

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 27, 2021

- 7:30 AM Lillian Dennen
- 12:30 PM Joseph Leonard
- 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

- 7:30 AM James Andaloro
- 12:30 PM Dolores Maulion

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

- 7:30 AM Manuel Jose Valente
(Birth Remembrance)
- 12:30 PM Jack L. Sullivan (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, December 30, 2021

- 7:30 AM For the victims of the Tornado
- 12:30 PM Charles Condon

Friday, December 31, 2021

- 7:30 AM For the Homeless
- 12:30 PM Maria & Antonio Cirne
- 5:00 PM The living and deceased family & friends of the Bardanaro Family

Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 9:00 AM John de Almeida
- 5:00 PM For the Unborn

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 7:00 AM Our Servicemen and Women
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intention
- 10:00 AM Angela Crecco
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Spanish Intention
- 7:00 PM Souls in purgatory

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 9:00 AM Fr. Malcolm
- 5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 7:00 AM Fr. Malcolm
- 8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz
- 10:00 AM Fr. Malcolm
- 11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm
- 5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz
- 7:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

(Schedule is subject to change)

Corpus Christi Mass on YouTube

This weekend you can watch Fr. Malcolm celebrate the Christmas Mass in English and Fr. Tomaz celebrate the Christmas Mass in Spanish. Please type tgomide to watch the Mass from the comfort of your homes or wherever you are. The mass will be posted to our Facebook page as well. Tell all your friends and family about it so they too can watch.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Parents who practice good stewardship draw upon their time and talents to pass on their gift of faith, to educate, to nurture, and to protect their children.

- December 19th Actual Collection = \$10,610**
- December 19th Mail-In Donations = \$3,145**
- December 19th Total Collection = \$13,755**
- Tornado Emergency Collection = \$2,837**
- Attendance = 1,087**



CMA Numbers for 2021

- Goal = \$96,500**
- Pledges = \$51,399 Payments = \$51,176
- Donors = 324 Average = \$155

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2021

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued *Admirabile Signum*, an Apostolic Letter *On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.¹

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: “Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts.”

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God’s love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: “I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79).”

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

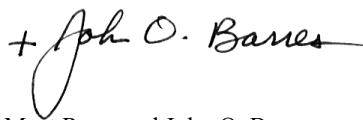
The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod’s palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.”

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to “holiness and mission” bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

“The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.”



Glory to the New Born King!

Corpus Christi Church

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Christmas 2021

My Dear Friends and Families of Corpus Christi Church,

“Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in Her. She will bear a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.’” (Matthew 1:20-21).

These powerful Gospel words of the angel to Joseph and Mary, foreshadow the same theme that Jesus Himself will proclaim throughout His three-year public ministry: “Do not be afraid!” For nearly two years now, the fear of the pandemic has consumed the entire planet, with millions of people succumbing to sickness or death. Thanks be to God, to science and to medicine, we do have a vaccine that is working to save many millions more from the scourge of covid. But even more importantly, we have Christ Himself. The infant Jesus even in the womb of His Blessed Mother, already brings about the birth of the Kingdom of Heaven among us.

In Bethlehem, the Lord provides the Holy Family with the humble simplicity of a manger, so that pure Divine Love might be born into our broken humanity. This same mystery of the Incarnate Christ-Child gives profound Hope to our weakened world today. And God blesses us all with a deep Faith to overcome all Fear.

I thank you for being so generous with your time, talents and treasures; not only at Christmas, but all year long. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over your family, children and grandchildren, with the greatest gifts of faith, hope and love. God bless your Christmas season and New Year 2022 to come!

Yours in Christ,

Father Malcolm J. Burns
Pastor

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass and outdoor procession which took place on December 12th, during the 5:00 PM Spanish Mass. Thank you to everyone who made such a beautiful celebration with music, flowers, and Mass!

Muchisimas Gracias!





Corpus Christi Church

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Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24th)

4:00 P.M. Family Mass (English)

6:00 P.M. (English), 8:00 P.M. (Spanish),

11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25th)

7:00 A.M. (English), 8:30 A.M. (Portuguese),

10:00 A.M. (English), 11:30 A.M. (English)

There is no Mass on Christmas Day at night

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 20th 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 21st 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 22nd 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31st)

7:30 A.M. , 12:30 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. (English)

New Year's Day (Saturday, January 1st)

9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

On Sunday, December 19th, following "Twenty Minutes with the Director" some of the students in Grades 1, 2, and IC-2 participated in a "Nativity Parade" around the church set to the beautiful music by Mr. Troy Gordon and Mrs. Francine Luisi.





