



St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
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DECEMBER 16, 2018 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-7:00 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
 Saturday: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00-11:30 AM

Church Hours

Monday-Friday: 6:30 AM-2:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

Monday through Friday

7:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. TOM, OFM

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

Rejoice! The theme of this Advent Sunday is Rejoice. We rejoice in God's goodness, in God's love, in God's faithfulness! You are living examples of the reason to celebrate and rejoice. I thank you for all that you bring to the life and mission of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve.

We rejoice with your generosity. Our Giving Tree Ministry is going beautifully. Your gifts are pouring in and many people will be delighted by your goodness. I thank you for your care and your sacrifice. The local tree offers gifts to many in our area who would not have anything, provides sleeping bags for our homeless members, and assistance for struggling folks. The Sister Parish tree provides the funds we need to help support the education and nutrition of children in our sister parish, St. Genevieve. The Time and Talent tree offers the opportunity to use your gifts in conjunction with our mission. Thank you one and all! We are especially grateful to the team who organizes and coordinates the process for us. It is an enormous undertaking and done with dedication and love. Thank you.

We rejoice in our celebration of Lessons and Carols. Last Sunday's time of prayer and reflection was incredible. Our youth lectors guided us through the scripture. Each of the lectors captured the text with beauty and wonder. Our choirs and musicians lifted our prayer and engaged us in the marvels of this holy season. We are indeed blessed in the commitment and gifts of our music ministry. There were many hours of

rehearsals that made the evening such a celebration. We rejoice in our Open Hearts ministry who provided hospitality following the service in church. They welcomed each person at the entrance of the Center and provided a lovely array of desserts. They also engaged us in caroling! We are a community of prayer and play! This was indeed a great celebration of the many gifts of our community. I thank you.

I invite you to rejoice with us and invite your family and friends to join us for the Christmas celebrations. The Masses at 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM Christmas Eve will focus on our children. The Mass at 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve is a little more reflective. The Midnight Mass (at Midnight) is a grand celebration. Much of the music done at Lessons and Carols will be a part of the celebration.

Music starts at 11:30 PM. The morning Masses of 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:45 AM will engage your heart and mind with the glory of God. The final Mass of the day is at 5:00 PM, this Mass is great for reflection, it is a bit quieter and more reflective. The invitation goes out to everyone. All are welcome. Do not worry if you have not been in church for a long time, the structure will not fall down, our lightning rods will contain any bolts of lightning, and you will be joyfully welcomed. No matter where your life journey has taken you or what others have told you, this is a feast for all. Please come, you do not even have to stay for the whole service, do what works for you. All are welcome.

Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 17** House of Bread Board Meeting, 5:00 PM
- Dec 18** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM
 Advent Nourishment, 12:30 PM
 Vespers, 6:00 PM
 Women of Hope Committee, 6:30 PM
 LGBT Friends & Family, 6:30 PM
 Lectio Divina, 7:00 PM
- Dec 19** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM

- Dec 19** Men's Fellowship/Spirituality Group, 7:00 PM
 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM
- Dec 20** Advent Preparation Program, 10:30 AM
 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 AM
 Novel Idea Book Club Discussion, 7:00 PM
- Dec 21** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM
 Christmas Angelicus, 5:00 PM
- Dec 22** Kids Chorale Rehearsal, 8:30 AM


