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Sundays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

MASSES

MON thru FRI: 11:30am & 4:00pm
SATURDAY: 8:00am, 11:30am & 4:00pm
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15 minutes before every Mass

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Wednesdays & Fridays 12 - 4pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

FIRST SATURDAY

Rosary at 11:00 & 3:30 and Adoration 12:15

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday at 3pm

Tagalog Mass @1:30 pm Every Fourth Sunday

The Fatima Shrine is
Designated as an
Official Site for the
Jubilee 2025
Pilgrims of Hope!



See the Display in the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel and at the East Doors.

**December 28, 2025
Holy Family - Jesus
Mary & Joseph**

Upcoming Events

Legion of Mary

December 28 - 10:00 am
In Fatima Hall

Tagalog Mass

Sunday, December 28
1:30 pm in the Basilica
Celebrant: Fr. Albino Vecina, CRSP
Social afterwards in Fatima Hall

Living Rosary

Thursday, January 1st at 5:00 PM
Hosted by Fr. John Adams

Christmas Concert

Saturday, January 3
St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum
5:00 pm Basilica - All Are Invited

1st Saturday Devotions

January 6 - Men's Breakfast
Guest Speaker - Rosary
Mass - Adoration/Benediction

Legion of Mary

January 7 - 10:00 am
In Fatima Hall

To Jesus Through Mary

Saturdays Evenings
@ 5:30 pm in the Basilica.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. Dec. 27 8:00 am	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Carol Berry †
11:30 am	Tony Grasso †
4:00 pm	Nicholas Abel
Sun. Dec. 28	The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
9:00 am	Adam Connor
12:00 Nn	Catherine Boslet
5:00 pm	John & Kathy Mikitka
Mon. Dec. 29	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
11:30 am	<i>Perpetual Mass</i>
4:00 pm	Emidio & Marge D'Angelo
Tues. Dec. 30	6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity
11:30 am	Brenda & Carlos (39th Anniversary)
4:00 pm	Leon Packman
Wed. Dec. 31	St. Sylvester I, Pope
11:30 am	The Barnabite Fathers & Seminarians
4:00 pm	Richie & Amanda English
Thur. Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11:30 am	Mark & Kim Mikitka
4:00 pm	Jeanette Notaro
Fri. Jan. 2	St. Basil the Great
11:30 am	Lisa Hardin & Family
4:00 pm	Patricia McCarthy
Sat. Jan. 3	Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:00 am	Shrine Employees & Volunteers
11:30 am	Micah & Desiree Remedis
4:00 pm	Tracy Liriano
Sun. Jan. 4	The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 am	Edward & Ann Stasen
12:00 Nn	John C. Spang †
5:00 pm	Lorraine Slisz

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A Spiritual Meditation for the Holy Family - Year A

We sometimes frustrate ourselves by establishing unrealistic expectations concerning Christmas. Understandably, many of us hope that this year will be the best Christmas ever. Yet when we hear the account of the birth of Jesus, we realize that the first Christmas was not a perfect day but a realistic one. And the Holy Family, Jesus, the infant and his parents, Mary and Joseph, somehow responded to the difficulties with profound joy and peace.

The first people to whom God announced the good news of the birth of his son were shepherds, who were a broken people. They were looked down upon by others - a marginalised substrata of society. They were often looked down by others and estranged and isolated, relegated to a life of meager subsistence.

Who are the "shepherds" of our time, and how can we help them to experience the birth of Christ? - namely, by reaching outside our comfort zone to include everyone in the joy and hope of Christmas, a single day that celebrates God's love as a trajectory of hope and a longing for peace in our global world.

On or at Christmas we gather in the church to acknowledge the mystery of God's love - to sit back in awe with prayer and thanksgiving that God's ways are beyond our ways - yet always accessible.

In the Hellenistic world, the faith and practice of the Jewish society was strongly influenced by Greek culture. One of the Greek ideals was an ordered life that would give public awareness to the values that were the center of one's beliefs. These values in turn reflected honor and respect, care, and protection - in other words, to live family life as a sacred responsibility - a home raised up in justice cognizant of God's providential expectations.

We really know very little about the inner life of the Holy Family - or even the dynamics of their daily lives. Much of their time and activities took place in the everyday events of their lives. This should remind us that the holiness of our families' lives, lies not in great events, but in small, often seemingly insignificant things.

There is only one perfect family in the world - the members of which are the ones who live down the street. And the only reason that we know that they are perfect is that we don't know what is going on inside their homes. And yet, as the Book of Sirach says, we can still work at being a better, more loving family.

The Holy Family of Nazareth exemplifies a foundational community of love. Jesus was born and grew up in a family marked by holiness, love, and fidelity to the will of God. Their example calls us humbly strive to do the same. We seek the ideal relationship, and we must persevere to seek also the reality of challenges. We all have our flaws and inconsistencies, but we can still try to work at being a better, more loving family.

Even if each of us has to be willing to be vulnerable and to take the risk of being the first to reach out and trust. This is the only way our families can be at peace is by making Christ the center of our lives. The Holy Family of Nazareth is intentionally a paradigmatic, hopeful, and encouraging ideal. Be encouraged by their example. Don't be intimidated by their beautiful iconic image!



THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR

DECEMBER: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT LET US PRAY THAT CHRISTIANS LIVING IN AREAS OF WAR OR CONFLICT, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, MIGHT BE SEEDS OF PEACE, RECONCILIATION, AND HOPE.

JANUARY 2026: FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD LET US PRAY THAT PRAYING WITH THE WORD OF GOD BE NOURISHMENT FOR OUR LIVES AND A SOURCE OF HOPE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, HELPING US BUILD A MORE FRATERNAL AND MISSIONARY CHURCH.

Vocation View—Answer The Sacred Call

At every Mass, just as John the Apostle witnessed in Revelation, angels surround the altar as Heaven and Earth unite through the miracle of the Eucharist! This divine moment can only happen through our priests. Feeling called to this extraordinary vocation? Father Albino awaits your call at 716-754-7489!



✠ Bible Reflection Group ✠

Every Monday @ 7:30 PM in the Fatima Hall
This Week we are Discussing
Jan. 7, 2026 Readings (The Epiphany of the Lord)
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St. Anthony M. Zaccarian Apostolate Prayer

December: May we, like Mary in her singing of the Magnificat, be able to thank the Lord for our existence, our call to consecrated life as Barnabites and for all the graces and benefits we received throughout the Jubilee year, we pray.



Intercession for Life

May our parish community come together to become a place of welcoming and assistance for all mothers in need; *let us pray to the Lord:*



Living Rosary - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Thursday, January 1st at 5:00 PM

Join us at either location:

****Our Lady of Fatima Shrine: 1023 Swann Road, Youngstown, NY 14174**

****Our Lady Help of Christians Maria Hilf Chapel: 4125 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225**



Participate as a "living bead" (holding a candle while praying) or pray along with us. We'll focus on prayers for Healing, Hope, and Peace. Info/To Participate: Fr. John Adams | frjohnbestill@hotmail.com | 716-276-9288

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