

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**December 26, 2021**

**TODAY'S FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH: JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**, takes us rather quickly from Bethlehem to Nazareth; from the joy of a new birth to the reality of family life. There is nothing that changes the life of a husband and wife quite so suddenly as the birth of a child that immediately transforms them into father and mother. The gift of a new life entrusted to the care of parents is a great honor and a great responsibility. To think, that God trusted and believed in parents so much to give love, care, support and guidance to the life entrusted to them. Mary and Joseph continue to be examples of prayerful parents who lovingly cared for their son, Jesus. They raised him in the traditions of their Jewish Faith, taught him responsibility and good judgment. It was under their guidance that Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

So it is for all families, big or small, closely knit or scattered, to find in the Holy Family of Nazareth, inspiration and prayerful support in strengthening the bonds of family life. The heart of our civilization is the family, and when faced with stringent voices calling for the destruction of family life as we know it to further their "progressive" agenda, not only are we as Christians called to defend family life, but to strengthen it with the bonds of prayer, unity and joyful concern for one another. We are all part of one family, God's Family.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY.** Since the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, January 1<sup>st</sup>, falls on a Saturday this year, there is no Mass obligation, but we will have the great opportunity to have one parish Mass to offer thanks for the blessings of this past year 2021 and pray for God's peace and protection through the prayers of the Mother of God as we cross the threshold into the New Year 2022.

**"HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE, O LORD OUR GOD!!!"** These words from Psalm 84 truly speak of the beauty of our St. Mary Church for the Christmas holidays. How much time, hard work and dedication it takes from a few people to fill the church with the beauty of Christmas. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following people who gave us all the Christmas gift of a beautifully decorated church: Joakin Mejak, Feručio Klimič

, and Florian Osredkar for doing the heavy work of setting up the outside Nativity and the platform for the inside Nativity; Simon Sedmak for the beautiful Nativity scene in church; Bob Frederico, Dionysia & Jim Pulver who set up and decorated the Christmas trees; technical support from Dennis Kozak and Paul Sedmak; wreaths & garlands hung by Stacey Flaisman and Urška Pišorn. Seeing the high cost of pine roping and other outside decorations this year, Fr. Kumse decided to make the bundles of green for the fence around the church and rectory himself saving the parish hundreds of dollars. For everyone who did so much to decorate our church, all we can simply say is, "THANK YOU".

**Special Christmas Gifts:** \$2,000 from Marie Ogrinc; \$250 from Janet Yasenovsky; \$150 from Slovenska Pristava Pensioners; \$100 from Paul & Lauren Suhay; \$500 in loving memory of Isadore & Rose Kocin from Ralph & Roseann Roeder; \$25 in memory of Rudy Ujcich from wife Maria Ujcich; \$100 in memory of Donna Mlac Berquist, John Berquist & Carol Berquist Goldenberke from the Berquist wives and daughters; \$500 from Pako Inc., Paul & Cilka Kosir & family.

**Retired Religious Fund:** \$815

**Church Needs:** \$5,000 from Elizabeth Roth; \$25 in memory of Karl Zajec from Jaculin Puntel; \$25 in memory of Karl & Ani Zajec from daughter Doris Zajec; \$100 in memory of Albin Urankar & Marian Urankar from Joan Allgood; \$30 in memory of Lojzka Kotar from Mira Kosem; \$1,000 from Gregory & Kristina O'Brien.

**Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!**

**A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY, BLESSED NEW YEAR 2022.** As we enter a new year this Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, we pray that God will bless us and keep us in his care, fill us with his peace, calm all of our fears, and use us as his instruments to build a safer, healthier, holier world for all of us.

**ALTAR SOCIETY** will have its Corporate Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Holy Hour and reception of new members will be at 1:30 p.m. in church, followed by Božičnica in the Slovenian Room. Altar Society members prepared and sent beautiful flowers and packages of cookies to our parish shut-ins and those in nursing facilities. Those receiving these small gifts of care and concern for the holidays were very appreciative and grateful that they are remembered during the holidays. It would be wonderful if we could have a "Sunshine Committee" to at least telephone or write a small card to these parishioners during the rest of the year to help brighten their days of loneliness. If interested in this special work of mercy, please contact Fr. Kumse at 216-761-7740.

