

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

**VIGIL MASS**

*Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

7:30 a.m. +Paul Cirillo [James & Deanna Bird]  
5:30 p.m. +Margie Sachdeva [Friend]

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 a.m. +Robert Ravenstahl [Ned & Jo Feeney]

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

7:30 a.m. +Cathy Tarcha [Family]

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

9:00 a.m. +Ralph Saternow [Ginny Sebestyen]

Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

9:00 a.m. +George Krantz [Wife, Mary Lou]

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

*Saint John Neumann*

9:00 a.m. +Marcia Driscoll  
[Suzanne & Jay Senko]

Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass \*Mass for the People  
8:15 a.m. +Beth Ann Burns  
[Tim & JoAnne Magnotto]  
11:00 a.m. +Angela Fleet [Jean Votino]

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Jn 2:22-28  
Jn 1:19-28

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1 Jn 2:29—3:64  
Jn 1:29-34

Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 1 Jn 3:7-10  
Jn 1:35-42

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 1 Jn 3:11-21  
Jn 1:43-51

Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. January 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
T. Bain J. Feeney	K. Borsa M. Borsa M. Hornyak J. Miller E. Pierce K. Stephenson P. Thornburg D. Whalen	A. Stephenson C. Trontel M. Trontel A. Volkay
Sunday, 8:15 a.m. January 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
D. Materna M. Gargano	R. Antos P. Clark P. Clemenza A. Nicolls T. Pagliaroli C. Puleo J. Trenga <i>*Volunteer Needed</i>	F. Cindric K. Gilliland N. Selby A. Zahniser
Sunday, 11 a.m. January 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
K. Higgins C. St. John	A. Costar P. Dinger M. Goncz C. Hannah F. Hannah C. McGonigle B. McVey A. Orndorff	C. Boren K. LaCamera E. Slezak L. Villegas

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> AND TUESDAY JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.**

**YEAR END GIFTS**

As we approach the end of 2018 and prepare year end postings, gifts to be counted toward 2018 must be received on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!*

**PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER**

Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is canned fruits. Thank you for your care and concern for God's poor.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended to the family of **Thomas Morrin**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Dear Parishioners,**

*I hope you've had a Merry Christmas. Ginger and I took it easy for a few days, going for walks in the park, making chili and playing computer games. I'd like to thank you all for the nice Christmas gifts; they made me very happy.*

*As always, at the end of the year there are two prayers we should pray. First, we need to offer a prayer of Thanksgiving for all the blessings we received this year. It wasn't always an easy year. It has been particularly difficult for the Catholic Church, but it has still been very easy to see the good work that's being done in our schools, our Religious Education program, and with all the individuals and groups who worked so hard to breathe new life into our parish. Even in difficult times God is at work in his people, and we need to give thanks for that.*

*Second, we need to ask the Lord for his grace and guidance in the new year. Like any other year, 2019 will come with its own share of joys and sorrows, opportunities and dangers. We need to ask God to help us with his wisdom as we navigate the waters ahead, and we must also ask for his strength as we strive to lead our Christian lives in a very difficult day and age.*

*Thanks for all the good you have done in 2018 and all the help and kindness you've shown me. I have always been happy with your support. I don't know exactly what 2019 will be like, but I know that we will enjoy most of it, endure the difficult parts together, and with God's help we will remain faithful to the call. Happy New Year!*

Fr. Allen

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**GUEST SPEAKER, DEACON PAUL BORK**

**JANUARY 6, 2019**

Next weekend, Maryknoll's Eastern Director of the Church Engagement Department, Deacon Paul Bork, will speak at all the Masses. He will give our parishioners an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ's message to all people. Paul has traveled to Maryknoll missions across the globe from CHINA to HONG KONG, MEXICO and JAMAICA.

Those who wish will be invited to sign up for the MARYKNOLL MAGAZINE. While at the Parish, Deacon Paul will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll Priest, Sister, Brother or lay Missioner.

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**HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE**

St. Joseph Catholic Church 4<sup>th</sup> annual Funny Fundraiser  
Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

Clean Comedy! Food, Fun & Fellowship!

79 Case Avenue, Sharon, PA 16146

\$35/person 18 & over \* \$15/person under 18

Includes Dinner Buffet & Soft Drinks \* BYOB & Mixers

Doors Open: 5:30 pm \* Dinner: 6:00 pm \* Show: 7:30 pm

For tickets contact church office: (724) 981 - 3232

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION**

One session for all grades [Pre-k – 11<sup>th</sup>]

9:20 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Use Grotto Entrance for arrival and dismissal.

December 30 — NO Class

January 6 — Class

January 13 — Class

January 20 — Class

January 27 — Class

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**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

January 16 — Prep Session # 1

6:30– 8:15 pm / Multi Room

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

*In Memory and Honor of:*

Mary Bernard

McCluskey Family

Rose & John Bernard

Rosalie & Joseph Kmetz

Cole Family

Rosalie Sulecki

Linda Haun

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**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.*

*Amen.*

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