

# Church of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**December 26, 2021**



## **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Daily Mass (Monday Through Saturday):** 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Days:** As announced

## **Rectory Office Hours**

**Monday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## **Confessions**

**Saturday:** 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20191201\\_admirabile-signum.html](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.

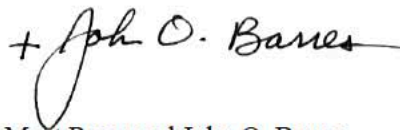
The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Matthew 11:29), 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

# Pastor's Page

## Merry Christmas

We wish everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and awesome New Year. May we continue to allow God to be a part of everything we do. Be assured of my prayers, and the prayers of our parish, for your family! Peace and God Bless!

Fr. Grieco

## Mass Schedule

### **Sunday, December 26th**

8:00 A.M. Mass

9:30 A.M. Mass

11:30 A.M. Mass

### **New Years Day**

(Friday) Dec. 31st @ 5:00 P.M.

(Sat.) January 1st @ 8:30 A.M.

January 1st @ 5:00 P.M.

## **Important Update to Mask Mandate!!!**

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.

# Christmas Assignments

## Christmas Eve – Lectors

**4:00 P.M.**

First Reading: Sean Jones  
Second Reading: Selena Jones  
Petitions: Sam Hodiwalla

**6:15 P.M.**

- 1) Gabe Garnica
- 2) Johanna Amplo

**10:00 P.M.**

- 1) Frank McLarney
- 2) Jim McHugh

## Christmas Day- Lectors

**8:00 A.M.**

- 1) Doris Graziano
- 2) Florence Scarinci

**9:30 A.M.**

First Reading: Shyler Fernandez  
Second Reading: Sherwin Fernandez  
Petitions: Joan Woodward  
Introduction: Brianna Woodward

**11:00 A.M.**

- 1) Bob Damato
- 2) Ninabeth Palces

**12:30 P.M.**

- 1) Nancy Margro
- 2) Tim Smith

## E.M. Schedule:

### **Christmas Eve:**

6:15 P.M. Julie Loven  
10:00 P.M. Kathleen O'Neill

### **Christmas Day:**

8:00 A.M. Carol Zarzycki, Annette Sequino  
9:30 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. Irene Umile  
12:30 P.M. Jim McHugh

# Religious Education

**On behalf of all of us in Religious Education, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year**

Kindergarten: Jayden McMahon, Savannah Otero, Cilas Ramlakhan, Gavin Reinosa, Eva Reyes (Emma Cintron, Holly Gannon)

1st Grade: Isabel Brito, Kayla Caputo, Charlotte Hernandez, Cristian Hidalgo, Analia Martinez, (Patricia Garnica, Maria Rodriguez, Jessica Santangelo)

2nd Grade: Dante Catalano, Max Ciesielski, Felicity Fitzpatrick, Emely Herrera, Jace Mapa, Kellan Reinle, Delia Sachdev, Emily Varghese (Maria Caridi, Kevin Fitzpatrick)

3rd Grade: Abigail Brutus, Brandon Caputo, Sofia Comeau, Lorenzo Conroy, Angelina Creado, Dylan Cunanan, Dylan Deede, Nicholas Ferri, Andrew Giambrone, Tessa Krafchin, Jazlyn Martinez, Nicholas Rago, Gianna Ramos, Audrey Spiegel, Caleb Vasquez (Maria Caridi, Bob Hodgson)

4th Grade: Abigail Allen, Alexandra Barbera, Luke Cabildo, Marisa Canese, Sonia Ciasullo, Addyson Colon, Annelise Concha, Tristan Concha, Abigail Cunanan, Sophia Dier, Sophia Giambrone, Ethan Hernandez, Alejandro Herrera, Juliet Kier, Johncarlo Mikowski, Mason Otero, Maya Vasquez, (Bob Hodgson)

5th Grade: Kaiel Brutus, AnaSofia Castro, Sean Comeau, Sophia Crimeni, Luciana DeBartolo, Nicholas Dvoroznak, Giuliana Guzman, Angel Jaison, Kaiden Ramlakhan, Sebastian Reyes, Alexis, Siesto, Christopher Toral, Juliana Wagan (Theresa Auletta, Bob Hodgson)

6th Grade: Brayden Bell, Damian Burgos, Liam Cabildo, Zachary Canese, Charley Cassata, Alexa Colon, Audrey Comeau, Jasmin Cunanan, Tino D'Urso, Maya Espinal, Carter Krafchin, Sophia Loyola, Andy Orinion, Katie Quicano, Kelsey Reddan, Juliet Reinle, Alesiana Rios, Paloma Rodriguez, Isabella Vasquez, Madeline Zehnter (Theresa Auletta, Bob Hodgson)

7th Grade: Liam Abelarde, Nathaniel Abelarde, Vincent Abelarde, Joshua Agliam, Dylan Creado, Paige Dvoroznak, Deanna D'Urso, Shaylyn Hamilton, Luke Hudson, Michael LoCascio, Olivia Loyola, Leah Medrano, Jozlyn Rioja, Miranda Toro (Gabe Garnica, Bob Hodgson)

8th Grade: Carlos Calle-Alvarez, Alexander Cheung, Sherwin Fernandes, Cole Hudson, Alphonse Jaison, Daniel Lynn, Breanne Noguera, Dylan Quicano, Lorenzo Rios, Jesse Sarro, Ewan Zehnter (Gabe Garnica)

Hall Monitors: Meghan Allen, Frank Arnedos, Stephanie Arnedos, Patricia Cantreva, Chrisanne Catalano, Rose Cunanan, Joe McMahon, Anthony Pasquarella