**WITH GRATITUDE.** Because of dwindling membership, Collinwood's Northeast Council 2786 of the Knights of Columbus decided to merge with the Windemere Council of the Knights of Columbus based in Cleveland Heights. Since members of Northeast Council were part of our Collinwood parishes of St. Jerome, Holy Redeemer, St. Casimir and St. Mary's, through the encouragement and leadership of our Councilman Michael Polensek, representatives of both Northeast Council and Windemere Council of the Knights of Columbus met with the pastors of our four parishes last week to disburse remaining funds of the Northeast Council to our four parishes, with each parish receiving a donation of \$10,800. We are most grateful to the Knights of Columbus, not only for this very generous gift, but also for all of their support to our Collinwood parishes over the years.

Windemere Council #2726 also extends a warm invitation to the men of our parish to become members of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Robert Fischer at 216-534-4393.

**2022 CALENDARS.** Please take one of the parish calendars from the entrances of the church for your homes. We are grateful to the Zevnik-DeJohn Funeral Home for providing these calendars to our parishioners.

**TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:**

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

**Masses for the Week of Dec. 27, 2021-Jan. 2, 2022**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(12/27) ST. JOHN (Apostle and Evangelist)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Miro & David Celestina (Wife & Grandmother Mary)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(12/28) THE HOLY INNOCENTS (Martyrs)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Dušan Maršič (Hands of Mercy Family Care)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(12/29) FIFTH DAY within the OCTAVE of the NATIVITY of the LORD</b>
7:45 a.m.	Agnes Valencic (30 Day)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(12/30) SIXTH DAY within the OCTAVE of the NATIVITY of the LORD</b>
7:45 a.m.	Anna Staniša (30 Day)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(12/31) ST. SYLVESTER I (Pope)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Peggy Mochan (JoAnn Shenkel)
5:00 p.m.	Joseph & Tončka Sajovec, George & Anna Kozak and Gertrude Menart
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(1/1) SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>
10:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Choice
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(1/2) THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
9:30 a.m.	Altar Society
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers****Vigil of New Years Day (December 31st)**

Friday	5:00 p.m.	Toni Jo Kozak/Cindy Smith
		<b>New Year's Day (January 1st)</b>
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Maria Marsic/Martha Rozman
		<b>Sunday (January 2nd)</b>
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Society/Moni Daly
	11:30 a.m.	Andrew Liptak/Marie Kushner

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Ted Jenda, Tom McNulty, Kristjan Sedmak, Sally Kerman, Norah Konrad, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Anica Knez, Mimi Cendol

**V ZAHVALO.** Zaradi zmanjšanja v članstvu se je Collinwoodski Northeast Council 2786 of the Knights of Columbus združil s Windemere Council of the Knights of Columbus s sedežem v Cleveland Heightsu. Ker so bili člani Northeast Council del naših župnij v Collinwoodu, sv. Hieronima, Holy Redeemer, Sv. Kazimira in Marije vnebovzete, s spodbudo in vodstvom našega svetnika Michaela Polenška, so se prejšnji teden predstavniki Northeast Council and Windemere Council of the Knights of Columbus srečali z župniki naših štirih župnij, da bi izplačali preostalo sredstvo Northeast Council našim štirim župnijam, pri čemer je vsaka župnija prejela dar \$10,800. Zelo smo hvaležni Kolumbovim vitezom, ne samo za to zelo velikodušno darilo, ampak tudi za vso njihovo podporo našim Collinwoodskim župnijam v preteklih letih. Windemere Council #2726 pa tudi lepo vabi moške naše župnije, da postanejo člani Knights of Columbus. Za več informacij kličite Roberta Fischerja na 216-534-4393.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:**

**Gospod, blagor njim, ki prebivajo v tvoji hiši.**

**DANES JE PRAZNIK SV. DRUŽINE**

**DANAŠNJI PRAZNIK SVETE DRUŽINE IZ NAZARETA: JEZUS, MARIJA IN JOŽEF,** nas precej hitro popelje iz Betlehema v Nazaret; od veselja novega rojstva do resničnosti družinskega življenja. Nič ne spremeni življenja moža in žene tako nenadoma kot rojstvo otroka, ki jih takoj spremeni v očeta in mater. Dar novega življenja, ki je zaupan v skrb staršev, je velika čast in velika odgovornost. Pomislimo, da je Bog toliko zaupal in verjel v starše, da dajo ljubezen, skrb, podporo in vodstvo življenju ki jim je bilo zaupano. Marija in Jožef sta še vedno zgled molitvenih staršev, ki so ljubeznivo skrbeli za svojega sina Jezusa. Vzgojili so ga v tradiciji svoje judovske vere, ga naučili odgovornosti in dobre presoje. Jezus je pod njihovim vodstvom "napredoval v modrosti, starosti in priljubljenosti pri Bogu in ljudeh".