Bishop Anjay Fr. Tomaz Fr. Ngozi
 Fr. Malcolm Deacon Brian Troy
 Paula Mrs. Anaischik Frannie
 Kenny Irene Mary Ann Rob Nuria
 Fatima Eddie Fr. Rich Jackie



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Karen DeStefano, Anthony Donnelly, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lena Fiorillo, Robert Fox, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Pat Nicolosi, Susan O'Brien, Melissa Ogunsuyi, Gabriel Palhete, Edward Panzella, Linda Pires, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Lisa Simeone, Alice Squeri, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

Feast of the Holy Family

First Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

• God blesses us through our parents. He commands us, as Christian stewards, to respect, honor, and care for our parents, whatever the circumstances may be.

Psalms 128:1-5

• As faithful stewards, we realize our spouse and children are blessings from God, and are to be nurtured.

Second Reading – Colossians 3:12-21

• As God's chosen ones, we are to put on compassion, reconciliation, and love for one another as members of the Body of Christ.

• A good steward does everything in the name of Jesus, follows His Word, prays, and sings gratefully to God.

• The family is called the domestic Church — love and respect one another.

Gospel – Luke 2:41-52

• After frantically looking for Jesus for three days, Mary and Joseph find Him in the Temple in Jerusalem, in the midst of the teachers. God's great gift of faith reveals Christ's divinity to us. Are we, as Christian stewards, open to this gift?



Tues., Wed., Thurs., Dec. 28, 29, 30, 2021
No classes-Christmas Recess

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 - Classes resume

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord
9:30 AM Gr. 3-4 (Fitz. Hall)

10:00 AM Class Mass and introducing our new junior lector, Miss Diana Lima

Twenty Minutes with the Director

<i>Sunday, January 9</i>	<i>Grades 3, 4</i>
<i>Sunday, January 16</i>	<i>Grades 5, 6, IC-3</i>
<i>Sunday, January 23</i>	<i>Grades 7, 8, IC-4, IC-6</i>
<i>Sunday, January 30</i>	<i>Grades 1, 2, IC-3</i>

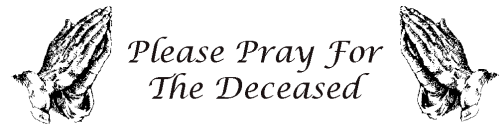
Junior Lector Schedule (10:00 AM Mass)

Sat. December 25
Ashley Ferreira/Jasmine Ferreira

Sunday, December 26
Nicole Henriques

Sunday, January 2
Jonathan Arias/Lindsey Parrado

Sunday, January 9
Diana Lima/Alcina Lima



Souls in Purgatory

Español

FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA



EVANGELIO DE SAN LUCAS 2, 41-52

Los padres de Jesús solían ir cada año a Jerusalén para las festividades de la Pascua. Cuando el niño cumplió doce años, fueron a la fiesta, según la costumbre. Pasados aquellos días, se volvieron, pero el niño Jesús se quedó en Jerusalén, sin que sus padres lo supieran. Creyendo que iba en la caravana, hicieron un día de camino, entonces lo buscaron, y al no encontrarlo, regresaron a Jeerusalén en su busca. Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. Todos los que lo oían se admiraban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas. Al verlo, sus padres se quedaron atónitos y su madre le dijo: *“Hijo mío, por qué te has portado así con nosotros? Tu padre y yo te hemos estado buscando, llenos de angustia”*. Él les respondió: *“Por qué andaban buscando? No sabían que debo ocuparme en las cosas de mi Padre?”* Ellos no entendieron la respuesta que les dio. Entonces volvió con ellos a Nazaret y siguió sujeto a su autoridad. Su madre conservaba en su corazón todas aquellas cosas. Jesús iba creciendo en saber, en estatura y en el favor de Dios y de los hombres.

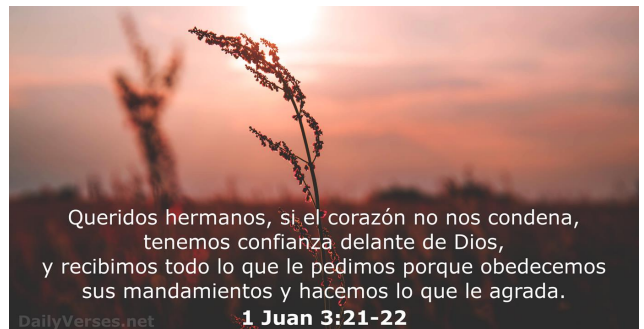


La peor pesadilla de unos padres es un niño que se ha perdido y el pánico los lleva a una búsqueda frenética. Habría sido lo mismo para María y José, mientras buscaban a Jesús. El Evangelio nos disse claramente que María y José no entendieron la respuesta de su hijo. No es consolador que incluso

María no comprendió todo completamente? A menudo no comprendemos por qué suceden eventos dolorosos en nuestras vidas. Como María podemos preguntar: por qué? Donde está Dios en este evento? Y de nuevo, como María, podemos no comprender la respuesta. Pero Jesús va con nosotros, tal como fue a su casa con María y José. Y si, como María, atesoramos lo que sucedió en nuestros corazones. Vendrá el día en que todo se nos aclarará.