Youth assistants: Linda Cheung, Allison Corcoran, Alexa Colon

# Family Mass Photo Gallery



# Reflection

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021  
(Lec. 17)

THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOESPH  
- FEAST

- 1) Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
  - 2) 1 Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
  - 3) Luke 2:41-52
- Or, in Year C
- 1) 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
  - 2) 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
  - 3) Luke 2:41-52

**FOCUS:** *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*

Jesus is the Son of God, sent out of love to do the Father's will. Out of love, he obeys. Through the life and sacrifice of Jesus, we become children of God and heirs to the Kingdom, which in turn requires of us - in love - to *keep his commandments and do what pleases him*. As Christ was meant to be in his Father's house, so, too, are we meant to join him: in worship here in this life and for eternity in the next. We do this through love of God and one another, with the help of the Spirit he gave us.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Hannah bears a son and offers him to the Lord. John writes that the Father's love *bestowed on us* has allowed us to be *called the children of God*, and we should ... *love one another just as he commanded us*. In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph search for Jesus *with great anxiety*. After they find him in the temple, Jesus explains that he had to be in his Father's house.

# Schedules for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

9:30 AM

## Family Mass Lectors:

December 26th, 2021 & January 2nd, 2022

If you are unable to make a Mass,  
please call/text Marie Scandura at  
**516-279-8381**.

Lectors should arrive at the Church no  
later than 9:15 a.m.

### December 26, 2021

Intro	Linda Cheung
First Reading	Sonia Ciasullo
Second Reading	Prescilla Ferri
Petitions	Miranda Toro

### January 2, 2022

Intro	Matthew Young
First Reading	Andrew Canese
Second Reading	Zachary Canese
Petitions	Stan Young

## Adult Schedule for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

December 26th, 2021 & January 2nd, 2022

Mass Time	Lector Assignments Dec. 25 - 26, 2021	Lector Assignments Jan. 1 - 2, 2022
5:00 PM	No 5:00 Mass	Phyllis and John Thomas
8:00 AM	Jim Corrigan and Doris Graziano	Anna Garvin and Sarah Oliveri
11:30 AM	Howie Ammerman and Jim McHugh	John McHale and Bob Damato
Mass Time	EM Assignments Dec. 25 - 26, 2021	EM Assignments Jan. 1 - 2, 2022
5:00 PM	No 5:00 Mass	John and Phyllis Thomas
8:00 AM	Juan Estrella and Anna Rosamilia	Sarah Oliveri and Annette Sequino
11:30 AM	Thomas Eagan and Kathleen O'Neill	Kathleen O'Neill



# Mass Intentions & Prayers

**Saturday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m.

**The Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)**

Antonio Crimeni  
Charles Margro  
William Cutter  
Craig Kennedy

**Wednesday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**Fifth Day within the Octave  
of the Nativity of the Lord**  
Joel Mathew (Living)

**Thursday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**Sixth Day within the Octave  
of the Nativity of the Lord**  
Dolores O'Hara

**Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

Mary and Neil O'Donnell  
Fred Circharo  
The Parishioners of Holy Spirit

**Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**Seventh Day within the Octave  
of the Nativity of the Lord**  
Tony Forde (Living)  
Anthony + Sylvia Zucchero

**Monday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**Saint John, Apostle and  
Evangelist**

Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**The Octave Day of the Nativity  
of the Lord, Solemnity  
of Mary, Mother of God**  
Regina Walsh  
Fr. Frank Grieco (Living)

**Tuesday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m.

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Thomas J. Clarke

**Sunday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
The Parishioners of Holy Spirit  
Dario Velasquez  
Regina Walsh



## Prayer Requests

Tony Forde  
Elena Loyola  
Rolando Loyola

Maria Batista-Toro  
Daniella DeFilippis  
Florence Krupski

*Prayer requests will appear for four weeks.  
Please notify the rectory if a prayer request needs to be extended.*



**This week's Bread and Wine is  
in Loving Memory of  
William Cutter**

**With Love and Prayers,  
Linda Cutter**



**Please pray for the recently  
deceased members of our  
parish, especially for:**

Laura Paolucci  
Albert Ferri



### Mass Intentions

To request a Mass Intention,  
stop by the rectory during  
office hours. Mass Intentions  
are \$20.00. Bread and Wine or  
Candles are \$25.00.

## Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Meetings are held on the following days in Holy Spirit Church's Cafeteria (Use entrance in West parking lot, on the corner of 5th Street and 1st Avenue, across from the New Hyde Park Fire House)

**Mondays:** 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.  
8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Thursdays:** 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.  
8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Saturdays:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

## Banns of Marriage, Second Sunday:

**Anju Antony (Holy Spirit) with  
Josbin Sebastian**

Wedding date: January 10, 2022

## Baptisms

To arrange for your child's baptism, please contact Deacon John Hogan at [jhoganhs@gmail.com](mailto:jhoganhs@gmail.com)

Baptisms are held the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

## Bulletin Deadline

Please note, Monday, December 28 is the deadline for submitting requests for the January 2 bulletin.

Requests should be sent to [seandreillydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:seandreillydesigns@gmail.com), [frgrieco@yahoo.com](mailto:frgrieco@yahoo.com) and [Lpetricca@holyspiritLI.org](mailto:Lpetricca@holyspiritLI.org)

## Pastoral Staff

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**Parish Social Ministry Office Hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**Deacon Douglas Ferreiro**  
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**Mr. Bob Hodgson**  
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**Religious Education Office Hours:**  
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10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.