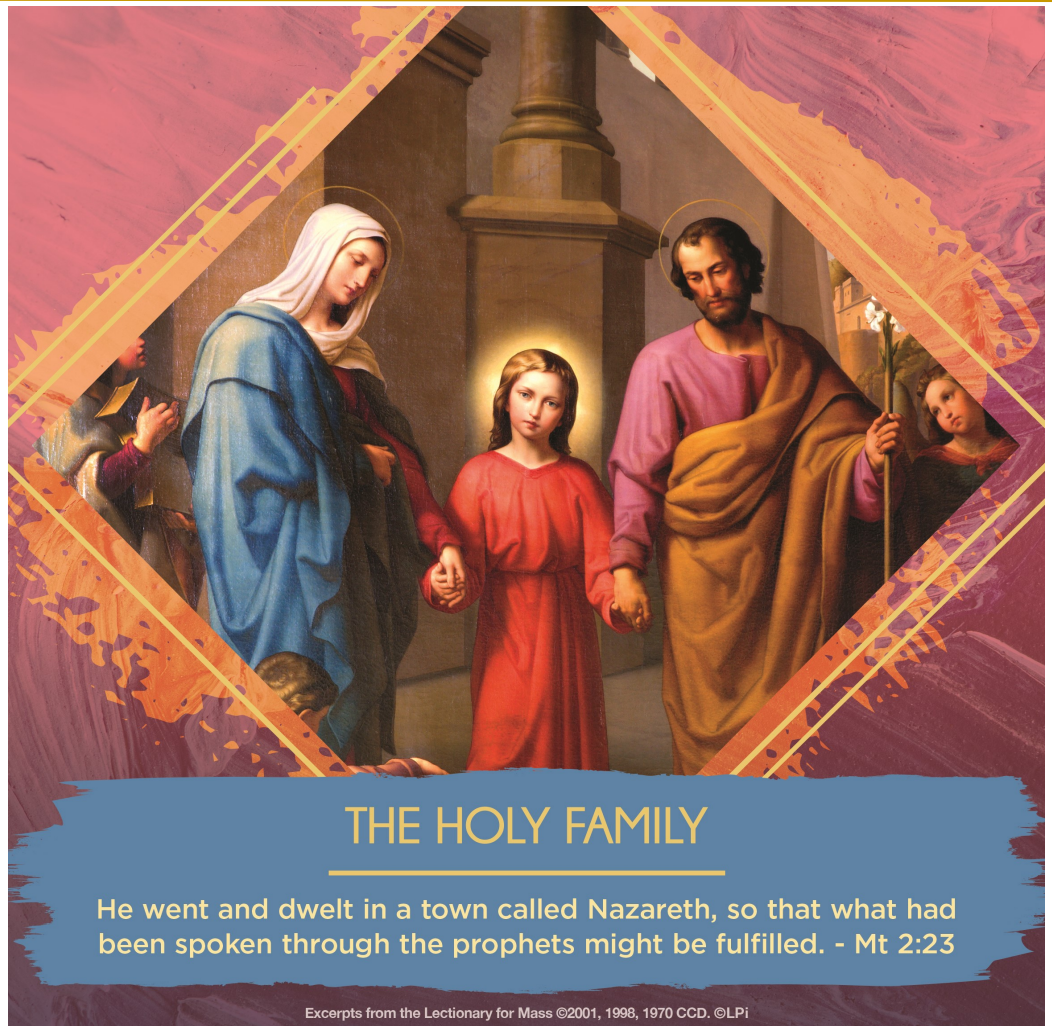
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

HOLY FAMILY: SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS,
28TH DECEMBER, 2025

GEN 15:1-6, 21:1-3; PS 105, COL 3:12-21; LK 2:22-40

Grace and peace to you all. Today is the first Sunday after Christmas and the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family.

We have come today to do three things.

I. To thank God for the gifts of our families.

II. To pray for healing, faith, greater love and peace in our families and in families having troubles.

III. To reflect on the state of our families.

Today, I call upon us all to keep in prayers orphans and widows, those separated or divorced, those whose spouses do not support or encourage them in the faith, those who are hanging on in a marriage in which they no longer find joy. May the Lord strengthen them, may the Holy Spirit comfort them and may our Blessed Mother hold them in her loving arms.

Today, I will just draw three points from the readings for our reflection, which will be principally inspired by the Gospel of today.

A. The parents of Jesus were faithful observers of the law.

God was at the centre of their family. They fulfilled their religious obligations and made an effort to bring their child up in the faith. This is an example and a challenge for us. Our family must be a domestic Church, a place where God is at the centre, where faith is pivotal to our existence. We must be mindful of our baptismal promises to raise godly children. We are called to build a family where virtues are taught and encouraged. It is in such homes that children can easily discern God's call to service and be inspired to respond.

