



Holy Family Parish

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Holy Family

Tuesday ... 8 AM

Wednesday ... 8 AM

Saturday.....4 PM

Sunday.....11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the
Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3 PM or by appointment

St Anne

Monday....8AM

Thursday....8AM

First Friday .. 8 AM (preceded by Exposi-
tion of the Blessed Sacrament).. 7-8 AM

Saturday...4:30 PM

Sunday....8 AM & 11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3:30 PM

Save the Date:

- 1/29 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/1 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 2/1 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
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sale after Mass
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- 2/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall



**JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

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Saints for this week

January 31 - St John Bosco (1815 - 1888) - He was born in Piedmont of a peasant family, and he was brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest, and his particular concern was for the young. He settled in Turin, where, as in so many cities in the 19th century, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to the care of the young, first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by the anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of some senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

February 2 - Presentation of the Lord - Forty Days after His birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. Holding the Child Jesus in his arms, Simeon prayed: "Now, master, You can dismiss Your servant in peace; You have fulfilled Your word. For my eyes have witnessed Your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." This Feast has also been called "Candlemas Day" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles."

February 3 - St Blaise—There is no accurate historical evidence about St Blaise's life. He was born into a wealthy family and received a Christian education. He was appointed Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred during the persecution of Licinius in the year 316. According to a tradition, Blaise retreated to a cave and became a hermit during the persecution of Licinius. While there, he befriended wild animals and cared for them when they were wounded or sick. One day, hunters found Blaise in the woods surrounded by wild animals. They captured him with the intention of putting him in prison. On the way to Sebaste, Blaise encountered a woman whose little boy was choking to death on a fishbone. Blaise healed him and the blessing of throats on this day derives from that story. The prayer used for the blessing of throats: "*Through the intercession of St Blaise may God deliver us from all evils of the throat and from every other evil. AMEN.*"

House Blessings - date back to the early days of Christianity, and in Catholicism, the rite takes the form of a prayer, with intercessions, and the sprinkling of Holy Water. Traditionally, homes are blessed during the Christmas Season, especially when celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany (Feast of the appearance of the Magi). But homes can be blessed at any time. The inscription (for this current year) written when the house is blessed is **20 C + M + B 23**. The C M B being the initials of the Magi who visited the Child Jesus in Bethlehem.

If you have never had your house blessed and would like it to be blessed, please call the Parish to set up a time when Father can visit you and perform the blessing.

Bethlehem Christian Families are scheduled to be at St Anne's the Weekend of February 4 - 5. Elaine Hanania, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be speaking at St Anne about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and Churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. If interested, they will remain after mass. You can view and purchase these objects at St Anne. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, please see Website: [\[http://www.bcfmission.com%29/\[www.bcfmission.com\]\)](http://www.bcfmission.com%29/[www.bcfmission.com]))

please see insert for note from Fr. Rich

WORSHIP TOGETHER

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Zephaniah 2:3; 3: 12 – 13; 1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 31; Matthew 5: 1 – 12)

During the sixth century B.C., the prophet Zephaniah was strong in his protests against the apostasy of Judah, describing a coming destruction that would wipe clean despoiled Jerusalem, leaving only a remnant of those humble before God. Throughout the Old Testament, the "humble and lowly" are under God's particular protection, since they have no other sources or people to help them. The remnant of which the prophet Zephaniah speaks is the faithful of Israel, who have done no wrong and have humbly followed God's will. In response, they will be at peace, which for an agrarian society is best portrayed as pasturing and couching their flocks with no one to disturb them.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we pick up where we left last weekend. Paul lampoons the Corinthians' pridefulness: "Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth." Having deflated their egos, he now explains why weakness is a blessing. The wisdom of this world cannot compare to the true wisdom from God, which has been made manifest in Christ Jesus. Far from being disparaging, the motif of "foolishness," found throughout First Corinthians, is used to explain the message of the cross, "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles."

In the Gospel for this weekend, we hear what has come to be known as the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew, in writing his Gospel, has situated five distinct teaching blocks within his Gospel to replicate the five books of Moses. Those Ten Commandments were laws written on stone tablets. Jesus' Beatitudes are ideals that are to be written on human hearts. Jesus did not overturn the laws of Moses. But with the Beatitudes, Jesus wanted to shift the focus from external laws to be obeyed, to laws of love to be lived in the Kingdom that He came to reveal. In today's reading, we begin the first such section in which Jesus reinterprets the law in a new way: "You have heard it said...but I say to you." The setting of Jesus teaching on the Mount is meant to mirror Moses' giving of The Law from Mount Sinai, further establishing the comparison between Jesus and Moses. The purpose of the Beatitudes, and for us following these spiritual suggestions, is not to live out some productive life where we get raises at work, or other "pats on the back." The purpose of these spiritual suggestions is simply to be closer to the Lord. That is precisely what the "*blessed*" means. If you are blessed, you are near to God. God wants to be with us in the everyday drama of our lives, and Jesus offers this in the Beatitudes: to find ourselves in His presence.

The Beatitudes turn this world's standards upside down. Happiness in being poor in spirit? "Nonsense!" is what most people would say. "The road to happiness is found in aggressiveness, ambition and success in competition."

Happiness, Jesus tells us, is given to us by God. We don't win it, achieve it, merit it or buy it. Everyone can have it. When it comes to happiness, everyone can be a winner. Happiness and fulfillment, Jesus teaches, will come to people with open hands, humble hearts and receptive spirits. The Kingdom is God's gift; it's not ours to fashion as we wish.