Tako je za vse družine, velike ali majhne, tesno povezane ali raztresene, da najdejo v Sveti Družini iz Nazareta navdih in molitveno podporo pri krepitvi vezi družinskega življenja. Srce naše civilizacije je družina, in ko se soočimo s strogimi glasovi, ki smatrajo uničiti družinsko življenje, kot ga mi poznamo, da bi pospeševali njihov "progresiven" načrt, nismo samo kristjani poklicani, da branimo družinsko življenje, ampak ga krepimo z vezmi molitve, edinosti in radostne skrbi drug za drugega. Vsi smo del ene družine, Božje družine.

**NOVO LETO.** Ker je praznik Marije Matere Božje, 1. januarja, letos na soboto, mašne obveznosti ni. Bomo pa imeli odlično priložnost, da imamo eno župnijsko mašo v zahvalo za blagoslov preteklega leta 2021 in da molimo za Božji mir in varstvo po molitvah Matere božje, ko prestopimo prag v novo leto 2022.

**ZELO SREČNO, ZDRAVO, BLAGOSLOVLJENO NOVO LETO 2022.** Ko to soboto, 1. januarja vstopamo v novo leto, molimo, da bi nas Bog blagoslovil in ohranil v njegovi oskrbi, nas napolnil s svojim mirom, pomiril vse naše strahove in nas uporabil kot sredstvo da zgradi bolj varno, bolj zdravo in bolj sveti svet za nas vse.

**"KAKO LEPO JE TVOJE PREBIVALIŠČE, GOSPOD, NAŠ BOG!!!"** Te besede iz psalma 84 resnično govorijo o lepoti naše cerkve Marije Vnebovzete za božične praznike. Koliko časa, pridnega dela in predanosti je potrebno od nekaj ljudi, da napolnijo cerkev z lepoto božiča. Iskreno se zahvaljujemo naslednjim ljudem, ki so nam vsem podarili božično darilo lepo okrašeno cerkev: Joakinu Mejaku, Feručiu Klimiču in Florianu Osredkarju za opravljeno delo pri postavitvi zunanjih jasic in oder za notranje jaslince; Simonu Sedmaku za lepe jaslince v cerkvi; Bob Frederico, Dionysia & Jim Pulver, so postavili in okrasili božična drevesa; tehnično podporo Dennisa Kozaka in Paula Sedmaka; Stacey Flaišman in Urška Pišorn ki sta obesili vence. Ko je letos videl visoke cene borove vrvi in drugih zunanjih okraskov, se je g. Kumše odločil, da bo sam naredil šopke zelenja za ograjo okoli cerkve in župnišča, s čimer je župniji prihranil stotine dolarjev. Za vse, ki so toliko naredili za okrasitev naše cerkve, lahko preprosto rečemo: "HVALA".

**OLTARNO DRUŠTVO** bo imelo skupno sveto obhajilo pri maši ob 9:30 zjutraj prihodnjo nedeljo, 2. januarja. Ura molitve in sprejem novih članic bo ob 1:30 popoldne v cerkvi, sledi Božičnica v Slovenski sobi. Članice Oltarnega društva so pripravile in poslale lepe rože in pakete piškotov za naše bolne župljane in za tiste v starostnih domovih. Tisti, ki so prejeli ta skromna darila za praznike, so bili zelo hvaležni da se jih med prazniki spominjajo. Čudovito bi bilo, če bi imeli "Sunshine Committee" ali "Sončni odbor", ki bi v preostalem letu vsaj poklicali ali napisali majhno voščilno kartico tem župljanom, da bi jim pomagali polepšati dneve osamljenosti. Če se zanimate za to posebno delo usmiljenja, prosimo pokličite g. Kumšeta na 216-761-7740.