B. The parents of Jesus lived within their means.

You will notice that they took the option of the poor as they came to present Jesus in the temple - they came with either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Ordinarily, the rich should sacrifice a lamb for holocaust (Leviticus 12:8). The mystery is that even though they couldn't afford a lamb, they brought to God the true Lamb of sacrifice.

Let us learn as a family to live within our means, to live a life of contentment and simplicity, to avoid competing with any family or being desperate about anything. Let us not set standards, plans or targets that will end up giving us unnecessary stress and health problems, targets or standards that will end up making us prioritise money or our jobs over our families.

C. The Holy Spirit:

Simeon was led by the Holy Spirit and he saw in that little baby, the awaited Messiah. By the Holy Spirit, Simeon was led, prompted and instructed.

As parents, let us be open to the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom, vision, direction and discernment, so that we may see farther and clearer, so that we may see beyond appearances and so that we may be able to govern our homes according to the mind of God and in a way that our families will flourish.

³ I shall end with a gentle message for our children.

The First Reading tells us that God gave a child to Abraham and Sarah as a blessing. They named the child Isaac, which means laughter or happiness.

Every child is supposed to be an Isaac, that is, a source of joy, laughter and happiness. Every child is meant to be a blessing. Today, let us ask:

Am I a source of joy to my parents? Do I contribute to or diminish their happiness?

Am I a blessing?

Am I a grateful and obedient child?

The truth is that whatever we do as children is seeding. We shall inevitably reap the fruits sooner or later.

Inclement Weather

Winter is here and with that comes the snow and ice. The following guidelines will be used throughout winter when the weather outside is extreme and/or unsafe. The safety and well-being of our parishioners is our priority. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

If the local school district has a 2 hour delay or cancellation, then the Daily Mass would be cancelled and the office hours would follow the same schedule as the school district.

Epiphany of our Lord would follow Monessen School District

Saint John the Baptist would follow Frazier School District

Saint Sebastian would follow Belle Vernon Area / St. Sebastian Regional School

Breakfast with Santa

In spite of the sudden snow, Santa showed up for another breakfast. Thank you to all of the people who helped make this a successful celebration. The **Epiphany Ladies and Holy Name** men provided a festive celebration, and **FCSLA** provided their time and many gifts for the children. We thank **Santa and Mrs. Claus** for taking time from their busy schedule to make an appearance.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Anthony F. Manderino II by Tara & sons

Sunday, December 28 — Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Charles Sungala by Family

Monday, December 29

8:00 AM † Ron Godla by Family

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, December 31 — Vigil

4:00 PM Pro Populo

5:00 PM Mass at St. Sebastian

Thursday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Friday, January 2

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, January 3 — Vigil

4:00 PM † William (Bill) Bielawski by Ruth, Billy & Jeff

Sunday, January 4 — The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM † Metro Petrosky, Jr by Flo Petrosky

10:30 AM † Pro Populo

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OFFICE HOURS :

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Jan. 3 & 4, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	L. Hernry W. White J. Elias	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	L. DeFelices F. Petrosky T. Todd	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	A. Punturiero	K. Byron T. Mazzei P. Francowic	M. Guiliford

Money Counters

Monday, December 29 – Team #1 – B. Geis

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

On January 1, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. Mass will be held at:

Epiphany on Wed., Dec. 31 at 4:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Thurs., Jan.1 at 8:00 a.m.

St. Sebastian on Wed., Dec. 31 at 5:00 p.m. and on New Year's Day, Thurs., Jan. 1 at 10:00 a.m.

St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 1

Stewardship

Due to the bulletin deadline, last week's collection will be listed next week.

Weekly Collection Dec. 15			
St. Lucy:			137
Votive Candles:	82	Children & Adult	1,956
Utility & Energy:	80	End of Year:	125
Accent:	30	Online :	1,465
Imm. Conception:	53	Total Collection:	\$4,642
Christmas Flowers:	489	Children & Family:	20
Advent Folder:	55	CRS:	5
Christmas:	170	Total Collection:	\$4,667

Groups

Epiphany Ladies will begin their Winter Schedule on Sunday, January 11 in the Church Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Adelle Slebodnik, Regional Director of Religion Education for Grades 6—Adult, will be the guest speaker. A 'Fill the Baby Bottle' offering will be taken to support diocesan Pro-Life efforts. The meeting is open to members, guests and all Epiphany women interested in joining the group.

Christmas Thank You



Although we are in the season of Christmas until January 6, it is a good time to pause and thank all of the people who worked to make this Christmas a festive one:

- Those who helped decorate the church;
- The organist and cantors;
- Those who volunteered for the Christmas Choir;
- The Liturgical Ministers for the extra time they put into serving for the liturgies; and
- Those who took tags from the Angel Tree to make Christmas brighter for children.

Although the whole reason for all this work is to celebrate the gift of Christ among us, the support and generosity of our parishioners is overwhelming. We are blessed here at The Epiphany of Our Lord. Be grateful for these blessings and we will carry them with us as we begin a new year in the Peace of Christ!

The office will be closed Thursday, January 1