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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY (Vigil)
4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.

DAILY
Tuesday-Friday
9:00 a.m.

in the Chapel of Divine Mercy

HOLY DAYS
Consult Bulletin

The Church and Chapel are open for your visits and prayers to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, during office hours. Please enter and leave the church or chapel through the office for security.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

Friday 11:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Saxon at the parish office for reception of this Sacrament before surgery, during a hospital stay or serious illness.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish priest for preparation class and scheduling of this Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the pastor must be made before a date may be set. The diocese requires 6 months of marriage preparation before the Sacrament may be celebrated.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Arrangements may be made through the parish office for flowers by the Blessed Sacrament and/or the Altar, as well as the Shrines of the Saints.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

If you know of anyone in this parish who is suffering from illness, please contact the church office.

**THE MONTH OF JANUARY
IS DEDICATED TO
THE HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS**



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 17: Saint Anthony, Abbot

Anthony or Antony, † 356 at age 105; born in upper Egypt; hermit and early founder of religious life; called the "Patriarch of Monks"; aided St. Athanasius of Alexandria (2 May) in combating Arianism.



Please join our parishioners for the prayerful recitation of the *Most Holy Rosary*

Saturday at 3:30 P.M. prior to the Vigil Mass at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday at 8:30 A.M. before the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Pastoral Advisory Meeting
Wednesday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Scripture for the Week of January 13, 2019

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 12, 2019

4:00 P.M. **Vigil Mass** — John & Kathy Fuchs
req. by Paul & Joyce Fuchs

Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:00 A.M. **Mass** — People of the Parish

Monday, January 14, 2019

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

9:00 A.M. **Mass** — † The Holy Souls in Purgatory
req. by the Secondro Family

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

9:00 A.M. **Mass** — † Mary Casale
req. by Terry & Eleanore Cross

Thursday, January 17, 2019

9:00 A.M. **Mass** — † Lucille Shearer
req. by Ginny Covington

Friday, January 18, 2019

9:00 A.M. **Mass** — † Leonard Russo
req. by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, January 19, 2019

4:00 P.M. **Vigil Mass** — People of the Parish

Sunday, January 20, 2019

9:00 A.M. **Mass** — Grace Russo
req. by Mary Lou Dunsford



Remember in your Prayers the Sick of the Parish

Maurice Boucher	Michele Giuiani	Bill Marshall
Bernadette Bowen	Ben Hall	Marge Morrow
Christina Carmichael	Pam Hansen	Ryan Murphy
David Carmichael Jr.	John Imbaratto	Shannon Murphy
Carrie Clyburn	Sue Imbaratto	Deborah O'Donnell
Dan Clyburn	Colin Jackson	Bob Robbins
Myra Cooper	Kent Jute	Nick Rogers
Danny Coulter	Ophelia Kitchin	Phyllis Saleeby
Ginny Covington	Ariel Lapid	Alina Sanchez
Amie Cresante	Ann Lurie	Michael Schmidt
Wilbert Culbreth	Steven McCoy	Deacon Valentine
Keith Farris	Brenda Mills	Donna Ward
Steve Garcia	David Mills	Bess Wilfong

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Without help we can not have Bingo!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR BINGO TODAY.

Please call *Sandra Ticino* 910-610-5818 or *Sandy Robbins* 910-384-5079, we will arrange what Month you can help volunteer.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are:

Feb 1-3, 2019 in COLUMBIA, SC

Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: contact us at 704-315-2144. or

REPAIR YOUR BROKEN ROSARY!

If you have a broken Rosary, bring the broken rosary in a plastic baggie or the use the envelope provided please put your name on bag or envelope. then place it in the blue box on the table at the entrance to the church, marked

ROSARIES TO BE REPAIRED.

You will find the repaired rosary with your name in the blue box on the table at the entrance to the church, marked

REPAIRED ROSARIES.

Repairs by, Karina Sheehan.



The Parish Office will be
Closed Fridays
in the month of January.



Thanks to all who helped and bake for the fish fry, also a special thanks to the Ladies of St. Mary, we could not do this without them.