La Primera Lectura deste domingo nos presenta la persona de Ana. Ana estaba triste porque no tenía hijos. Un día visitando el templo prometió a Dios que si le concedía un hijo le pondría a su servicio. Dios contestó la oración de Ana y poco tiempo después dio a luz a Samuel. Ana, después de haber amantadoo al niño durante dos años, según la costumbre de la época es capaz de desprenderse del chiquillo, después de haberlo deseado tanto y por tanto tiempo. Ella consagra lo más apreciado en su vida. La actitud de Ana enlaza así con la de Abrahán capaz de sacrificar Isaac al Señor. La fe y el desprendimiento de Abraán y de Ana son el prototipo de María que entrega a su hijo al servicio del Padre, aun sin comprender demasiado el significado se su gesto. Ana y su esposo Elcaná siguen subiendo cada año al templo en Siló, visitando al hijo que han ofrecido a Dios. Su generosidade será recompensada con los tres hijos y dos hijas que Ana tendrá. La bendición del sacerdote Elí ha sido eficaz.



Português

FESTA DA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA



EVANGELHO DE SÃO LUCAS 2, 41-52

Os pais de Jesus iam todos os anos a Jerusalém, pela festa da Páscoa. Quando ele fez doze anos, subiram até lá, como era costume nessa festa. Quando eles regressavam, passados os dias festivos, o Menino Jesus ficou em Jerusalém, sem que seus pais o soubesse. Julgando que ele vinha na caravana, fizeram um dia de viagem e começaram a procura-lo entre os parentes e conhecidos. Não o encontrando, voltaram a Jerusalém, à sua procura. Passados três dias, encontraram-no no templo, sentado no meio dos doutores a ouvi-los e a fazer-lhes perguntas. Todos aqueles que o ouviam estavam surpreendidos com a sua inteligência e as suas respostas. Quando viram Jesus, seus pais ficaram admirados: e sua mãe disse-lhe: *“Filho, porque procedeste assim conosco? Teu pai e eu andávamos aflitos à tua procura”*. Jesus respondeu-lhes: *“Porque me procuráveis? Não sabíeis que eu devia estar na casa de meu Pai?”* Mas eles não entenderam as palavras que Jesus lhes disse. Jesus desceu então com eles para Nazaré, era-lhes submisso. Sua mãe guardava todos estes acontecimentos em seu coração. E Jesus ia crescendo em sabedoria, em estatura e em graça diante de Deus e dos homens.



Após a celebração do Mistério do Natal, a Igreja chama-nos a atenção para a imagem da Sagrada Família. O todo-Poderoso, o Onipotente, não somente se faz homem mas escolhe crescer e desenvolver-se no seio de uma família. A Sagrada Família é para nós um modelo de como deverá ser a nossa família. Em todas as famílias há desencontros, mas o verdadeiro amor vence tudo. Vemos neste evangelho como Maria e José não entenderam por que Jesus ficou em Jerusalém, mas quando eles chamam a atenção de Jesus, a sua resposta é clara e simples: **EU DEVO ESTAR NA CASA DO PAI**. Eles não entenderam, mas, como diz o evangelho, Maria meditava em tudo isso no seu coração. Este domingo é um dia para nós também reforçarmos o nosso compromisso com a nossa família. Ele é abençoada por Deus e é nela que vamos viver o evangelho de Jesus Cristo.



Na Primeira Leitura de hoje, o Senhor Deus nos apresenta a história de Ana, mãe de Samuel, o último juiz de Israel. Ana é com certeza um exemplo de fé e perseverança. Mesmo diante da incompreensão do marido e do sacerdote Eli, Ana permaneceu crendo e esperando no agir de Deus. A fé de Ana é recompensada pelo Senhor Deus, e ele aprovou o pedido de Ana. Ela gerou um filho e o seu nome foi Samuel. Quando o menino estava com um ano, Ana o levou ao Templo e o consagrou ao Senhor Deus, tal como havia prometido em seus votos. Antes de entregar o menino ao sacerdote Eli, ela conta seu testemunho e os fundamentos do voto que fez. Juntamente com uma generosa oferta, ela entrega o menino e ali ele viveria por toda sua vida. Isso é fundamental na nossa intimidade com Deus, que sejamos fiéis naquilo que lhe prometemos.