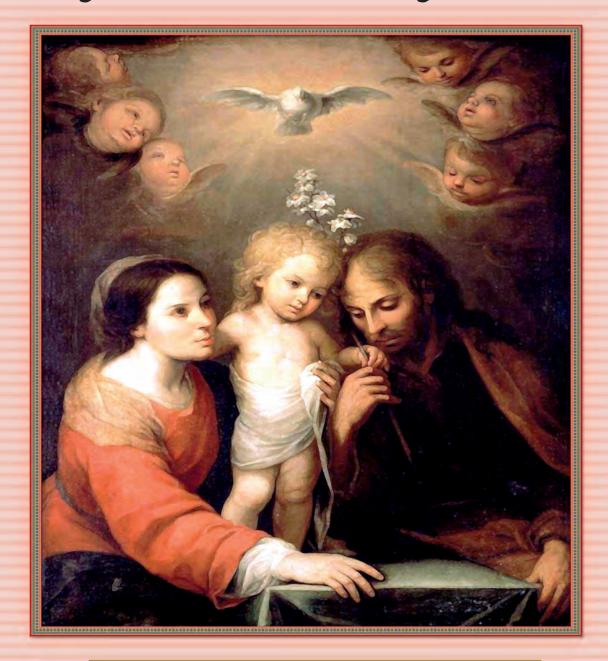


# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH





St. Catherine of Siena Church

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton** 

December 29, 2019

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Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt.-*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23* 

### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY · DECEMBER 28

4:30 PM

Margaret Brackett • MaryAnn O'Brien

SUNDAY · DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM

Dennis Fitzgerald • Teresa Porter

10:00 AM

Kenneth G. Moore • Bertalina Moore Angie Gorda • Loving Family

11:30 AM

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MONDAY · DECEMBER 30 9:00 AM Rev. Adam Kearns

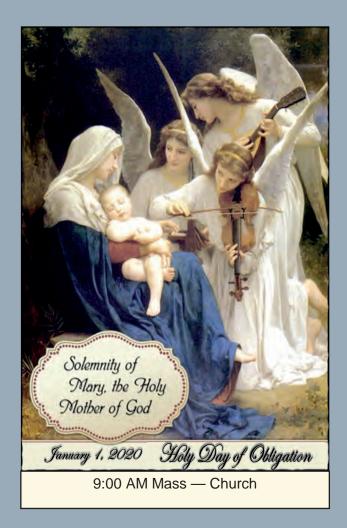
TUESDAY · DECEMBER 31 9:00 AM Rev. Adam Kearns

THURSDAY · JANUARY 2 9:00 AM Monsignor James J. McGovern

FRIDAY · JANUARY 3

9:00 AM

Russell Siller • The Meagher Family



WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 1
9:00 AM
MASS INTENTION
Joseph Stobdzian • Frankewicz Family

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#### OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners.

The FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

A few days ago, we heard St. Luke describe the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. The manger in its simplicity, provides a scene well illustrated in the song: Silent Night, Holy Night. The silence of that night was broken by the angels praising God and announcing peace to God's people on earth. Now we hear Matthew's Gospel. That peace was short lived. The paranoid King, Herod the Great, was intent on destroying the child Jesus. The Holy Family was forced to escape by leaving their homeland and becoming refugees in the neighboring country of Egypt, reminding us that no family, not even the holiest, has a stress-free existence. We are also reminded of the universal conflict and tension between the forces of good and evil, light and darkness, grace and sin. The effects of evil lined up against Jesus right from the very beginning. Matthew's story reminds us that although our decision to follow Jesus takes us along a road that leads to eternal happiness, the way ahead is not always paved smooth.

Today's Gospel provides two accounts of essential journeys. King Herod is about to slaughter the Holy Innocents. The Holy Family was fleeing for their lives to Egypt because of persecution. Joseph shows his trust in God when he listens to the angel, who appears to him in a dream and takes action to protect his family. Mary and Joseph, with their vulnerable child Jesus, head south of the coastal road towards Gaza, the desert, and Egypt. Parents can imagine the fear Mary had for her child. Their future is unknown, and they can depend only on each other and God. Their example serves to encourage and strengthen families who today flee for their lives. As they travel back to Nazareth, the home-town of Mary, life is more stable and Joseph finds work as a carpenter. Perhaps he worked as a carpenter on the sizeable Roman construction company near Nazareth. He would be like so many people in today's world who have traveled to find work in order to care for the family.

Faithfully, Mary, and Joseph handed down the Jewish faith to Jesus, who learned his prayers and celebrated the feasts of his faith. The flight into Egypt is a reminder that Joseph, the dreamer and man of multicolored coat, who was sold into slavery by his brothers, found a new life in the kingdom of the Pharaohs. Although this Joseph was a victim of betrayal in his family, God protected him and later reunited his family around him. As God brought Moses and his chosen people out of the slavery of Egypt, so God will lead Jesus and his family back to Nazareth. There he will grow and mature to become the one who will proclaim the Kingdom of God and form a new people of God around him, later the Church. We, the baptized, are called into his family to serve, love and build our families in faith and prayer.

Today's feast is an invitation to give thanks to God for the gift of our families. Even if we are scattered by distance and circumstance, God is working in our families to help us grow in faith. The importance of the family cannot be overstated or overemphasized. The family is where we discover what it means to be human; finding our strengths and weaknesses. It is where we experience love and forgiveness, where we learn about relationships, unity, sacrifice, loving others, accepting others. Where we learn values, attitudes and trust; how to handle stress and how to be responsible. Family is where we learn how to get along with one another. These vital learning tasks are acquired in a healthy family. We pray for our families. The family is the first school of love. Such love can be difficult when children need to be looked after, elderly parents cared for, and events bring tragedy into family life. The example is when Joseph promises the hope of reconciliation when there is betrayal or division. The Holy Family can inspire our actions. Let us entrust our families to the care of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2020

Wishing you all a JOYFUL, BLESSED and HEALTHY New Year.

Our first reading today is one that we are all familiar with, as it often used as the final blessing at Mass. It is a blessing by which Aaron, the high priest, the brother of Moses, blessed God's people as they prepared for their journey to the Promised Land. They had been in the desert of Sinai for a year. God had made a covenant with them, and now they have detailed instructions on how to proceed to the land of Israel, the Promised Land. Their expectations were high as they started. Unfortunately, the journey did not go well. They had the assurance of a close relationship with God. Still, they quickly became dissatisfied with the hardships on their journey. They gave in to the fear of what was ahead and complained. They would instead go back to Egypt as slaves. The journey they were on required constant trust in God, and they found that hard to do. Sometimes God is all we have to rely upon and trust.

Our God is taking us on a journey into a new year, into a new chapter in our lives. If we proceed with complete trust and confidence, the journey will go more smoothly. We have God's blessings with us. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

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