



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ✠ JANUARY 1, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2-8

Monday, January 2, 2017

9:00AM – Raymond Beesley, Special Intention for Gracei Gacuton, Special Intention for Patricia Sherlock

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

6:45AM – People of the Parish

8:00AM – Heraclea Comamao, Leoncia Mesiona, Remedios & Mauro Balundo, Eufrazio & Isable Cempron

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

6:45AM – The Franchino Family, Barbara Leshner In Thanksgiving

8:00AM – Rev. William Santeliz, Al & Connie Uricoli, Special Intention for Warren Leshner & Linda Franchino

Thursday, January 5, 2017

6:45AM – In Thanksgiving for Estelita A. Maullon

8:00AM – Zygmunt Lesica (1st Anniv.), Joseph Parcel, Joseph Calabrese, Sr.

Friday, January 6, 2017

6:45AM – Special Intention for our Priests & Deacons

8:00AM – Thomas Breen, Special Intention for Evelyn Cosgrove and Marge Martin

Saturday, January 7, 2017

8:00AM – Our Deceased Priests and Deacons

5:30PM – Joan MacDonald, Marie G. Whalen, Ronald Ledwith

7:00PM – Special Intention for Miguel Ferrer Alvarez

Sunday, January 8, 2017

7:30AM – James Lindsay (21st Anniv.), Josephine & Anthony DeSantis, Eugene Seugling

9:00AM – Clem Berzinski, Antoinette M. Guisti, Raymond Beesley

10:30AM – Kevin Lenahan, Thomas Carew, Marge & Joseph Beckvermit

12:00PM – William McManus (1st Anniv.), Salvatore Brunetto, Angela Yannuzzi

7:00PM – Eugene Seugling, Antony Arockia & Samy & Arockia Mary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 2, 2017

11:00 – Golden Age – Community Center

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

10:00AM – Peanuts Play Group – Church Hall

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center

7:15PM – Tuesday CCD – School

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center

7:00PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

Thursday, January 5, 2017

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center

6:30PM – Food Pantry Client Shopping

7:30PM – Adult Choir – Church/Church Hall

8:30PM – Men's Basketball – Parish Center

Friday, January 6, 2017

10:00AM – ASA Liturgy – Church

6:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center

6:00PM – Begin Again - Convent

7:00PM – Indian Community Prayer Meeting – Chapel

7:30PM – Book Club – Church Hall

9:00PM – CYO Coach's Basketball – Parish Center

Saturday, January 7, 2017

8:30AM – Polish School – School

1:00PM – CYO Basketball – Parish Center

4:00PM – Penance – Church

7:30PM – AA Meeting – Church Hall

The December Car Raffle Winner is our parishioner, Brian Lociento. Congratulations, Brian!



THEY WENT IN HASTE AND FOUND THEM IN THE MANGER

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First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

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Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

First Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
or 3:28, 31-34, 36, 38

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

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“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report... Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”

Does it surprise me that the first to come and encounter Christ were lowly shepherds? They were certainly not the persons I would expect to greet a newborn baby. Obviously, they accepted the good news and then reported it to others. We who know the Bethlehem story so well, might not have even bothered to go to the cave where Christ was born. We might, like the shepherds, have just returned to the night watch guarding themselves and their flocks. Obviously their story moved others as well.

At the same time Mary both treasured and reflected, sometimes the scriptures say ‘pondered’ or weighed what she knew, saw and heard. How she felt may best be known by the mother of a newborn. It might be fitting to sit quietly like Mary and reflect upon the events. Christmas comes and goes so fast that we might overlook the great outpouring of the Father in giving us a needed Savior, and the role model of Mary treasuring and reflecting. May we treasure the coming of the Lord.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS