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TRUTH STRUGGLE WORK

Solemnity of the Holy Family

HAPPY NEW YEAR! A Sabbath Thought

One hundred years ago, the last decade of the 19th century earned the title, 'the Gay Nineties'. As we have passed through the '90's of the previous century, how will the future categorize the last ten years of the second millennium? If we have danced the time away in frivolity, we can live the beginning of the third millennium wisely in faith and love.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14

Every society must reverence and cultivate the sacred bonds that unite persons as families.

Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

A life of faith, hope and love must have its effects not only in the public forum of society but also in the privacy of the home.

MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

In Jesus' infancy, we see already the first glimmers of the drama of our salvation.

ENTRANCE RITE - Luke 2:15b-16

- V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."
- R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE GOSPEL - MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son.

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Jan. 1st
Solemnity of the Holy Family
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following Holy Mass.

SUNDAY Jan. 8th
Solemnity
Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS
Blessing of Incense and Chalk
following Holy Mass.

New Candles

We have received enough donations to replace all of the candles in the sanctuary with the new, clean burning oil type. We will list the donors and the names in memory of whom they were given and we will bless all of the new candles after the holidays. A heartfelt "THANK YOU "to all who gave so generously.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Thank you for your generous donations. The names of the donors and those in whose memory they were offered will be read today.

The Sanctuary Lights

The new lamps are installed and they add so much to the appearance of the church. These energy saving LED lamps were made possible by a gift from the family of Florence Chamberlain in her memory and we thank them so very much.

Christmas Food Drive

All of the food was donated to those less blessed in our community and we hope that it made their holidays a bit brighter. Thank you for your generosity and Christian love.

Florence Chamberlain

Our beloved sister. Florence Chamberlain, was laid to rest in a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Father Donald at the Kirk and Nice Funeral Home in Feasterville, PA on Tuesday, December 27th. Several of our parishioners made the journey to join together in a showing of respect and love for her and her family. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for God's peace and grace for her family, loved ones and friends.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner, Chris White and Frank Gonzales. For the repose of the soul of Florence Chamberlain. Our Father...

Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held next Sunday, January 8th, at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be:

ADULTS \$12.00 CHILDREN (under 12) \$3.00

I hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends for the good food and Christian Fellowship that we always enjoy at these events. Peggy Kowalik can be contacted for advance ticket sales.

Today's Hymns

Solemnity of the Holy Family

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord! The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#57 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#76 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Post Communion Hymn

#42 - Silent Night

Recessional Hymn

#80 – Joy To The World!