Thank you again, Knights of Columbus

WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 13, 2019
10:45 AM —12:00 AM Faith Formation

Monday, January 14, 2019
6:30 PM Bingo

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Choir

Sunday, January 20, 2019
10:45 AM —12:00 AM Faith Formation

Sharing God's Gifts

Stewardship Report for January 6, 2019

Offertory **needed** for the week\$ 3,750.00

Offertory **received** for the week \$ 2,728.20

4:00 pm Mass\$ 1,168.20

9:00 am Mass\$ 1,560.00

Received for Church Maintenance\$ 860.00

4:00 pm Mass\$ 304.00

9:00 am Mass\$ 556.00

January 1, 2019

Received for Mary Mother of God\$ 641.00

4:00 pm Mass\$ 435.00

9:00 am Mass\$ 206.00

Received for First Donation of New Year\$ 406.00

4:00 pm Mass\$ 184.00

9:00 am Mass\$ 222.00

Received for Candles\$ 22.00

Thank you for your gifts and continued support to the parish. May God continue to bless all of you.

Money Counters (Mondays)

January 1 - Grace Russo, Sandy Robbins

January 7 - Sue Kirby, Sandy Robbins

January 14 - Pam Hansen, Sandy Robbins

January 21 - Grace Russo, Sandy Robbins

January 28 - Nancy Messina, Virginia Walcott



The Knights of Columbus Meeting
on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm

Volunteers for the Month of January 2019

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday: Deacon Alexander, Joyce Fuchs, Ed Baggett

Sunday: Deacon Alex, Fran Rivellese, Mike Catanzarite

Lectors

Saturday: Tom Rinkacs Sunday: Joyce Fuchs

Altar Servers Carl Daniels, Scott Bowen

Brian Catanzarite, Jacob Catanzarite, Nathaniel Rinkacs

Khanh-an (Aiden) Ho, Gia-An (Jacob) Ho, Kyle Nguyen

Bingo: Caller: Jim Kirby

Table: Sue Kriby, PERSON NEEDED

Kitchen: Alex Vicent, Jackie Vicent

Altar Linens: Jill Mathes

Social of Coffee & Donuts: The Le Family



Dear Friends and Family,

As the Holy Season of Christmas comes to a close today on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord; I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your thoughtful Christmas greetings, cards and gifts. I am especially appreciative for your prayers in my behalf before Our Lord Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God.

You may be assured of my prayers for you and your family each day as well as remembrance at the Altar of God during the offering of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. May our Heavenly Father through Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you abundantly this New Year. May the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God keep you under the mantle of Her grace and protection, and may all the saints and holy angels go before you in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

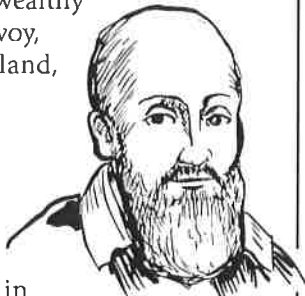
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St. Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland.



Controversial for his day, he taught that all Christians in whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound sermons, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, is still a popular read today as it was when he wrote it.

The Name

In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). So honored is his name that its first three letters in Greek - IHS - were written over Christian homes.

"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Help your family have a Happy New Year

Making your family better, stronger, more harmonious may not require a overhaul, but rather a few strategic tweaks. Try these tips to ensure that 2019 is a happier and healthier New Year for you and your family.

Eat healthier. Medical journals report that nine million children in the United States are obese or overweight. This year, try to avoid serving junk or overly processed foods and sit down together to family meals with average-sized portions of fresh, healthy foods.

Stay calm. Words can heal or hurt. Promise each other that you will avoid yelling and use only kind words.

Monitor input. Children absorb what they see and hear. Restrict what

your child watches on TV or plays on screens.

Keep moving. Go on family walks, bike rides, or go roller blading together. Find fun ways to get family exercise and spend more time together.

Read together more. Reading together at any age can increase attention span and provide time for closeness. Combine two great activities and read together from the Bible.

