



*Mass Intentions of the Week  
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**Saturday, December 30th**  
5:00PM H. Flint Ranney

**Sunday, December 31st**  
8:00AM Our Parish Family  
11:00AM Maura Fuller

**Monday, January 1st**  
9:00AM Helene & Harold Pike, Myra & Philip Marks, Sr.

**Tuesday, January 2nd**  
7:30AM Yvette Paquet

**Wednesday, January 3rd**  
7:30AM Rev. Thomas McElroy, SS.CC

**Thursday, January 4th**  
7:30AM Marie Blasi

**Friday, January 5th**  
7:30AM Rob & Liz Lyons & Family

**Saturday, January 6th**  
5:00PM Marjorie E. Fortin

**Sunday, January 7th**  
8:00AM George Whitten  
11:00 AM Our Parish Family

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

**Not a Holy Day of Obligation when on a Monday**

**Parish Mass at 9:00 am**

**to make it more convenient to attend.**

**No Spanish Mass on this day**

**BAPTISM PARENTS MEETING**

Baptism Preparation Class **will be January 21 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center.** Please contact the office for information. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30 pm from October to June, and at 1 pm July to September.

**Religious Education News**

**No Religious Education on 12-24, 12-31**

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**Happy New Year**

Please note that our office will close Friday, December 29 at noon and open Tuesday, January 2.

**WORD MADE FLESH, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

During the Christmas season, from Christmas to the Baptism of the Lord, we use this refrain as our response to the Universal Prayer(Prayer of the Faithful/General Intercessions). It will help us reflect our joy that the Son of God has been born among us. At the end of each petition please respond: **Word made flesh, hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Request**

Book provided in the Lobby for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer. Let us continue to hold each other up in prayer. **Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way. SICK:** Pray for: Michael Ferreira, Kimberly Feinsod, Irene Garnett, Gladys Soverino, Kathleen A. Meehan, Julie Grimaldi, Bernard Walsh, Joan Wilson Godeau, Peter Dugan, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Davy Walker, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almodobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, Lee Rand Burne, Roy Barrett, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Phyllis Slattery, Tom Murphy, Xavier Andrade, Shannon Reeves, Kathy Sherman, Patricia & Charlie Andrade, Barbara Mintz, Stephen McCluskey, Kerry O'Keefe, Ron Bocage, Santiagueta Hernandez, Paul Gonnella, Nancy Pittman, Kevin Dugan, Linda LaConti, Jane Podurgiel, Donna Perone, Stephen Rickard, Jean Duarte, Ray McMahan, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partridge, Fernando Gutierrez, & Gisela MacDonald For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

First Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

**Stewardship**

*A Way of Life*

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

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12-30 & 31: Stewardship:

**As we went to press these figures were not available.**

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:**

**JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> CHARITABLE WORKS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



The parish staff joins me in wishing all of you a happy and blessed New Year, one filled with the grace of God and much happiness.

*Fr. Bouchard*

### THIS WEEK AT MASS

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season (General Norms, 31).

The Christmas season extends from Evening Prayer I of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, **Tuesday, January 2:** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church. Basil (+ 379) was a hermit who became bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Gregory Nazianzen (+ 389 or 380) was the Patriarch of Constantinople and was noted for his knowledge of sacred Scripture, his outstanding teaching abilities, and his eloquence.

**Wednesday January 3:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus. Through the particular efforts of St. Bernadine of Siena devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus ("Yahweh is salvation") was promoted through the inscription of the monogram of the Holy Name IHS (an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus-the first three letters in Greek), and the addition of the name of Jesus to the Hail Mary.

**Thursday, January 4:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (+ 1821). Raised Episcopalian, wife and mother of five children, foundress of the first congregation for women religious in the USA, the Sisters of Charity, devoted primarily to the education of the poor and to teaching in parochial schools. She was the first native born citizen canonized (1975).

**Friday, January 5:** St. John Neumann, bishop (+1860). He was a missionary from Bohemia, a Redemptorist, and became the bishop of Philadelphia. He was known for his holiness and learning and promoted parochial schools. He was the first American bishop canonized (1977).

For more information on saints of the day click on [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org), the daily features, saint of the day. There is a link on our website.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Thank you to all who contributed to help our church look beautiful for Christmas. A list of the names of those remembered by these donations will be published in the bulletin soon.

### FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys & girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition to be held January 6, 2018 at 2:00PM at the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club. Entry forms available at the NBGC, Public and Private Schools or TEXT: Arthur Dwyer 774-368-0566



A heart-felt thank you to all who helped make our celebration of Christmas so beautiful, prayerful and devout. Thanks to the musicians, the choir and cantors, the lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the altar servers, the sacristans, sanctuary and linen cleaners, the ushers and collectors, and especially to the decorators, who so enhanced the simple beauty of our church. And thanks to all who came to worship with us.

A special personal thank you to all who sent cards, gifts, goodies, and other surprises to celebrate the season. You add warmth and fond memories to the gift of allowing me to be your pastor. I appreciate all you do to help me in my ministry among you.

Love,  
Fr. Marcel

### *Nantucket in Naples, FLA*

#### *The date has been set!*

Our parish gathering will be there **on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 5 to 7 pm.** At that time Father Bouchard will be on the Southwest Coast for vacation. If you are interested in attending, please provide the office with your winter contact information at [stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org](mailto:stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org) or 508-228-0100.