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Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm

Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

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Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:30am in English

10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish

1:00pm in Polish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English

Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

First Friday Mass & Devotion

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm

In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

In English: First Saturday of the Month

In Polish: Second Saturday of the Month

In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month

Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.



Dear Padre

December 31, 2023

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, "giving their children judicious advice...." (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
- Lk 2:40

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 31st

- 8:30am For the People of the Parish
- 10:00am For the People of the Parish
- 11:30am +Ignacia Jimenez Gonzaga– Familia
Por todas las Familias de Nuestra Parroquia
- 1:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 1st

- 8:30am For the People of the Parish
- 10:00am For the People of the Parish
- 11:30am For the People of the Parish
- 1:00pm For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2nd

- 8:30am For the Souls of the Purgatory

Wednesday, January 3rd

- 8:30am For all Unborn Children
- 7:00pm +Marcos Sanchez– Hermano

Thursday, January 4th

- 8:30am In Honor of Elizabeth Ann Setton

Friday, January 5th

- 8:30am For the Youth of the Parish
- 7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, January 6th

- 8:30am +Anita Johnson– The Dellaca Family
- 5:00pm

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Your own issue shall be your heir."
The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading:

By faith he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age
—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

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and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

- Sunday:** The Holy Family; New Year's Eve
- Monday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
- Tuesday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Thursday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Friday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angel Guivas, Pedro Cordero, William Rodriguez, and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

FOR THE SICK:

Kaitlyn Intintoli & for all the sick in our Parish.

Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 24: TBA

*Thank you for your love and generosity towards
God & your parish!*

31 de diciembre de 2023

La Sagrada Familia

Como familias de fe, siempre debemos de estar abriendo caminos de esperanza, amor y paz entre nuestros miembros de la familia. Vivimos nuestra realidad con gran confianza en Dios. Luchamos cada día por ser mejores, por mantener viva la fe que nuestros padres nos han heredado. La liturgia de hoy nos dice que la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret vivió de manera sencilla, cumpliendo con sus deberes religiosos y civiles, pero siempre confiando en Dios. “Una vez que cumplieron todo lo que ordenaba la Ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él (Lucas 2,39-40). Si el amor, el respeto y la comprensión están presente en la familia, los niños crecen en sabiduría y gracia. ¿Cómo está mi familia en términos de escucha y acompañamiento?

“En cada familia hay problemas, y a veces también se discute. Padre me he peleado...; somos humanos, somos débiles, y todos tenemos a veces este hecho de que peleamos en la familia. Os diré una cosa: si nos peleamos en familia, que no termine el día sin hacer las paces. Si, he discutido, pero antes que termine el día, haz las paces. Y sabes ¿por qué? Porque la guerra fría del día siguiente es muy peligrosa. No ayuda. Y luego, en la familia hay tres palabras, tres palabras que hay que custodiar siempre: Permiso, gracias, perdón (Papa Francisco 12/27/2020). ¿Qué debo trabajar en mi familia para vivir en armonía?



Calendario de Adviento & Navidad

Domingo 31 de diciembre- Año Nuevo
Horario de Misas Dominicales

Lunes 1 de enero- Solemnidad de Maria
Misa en Español- 11:30am

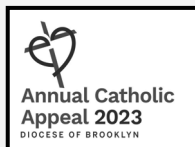
Domingo 7 de enero- Venta de Comida
Después de la Misa de 10am

Venta de Comida **Domingo, 7 de enero**

Después de las Misas de español los grupos de la iglesia venderán comida para recaudar fondos.

Los fondos recaudados apoyaran a la Iglesia y las actividades de los Grupos Parroquiales

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Oración de Año Nuevo

Dios, gracias por un nuevo año.
Que todos en nuestra familia estén dispuestos a comenzar de nuevo con borrón y cuenta nueva.
Sabemos que siempre estás dispuesto a perdonarnos.
Ayúdanos a estar dispuestos a perdonarnos a nosotros mismos y a perdonarnos unos a otros.
Al comenzar un nuevo año, recuérdanos nuestros valores más verdaderos y nuestros deseos más profundos.
Ayúdanos a vivir en la bondad que proviene de hacer lo que tú quieres que hagamos.
Ayúdanos a dejar de lado la ansiedad por el futuro y el pasado,
para que podamos vivir en paz con vosotros ahora, un día a la vez.