<p>WEEKLY OFFERING: DECEMBER 3-9</p>	<p>OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY</p>
<p>Envelope & Loose Collection: \$13,721.00 Online Giving: \$7,251.62 TOTAL: \$20,972.62 Poor Box: \$198.00</p> <p><i>Archdiocesan Collection for Retired Religious: \$3,075.00</i></p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Typically we have 2 collections at each Christmas Mass. The envelopes were incorrectly marked and although the 2nd collection is specifically for the added liturgical costs for Christmas, the first collection is our regular Christmas collection. Both of these collections are critical for our operating budget especially this year as we are looking at a \$300,000 budget deficit. Please know that we are grateful for whatever you are able to do to support the mission of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.</p> <p>Go to www.spsact.org for Online Giving.</p>	<p>Open Hearts LGBT Ministry meets January 13 at 6:00 PM Families of the LGBT Community meets: January 22 at 6:30 PM</p>
<p>PLEASE CONSIDER FOR THE HOMELESS</p>	<p>THIN PLACES—COMING ATTRACTION</p>
<p>The cold weather is here! Please consider donating new pairs of gloves, new hats and scarves for our brothers and sisters in need. Donations may be left in the green basket at the back of the church or brought to the parish office. Please choose inexpensive items as they may end up destroyed in the elements. Thank you so much.</p>	<p>Join Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM, Gretchen Craffey and Sr. Ginny, SND as we explore the grace in aging, a time of celebration and opening to gentle wisdom and peacefulness! These sessions are for those who are young at heart and who long for a deeper and richer spirituality. Suggested text: <u>Vesper Time</u> by Frank Cunningham. Wednesdays, Jan. 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6 and 13 from 12:45 to 2:15 PM</p>
<p>HOUSE OF BREAD KIDS CAFE</p>	<p>THE CENACLE</p>
<p>It's hard to study when you're hungry! Help feed over 450 kids a day. House of Bread would welcome donations of cooking oil, rice, canned vegetables, pasta, tuna, powdered milk, spices such as adobo, sofrito, black pepper. We would also need plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels, paper napkins, paper cups, garbage bags. www.hobread.org</p>	<p>First Saturday of the Month from 5:30 AM to 8:30 AM St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel</p>
<p>VOLUNTEER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>A "cenacle" is a group of people who come together for study, reflection, prayer, and sharing. It is also the name of the Upper Room in which Jesus ate the last supper with his apostles as well as where Mary and the apostles were gathered when the Holy Spirit descended upon them for the first time.</p>
<p>Shoppers needed! We need Friday morning shoppers at BJ's to purchase needed items for The House of Bread weekend meals as well as for the Franciscan Center and Friary. We are grateful for those who have been making this happen and are looking two new shoppers beginning in January. Please speak with or contact Trudi in the parish office, or after Mass.</p>	<p>This is a an opportunity to spend time with Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, to remember the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary, and other related prayers and hymns. The Cenacle usually ends with coffee/tea and light refreshment (<i>bring something to share if you can</i>).</p>
<p>THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER</p>	<p>For more information contact Fr. Cidouane Joseph, ofm at 860-756-4034, ext. 167 or cjoseph@spsact.org.</p>
<p>Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the Franciscan Center on Sunday, December 16 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary will be recited at 1:30 PM and the meeting starts at 2:00 PM. We will be having our annual Christmas Crib devotion to celebrate the birth of Christ. After each of the Masses on the weekend of December 15 and 16, the Secular Franciscans will be distributing small packets of birdseed to the children of the parish because St. Francis wanted everyone to celebrate the birth of Jesus. One way was to feed the birds, especially at Christmas. Please accept this gift from the Secular Franciscans and assist your children with this mission.</p>	<p>NEXT CENACLE: January 5, 2019 at 5:30 AM</p>
<p>MEAL PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p>	<p>Teams are now being formed to prepare dinner twice a month for 80 people living in a no-freeze shelter. Please contact Trudi in the parish office or by email at twhite@spsact.org to help with this project. We are planning to make supper on the first and third Sundays until the end of March. We will make supper on December 16, and our next date is January 6, 2019. We will gather at 11 a.m. in our church kitchen to make the meal. We also need someone to deliver the meal at 7 p.m. when the shelter opens. Please let Trudi know you will help and also help create the menu!</p>
<p>SISTER PARISH UPDATE</p>	<p>This is the last weekend to take a tag off of Haiti Giving Tree. Volunteers from the Sister Parish Committee will be at the Tree before and after Masses to answer questions about our Sister Parish.</p> <p>If you have thought about travelling to Haiti to visit our Sister Parish, there are two upcoming trips. There will be a short trip from January 24—28, and an immersion trip during the April School Vacation week, April 6—13, 2019. It is a great opportunity for parents and teens to travel together. The experience traveling in a developing nation can be life changing. Call the church office at 860-756-4034 for more information.</p>