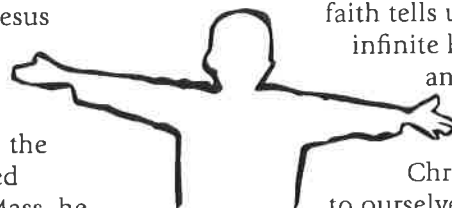
Seek the Sacraments. Our souls need Sacraments the way our bodies need nourishment. Through the Sacraments Jesus instituted, the Holy Spirit dispenses a share of divine life with each encounter. Resolve to receive Confession regularly as a family and let nothing come between you and the Eucharist on Sunday.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do Catholics need to share their faith?

Catholicism is about having a relationship with Jesus Christ, who shows God's love to us. God became man, died and rose from the dead, and re-opened Heaven for us. At Mass, he strengthens us with his Body



and Blood in the Eucharist. Our faith tells us that the perfect, infinite love we seek has a face and a name. Like the Woman at the Well, once we encounter Christ, we can't keep him to ourselves. We have to share him.

Celebrate your Catholic family

Strong Catholic families strengthen our neighborhoods, communities and the entire Church. "Christian marriage and family build up the Church" (Pope John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, #15). Celebrate yours.

Catholic parents are instruments of God's love. Children learn about God's love from their parents and we help to shape their relationship with God. There are few jobs that are as important.

Catholic families breed respect. Our children know they are valued because we care about their behavior and hold them accountable as followers of Christ.



Catholic parents provide structure and boundaries and enforce family rules. We help our youngsters develop good manners and respectful behavior.

Catholic families practice modesty. Catholics are called to control passions and avoid public and private sin. Christian parents have to make tough choices about how children dress and act, so we encourage children to behave in a manner befitting a temple of the Holy Spirit.

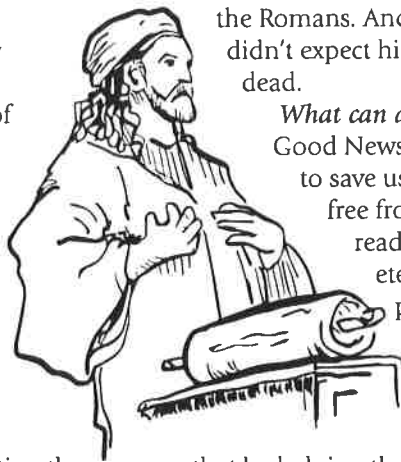
Catholic parents model self-sacrifice. We set aside our personal desires for the good of our family, our parish, and our community.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus proclaims the Good News

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. Jesus began by reading the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah, who would come to "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then, to the surprise of his listeners, he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He announced he was the long-awaited Messiah.

They must have been shocked. They were expecting the Messiah to be a worldly king who would overthrow the Romans. They didn't expect the Messiah to come from



humble Nazareth and be killed by the Romans. And they definitely didn't expect him to rise from the dead.

What can a parent do? The Good News is that God came to save us, heal us, and set us free from sin. He wants us ready for love and eternal life. There are people who need to hear the Good News of God's saving love.

Teach children that by helping those in need, praying for them, and doing what's right even when it's hard, they are sharing the Good News.

Parent TALK

When I was in college, I enjoyed serving at a soup kitchen. I felt that was what Jesus meant when he said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one



of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). So when we moved to a new town, I was glad to

serve at the parish soup kitchen.

We arrived with our casserole and warm bread and joined in serving. The guests were welcomed and shown to seats, while the rest of us rushed to put hot plates in front of them. Instead of the silence I expected, there was lively conversation and laughter. I found my ten-year old sitting at a table chatting. One man said, "Coming to a soup kitchen can be tough but you folks make us feel like we are in your living room." Guess we got it right.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1821). Wife, then widow, then Catholic convert, St. Elizabeth was rejected by her wealthy Episcopalian family and friends. To support herself and her children, she opened a Catholic school for girls near Baltimore. Eventually, she founded the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1809, who ran schools and orphanages, marking the beginning of the U.S. parochial school system.

Jan. 25 – Conversion of St. Paul. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read about

how Saul persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he said (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the faith.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st century). Timothy was a convert of Paul's and later became his trusted friend joining him in apostolic work. Titus was also a friend of Paul's who served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.



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St. Mary **Ladies' Guild**

2nd Wed. of each month Aug-May

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Vice President: Sandra Ticino
Treasurer: Grace Russo
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