31 grudnia 2023 r
Święta Rodzina Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa

**Kalendarz Liturgiczny –
Adwent i Boże Narodzenie**

Niedziela, 31 Grudnia, 2023
Msza święta – 1:00 PM

Poniedziałek, 1 Styczeń, 2024
Uroczystość Świętej Bożej Rodzicielki Maryi
Msza święta – 1:00 PM

(Godziny Urzędowe po Polsku)

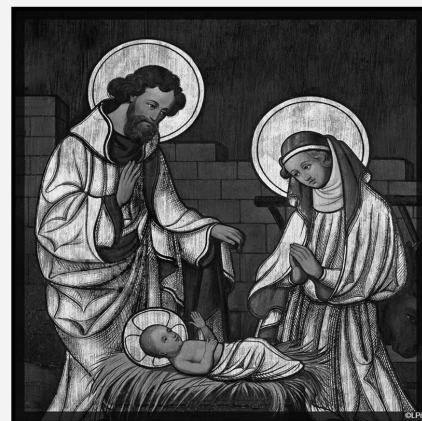
Poniedziałek (Monday):
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Środa (Wednesday):
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pamiętam, jak moja starsza siostra po raz pierwszy zapytała mnie, czy chcę potrzymać jej nowo narodzonego synka. Przerażony powiedziałem jej, że nie sędzę, że to dobry pomysł. W moim życiorysie nic nie sugerowało, że będę wykwalifikowaną opiekunką do dziecka. Ale ona ciepło mi powiedziała: „Pomogę ci go przytrzymać”. Uderzyło mnie, że jest matką dziecka. To ona decyduje, kto jest uprawniony do jego przetrzymywania. Wziąłem go w ramiona i wkrótce zacząłem czuć się komfortowo z tym maleńkim, ciepłym, gruchającym stworzeniem w moich ramionach i wkrótce nie bałem się już go trzymać. Teraz, dwadzieścia siedem siostrzenic i siostrzeńców później, trzymanie noworodka jest jedną z największych radości mojego życia.

Czy czasem nie myślimy, że Jezus jest przekazywany jedynie osobom o wysokich kwalifikacjach i szczególnej religijności? W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Łukasza słyszymy o ofiarowaniu Pana w świątyni. Nowo narodzony Syn Boży jest przekazywany jak pałka w sztafecie, a nie strzeżony jak cenny klejnot lub tłukąca się porcelana. Widzimy go przechodzącego z ramion Maryi do Józefa, następnie do kapłana dokonującego ceremonii, następnie do starca Symeona, a następnie do starej wdowy Anny. Każdy go przyjął i przekazał następnemu. Gdziekolwiek się znajdzie, zalewa go fala radości i dziękczynienia.

Uwierz mi, masz kwalifikacje, aby trzymać Jezusa w swoich ramionach. Jak mogę to powiedzieć z taką pewnością siebie? Ponieważ matka decyduje, kto się kwalifikuje. Najświętsza Dziewica, wcielona w Kościół, podaje go wam i mnie. Raduje się, że może wziąć go w nasze ramiona, aby go trzymać i przekazywać dalej.



December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir



Advent & Christmas Calendar

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary
English Mass— 10am

Sunday, January 7 SCA Food Sale
After 10am Spanish Mass

Food Sale **Sunday, January 7**

After Spanish Masses parish groups will sell food to raise funds.

The funds raised will support the Church and the activities of the parish groups.

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New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

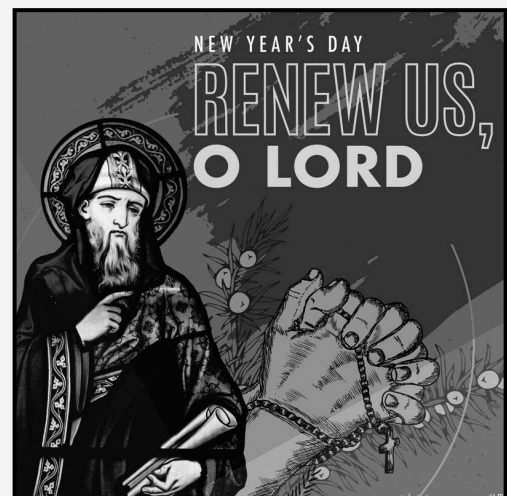
We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past,

so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



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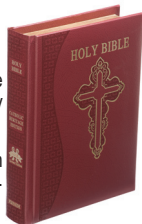
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