<p>ADULT FAITH FORMATION CALL 860-756-4034 OR EMAIL INFO@SPSACT.ORG TO REGISTER.</p>	<p>EVENING PRAYER — TUESDAY AT 6:00 PM</p>
<p>CONVERSATION ON LAUDATO SÍ WITH FR. TOM Mondays: January 14 and 28; February 4 and 11—6:30-7:30 PM <i>Laudato Sí</i>, an encyclical letter from Pope Francis, invites the readers to consider the natural environment and all of the current forces that nurture or destroy the beauty and bounty of the earth. Each of the six chapters of the work may also provide a lens through which to consider our local “church environment”, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish and the Franciscan Center. Come and enter the discussion</p>	<p>Gather in the Chapel of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church for a brief time of prayer and reflection. December 18</p>
<p>ADVENT NOURISHMENT Tuesdays, December 18; 12:35-12:55 PM; immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass Dec. 18: Patricia Curtis <i>Offering: \$5.00 per each luncheon</i> <i>A light lunch is provided in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry</i></p>	<p>NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB Gather at 7:00-8:30 PM in the Franciscan Center to discuss works of fiction. For more info contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814). Upcoming Selections: Dec. 20: <i>Less</i>—Andrew Sean Greer Jan. 17: <i>East of the Mountains</i>—David Guterson Feb. 21: <i>The Women in the Castle</i>—Jessica Shattuck Mar. 21: <i>Manhattan Beach</i>—Jennifer Egen</p>
<p>ADVENT PREPARATION Thursdays, December 13 and 20, 10:30-11:30 AM This discussion group will concentrate on passages in Matthew’s and in Luke’s gospels that will help participants prepare for the Christmas celebration. The discussions will address both the meaning of the passages in context and their contemporary spiritual benefits. Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible. Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, ofm <i>Free Will Offering</i></p>	<p>EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY This ministry supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child or children. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome. Our circle of parents will gather at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 3:15 PM on Sunday, December 16. For more information, please email info@spsact.org or call the church office at 860-756-4034.</p>

WEEKLY MASS READINGS DEC. 17-23

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25	Friday: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25	Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Christmas Flower Memorials
The beautiful sanctuary décor is a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. We invite all to share in the experience through a Christmas Flower Memorial. The names of your loved ones will be published in the **December 23rd Bulletin** which will be available on line and in the Church. Please place the form below in an envelope and put it in the collection basket or mail/bring it to the Parish Office. You can Text-to-Give at (860) 615-7717, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. This can be used for Christmas Flowers, a weekly contribution, a Holy Day, a gift to the Franciscan Center, St. Anthony Bread or to our Sister Parish. If you do not have an on-line giving account you will have the option to set one up OR you can give a one-time gift without creating an account. *Thank You!*



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St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church.**

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Hearing assisted devices available. Church and
Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.



We Pray For...

- the sick: Kate Lilly
- those greeting people at the doors for weekend Masses—
Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Sacristans and Ushers.

Sanctuary Lamps—Week of December 16, 2018
In loving memory of Mary McManus Cormier.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 15, 2018

- 4:00 Salvatore Barone
5:30 **Healing & Memorial Mass**

SUNDAY, December 16, 2018

- 8:00 Nicholas Ricciardi
10:00 Luz & Pedro Ortiz
11:45 Elaine LePage
5:00 Dan Buckanavage
MONDAY, December 17, 2018
7:00 Our Parishioners
8:00 Catherine Giardino
12:05 Lillian Carroll, 10th anniversary

TUESDAY, December 18, 2018

- 7:00 Jason Gora
8:00 Our Parishioners
12:05 Donald K. Wilson
6:00 **Vespers**

WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2018

- 7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry
8:00 Sheila Ryan Jones
12:05 Anthony Severi