Blessedness for the sorrowing? The poor? The meek? The persecuted? You won't find them on TV talk shows. Who are **the meek**? They are those who have harnessed their talents and abilities to serve God's interests, not their own. They find happiness in serving others. **The hungry and thirsty**? They continually seek a better, deeper, and richer relationship with God. They hunger for a better world in which we care for each other. **The merciful**? They are centered on others. They are willing to forgive and to seek reconciliation.

The Christian belief is that Jesus is our redemption and our justification, and that living a life modeled on the Beatitudes leads to happiness and fulfillment. That belief is now two thousand years old, and is still strongly held by more than two billion people. God is quite alive in this world because of those who believe in Jesus Christ and His teachings, and who strive to live the message of the Beatitudes.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace.

JANUARY

Upcoming

- 1/29 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/1 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 2/5 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/6 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 2/8 Adult Bible Study 9 am Parish Hall
- 2/11 Christian Mother's Soup & Bake sale after Mass
- 2/12 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
- 2/12 Christian Mother's Soup & Bake sale after Mass
- 2/19 Christian Mother's Ex Board 9:30 AM
- 2/26 Christian Mother's Membership Meeting 9:30
- 2/26 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 2/27 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
- 3/4 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale
- 3/5 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 3/12 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
- 3/12 Holy Name 9:30 Parish Hall
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- 5/7 Christian Mother's Burger & Fries sale



ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HELD AT ST ANNE'S

First Communion Dates

Sunday, February 5 – First Communion Parent Meeting for First Communion 9:45 - (cry room area)

Saturday, March 4 – First Communion Workshop - 9:00 - 12:00

Sunday, April 2 – First Communion Practice during class

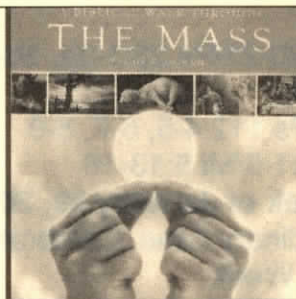
Saturday, April 15 - First Communion 10 AM

Financial Report from 1/24/2023

Offertory: \$2,609.00	Loose: \$149.00
Candle: \$62.00	Monthly: \$686.00
First Offering: \$15.00	Sol. Of Mary: \$10.00
Imm. Conception: \$10.00	
Parish Income: \$3,541.00	
Accent: \$27.00	Military: \$10.00
Retired Rel.: \$10	Children & Family: \$10.00
Dio. Poverty Relief: \$10.00	
World Mission: \$10	Seminary: \$20.00
Total Offertory: \$3,608.00	

Super Bowl 'Souper' Feb. 12 at St. Edward Parish, Herminie

Will be held from 11:30 a.m.--2:30 p.m. In addition to an all-you-can-eat sampling of more than 20 different homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be provided. There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Leftover soup can be purchased for \$5. For information, call 724-446-5197.



Join others as we take a fascinating tour of the Mass in a FivePart Study!

In "A Biblical Walk through the Mass", Dr Edward Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at mass and explains their profound significance. You will come to know and understand the Mass like never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. You will: Discover how the Mass is a "true re-presentation" of Jesus' redeeming sacrifice on the Cross; explore the three key aspects of the Mass as Sacrifice, Real Presence, and Holy Communion; Gain helpful insights for getting the most out of every Mass; and more. Beginning Thursday - February 2, 2023, join us in the St Anne Parish Social Hall at 10:00 AM, or Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. thru March 2, 2023. If interested, please call St Anne Parish Office at (724) 872-3555 to reserve your seat.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time / January 29, 2023

First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

Readings for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Observances for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE:

For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish and a faithful contributor to the support of the Parish for a minimum of four months. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 1/28

For: Pope Benedict

Sunday, 1/29

For: Anna Scanga

From: Barry, Pat & Gina

Tuesday, 1/31

For: MaryAnn Keegan

From: Ann Page

Wednesday, 2/1

For: Tony DeMarchi

From: Ann Page

Saturday, 2/4

For: Living & Deceased
Members of Holy Family

Sunday, 2/5

For: Elizabeth Griffin
From: Mike & Tina

Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis

Upcoming events

Servants of the Holy Spirit - a group whose focus is on opening yourself to the Holy Spirit and letting the Spirit work through you, will be hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Reflection on the last Sunday of each month at 4pm in the Church. All are invited to join us and to bring along a friend.



St Anne is in need of a part time custodian. Approximately 20 hours per week. We would prefer a parishioner (maybe needing extra income or retired.) Duties include but

may not be limited to: sweeping-mopping-dusting, replace candles and monitor stock, set up hall for functions, clean and restock restrooms, empty trash, replace light bulbs, inspect Church grounds and pick up light trash, raise or lower flags when needed, order cleaning supplies, set light timers, and report maintenance needs as observed. Call the office to set a time to meet with Fr. Dave. (724-872-3555)

**4:00 PM | Saturday
January 28**

Lector: Landini

**Eucharistic Minister:
Houseman**

**11:00 AM | Sunday
January 29**

Lector: Hughes

**Eucharistic Minister:
Luzi**

**4:00 PM | Saturday
February 4**

Lector: Keegan

**Eucharistic Minister:
Houseman**

**11:00 AM | Sunday
February 5**

Lector: Null

**Eucharistic Minister:
Benecio**