

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Mary Tucker by Nocera Family

### Sunday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Michael Dyer by John & Dixieline Park

### Tuesday, December 29

9:00 a.m. John & Margaret Shivers by Shivers Children

### Thursday December 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Tommy Shivers by Shivers Children

### Friday January 1, 2021 New Year's Day

9:00 am Michael Dyer by Bob & Mary Hoover

### Saturday, January 2

5:00 p.m. Mary Tucker by Matt Sanders

### Sunday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Larry & Helen Vietemeir by Shivers Children

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: January 4, 2021

Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	EM/Cup	Servers
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM	Alan Barlis	Deacon Ralph		Mary Matuszak
	Alan Barlis			
Dec. 27 at 9:00 AM	Bob McCosky	Bonnie McCosky		Adam, Jude, Amelia Corollo
	Bob McCosky			
Dec. 31 at 5:00 PM	Chrissy Dundon	Pinky Allen		Alan Barlis
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Jan. 1 9:00 AM	James Foster	Deacon Ralph		Mary Matuszak
	James Foster			
Jan.2 5:00 PM	Alan Barlis	Pinky Allen		Andrew Latham
	Alan Barlis			
Jan. 3 9:00 AM	Becca Szekely	Deacon Ralph		Adam, Jude, Amelia Corollo
	Becca Szekely			

The memory tree is up and your free to put your ornaments on throughout the Christmas season.

### Birthdays

Dec. 28 Edward Craig, Luke Greschaw

Jan. 1 Darlene Snyder

Jan. 2 Raymond Carver

Jan. 3 Donna Miller



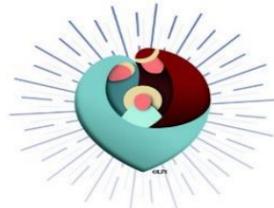
- New Years Eve Mass Time 5:00 PM
- New Years Day Mass Time 9:00 AM
- Jan. 6 at 6:30 Fellowship Mtg.
- Jan. 17 at 10:15 am Parish Council Mtg.

### Parish Stewardship Weeks of Dec. 20, 2020

#### Collection 12/20/20

Sunday Offertory \$ 2312.00  
E-Offering \$ 256.18  
Candles \$ 19.00  
Christmas \$ 180.00  
Immac. Concep. \$ 5.00  
Needy \$ 95.00  
Christmas Flowers \$ 20.00  
Expenditures \$ 5.00  
Total -- \$ 2892.18

Envelopes: 49  
Attendance: 91  
Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00

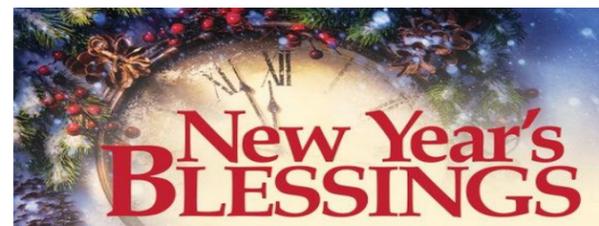


*Please remember all of the sick, this Christmas Season.*

### New Year's Prayer: Name of Jesus

O Jesus, our Savior and our Lord,  
by the proclamation of your grace,  
you took the yoke of the law from our necks,  
and removed the burden from our shoulders to  
your own;

Hear the prayers of your Church,  
that we may joyfully serve you here,  
and see your glorious presence in all its joy in  
the life to come;  
through your mercy, O our God, you are  
blessed, and live and govern all things, now  
and forever. Amen.



As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

### Gospel Meditation: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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**"Nothing will change your life so completely, and forever like really learning how to pray." Matthew Kelly**

In the book he wrote and the book we are giving families this Christmas **I Heard God Laugh** Matthew Kelly discusses this essential daily habit. In a short 111 pages he helps us to be good, better & best at daily prayer. We hope to be able to discuss this book later but hopefully this Christmas book will help us all now. Please pick yours up if you haven't got one yet.

*The new Word Among Us and Living Faith Booklets for January are at the doors this weekend.*



### Stewardship: The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

### Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3  
Second Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

### Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12