THURSDAY, December 20, 2018

- 7:00 Brendan Coughlin
8:00 Angela Panneto
12:05 Hector O. Molin

FRIDAY, December 21, 2018

- 7:00 Edward Taras
8:00 Fred Kressaty
12:05 Mary Rathnamala

SATURDAY, December 22, 2018

- 4:00 William Brown

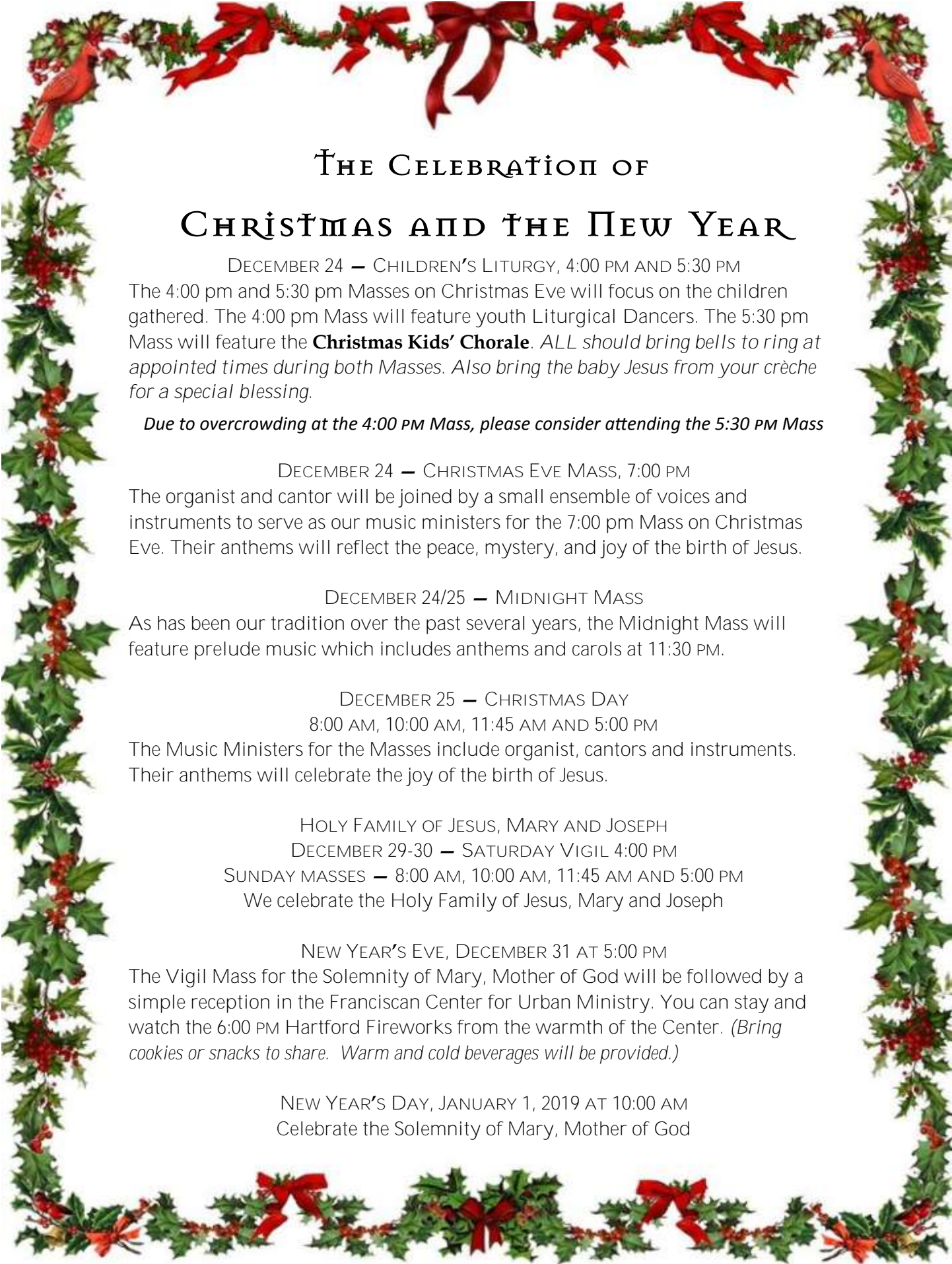
SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

- 8:00 William & Angeline Speziale
10:00 Donato & Maria Monaco
11:45 Luigi & Flaminia Ficocelli & Robert Carmine
5:00 Anthony LaBriolo

SANCTUARY LAMPS

If you wish to reserve a seven-day
Sanctuary Lamp on either side of the
tabernacle in memory of a deceased
loved one, a member of your family
who is ill, or for any special intentions,
please make arrangements by calling
the Church Office at 860-756-4034.





THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

DECEMBER 24 — CHILDREN'S LITURGY, 4:00 PM AND 5:30 PM

The 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm Masses on Christmas Eve will focus on the children gathered. The 4:00 pm Mass will feature youth Liturgical Dancers. The 5:30 pm Mass will feature the **Christmas Kids' Chorale**. *ALL should bring bells to ring at appointed times during both Masses. Also bring the baby Jesus from your crèche for a special blessing.*

Due to overcrowding at the 4:00 PM Mass, please consider attending the 5:30 PM Mass

DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, 7:00 PM

The organist and cantor will be joined by a small ensemble of voices and instruments to serve as our music ministers for the 7:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Their anthems will reflect the peace, mystery, and joy of the birth of Jesus.

DECEMBER 24/25 — MIDNIGHT MASS

As has been our tradition over the past several years, the Midnight Mass will feature prelude music which includes anthems and carols at 11:30 PM.

DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM AND 5:00 PM

The Music Ministers for the Masses include organist, cantors and instruments. Their anthems will celebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29-30 — SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM

SUNDAY MASSES — 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM AND 5:00 PM

We celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31 AT 5:00 PM

The Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be followed by a simple reception in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. You can stay and watch the 6:00 PM Hartford Fireworks from the warmth of the Center. *(Bring cookies or snacks to share. Warm and cold beverages will be provided.)*

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 AT 10:00 AM

Celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



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