

***Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral DECEMBER 31ST, 2017 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FEAST***

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Each of our readings today gives us a glimpse into the complications of family life – and those glimpses let us know we are not alone in our trials and tribulations. From the earliest days of Israel’s history, God was interceding in the difficulties of relationships: commanding honor and respect of parents by children, and of children by parents; relieving childlessness and promising faithfulness to those who abided in faithfulness to him; instructing us in what it means to love as Christ loves; and ordering the family to raising of children and the placing of God at the center of their lives.

We are also reminded today of the importance of the fact that Jesus Christ was born into a human family, and that offers us hope for making Christ the center of our own families. God could have chosen any number of ways to enter into human history, and the way he chose was to have Jesus be incarnate of a woman – the Blessed Virgin Mary – and be raised by her and Joseph in a household common to that time. In other words, God did not just take on human form in the person of Jesus, but entered into every aspect of human life, engaging with the authentic human experience of family life. Family life is sanctifying, and as Jesus sanctified his family, he will sanctify ours when we welcome him in.

That we celebrate this feast today, on New Year’s Eve, also offers food for thought, for it ties into the calendar practice of new beginnings. Many of us will make resolutions for the New Year. Many of us will break them shortly thereafter! But following the example of the Holy Family can strengthen our resolve to grow our families in faith and joy, and give us the confidence to weather the storms of its difficulties.

As we look ahead to this new calendar year, and think about the families in which we reside – whether they are by blood or by choice – let us entrust them to the Lord. And let us ask for the grace necessary to unite ourselves and our families to Christ in the same way he united himself to his family, and to us.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY AT NATIVITY BVM**

What if you know where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey’s class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you’re interested in learning more about the class, contact Alicia Tarrant, at [aliciasouth\\_tarrant@hotmail.com](mailto:aliciasouth_tarrant@hotmail.com), or call/text 228-273-9026. The 9 week class starts Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the RCIA room in the SHC. Class materials are approximately \$100.00 and can be purchased by visiting the class like at <https://fpu.com1053404>. You may also visit [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

<b>ENTRANCE HYMN</b>	<b># 94</b>
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b># 91</b>
<b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>#104</b>
<b>SENDING</b>	<b># 95</b>

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>	
<b>Mon Jan 01</b>	Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
<b>Tues Jan 02</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28, Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 23:8-12
<b>Wed Jan 03</b>	1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6, Jn 1:29-34
<b>Thur Jan 04</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42, 1 Cor 13:4-13, Lk 10:38-42
<b>Fri Jan 05</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Jn 10:11-16
<b>Sat Jan 06</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11
<b>Sun Jan 07</b>	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12



<b>YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	<b>31,100.60</b>
<i>Christmas Collection</i>	\$	<b>15,362.20</b>
<i>Capital Improvement</i>	\$	<b>10.00</b>
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	<b>55.00</b>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	<b>297.17</b>
<i>Maintenance</i>	\$	<b>1,851.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>48,675.97</b>

**MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:**

JUST A “NOTE”: As 2017 draws to a close and I come to the completion of serving the Nativity Family for my first seven months with you – I just wanted to share with you my profound gratitude. It has been my rich blessing to be your Minister of Music ~ Director of Fine Arts during this period. I am so grateful to and for the inspiration and guidance that our wonderful Clergy/Administration offers through Bishop Kihneman, Fr. Carver & Fr. Symmes and Sr. Mike at Nativity Elementary and also in the support and encouragement offered in Sr. Tarrant and our Office Manager – Ms. Hewitt. These individuals are shining examples of faith, dedication and love for our faith and our community. You could not ask for better and I am so very honored to be a part of this team. I also want to thank the Nativity Cathedral Musicians/Choir Members who have been willing to work with a “newbie” and share in the vision/mission of these vital ministries. I so appreciate them and their input/sharing. And finally – “Thank You!” Nativity Cathedral Community for so many aspects of life here in this great House of Worship and Prayer. I appreciate both your encouragement and words of constructive critique. Most of all – I am so very grateful to hear your singing! To hear the affirmations of faith in your communal voice in services speaking together our Creed and our responses. Nativity BVM Cathedral is “Blessed Richly” with a true sense of “Family”. One does not understand such a blessing until you have been in the absence of such goodness! Becky and I are humbled to be a part of this Family! May God continue to Bless this Home and Family in 2018! May God truly smile warmly upon each and every one of you! Terry D. For more information, please contact:

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**ANNUAL SEMINARIAN RETREAT**

Fr. Dennis will be away from the Parish from January 7<sup>th</sup> until January 12<sup>th</sup> giving the Second Theology Retreat to the seminarians of Notre Dame Seminary.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>Jan 06 4:00 pm</b> <b>1. Helen Languirand</b> 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Jim Coskey 4. Gayle Mavar 5. Liz Joachim  <b>Jan 07 7:00 am</b> <b>1. Jim Shugart</b> 2. Vicki Howard 3. Nancy Powell  <b>9:00 am</b> <b>1. Barbara Ziz</b> 2. Sharon Tash 3. Judy Trahan 4. Traci Kessler 5. Michae Kessler  <b>11:00 am</b> <b>1. Sandy Steckler</b> 2. Judy Steckler 3. Robert Moniot 4. Marianne Sherman 5. John Sherman  <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>1. Tricia Creel</b> 2. Roland Creel 3. Kristy Arguelles	<b>Jan 06 4:00 pm</b> Michael Bruffey  <b>Jan 07 7:00 am</b> Sr. Mary Jo Mike  <b>9:00 am</b> Maggie Landry  <b>11:00 am</b> Rhonda Clark  <b>5:30 pm</b> Youth Ministry  <b>CANTORS</b> Jan 01 <b>10:00 am</b> Dennis Burke/Choir  Jan 06 <b>4:00 pm</b> William Endicott/Choir  Jan 06 <b>9:00 am</b> Peter Abide  <b>11:00 am</b> Sean Ross	<b>Jan 06 4:00 pm</b> Keegan Cuevas Sabree Sanders  <b>Jan 07 7:00 am</b> Makayla Pfarrer McKinzy Mathis Alec Ryan  <b>9:00 am</b> Trent Fulton Annabelle Tarrant Brennan Tarrant Blake Walli  <b>11:00 am</b> Hadyn Hallis Greysen Ross McRae Ross  <b>5:30 pm</b> Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydni Wills

## MASS INTENTIONS

		<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Jan 01</b>	10:00 a.m.	Mary Hoang Thi Khoai
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Jan 02</b>	Helen Ross	Sonny Ross
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Jan 03</b>	Collins-Sims Fmly.	John Begue.
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Jan 04</b>	Deacon Ben	Kathleen Hebert
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Jan 05</b>	Tommy Sliman	Gleen/Joyce Pisarich
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Jan 06 8</b>	Walter Blessey. <b>4</b>	Stanley Dellenger
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan 07 7</b>	-Betty Lou Callegari <b>-</b>	<b>9:00</b> <b>F.T.P.</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Sam Pennington	<b>5:30</b> Deacon Ben

### PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gerrie Weldon, Robert Moniot, Sister Jackie Tarrant, Lehwmom Skrmetti, Buddy Pullen, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Kim Wilkerson, Pete Skrmetta, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Mabel Viator, Michael Zorich, and Karen Skremetta.

### NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

\*As we end this year, we give thanks to God for the many blessing and challenges of this calendar year. We ask God to bless you with health, happiness and peace throughout the new year.

\*Nativity 6<sup>th</sup> graders, with the help of Nativity parishioners, Becky and Greg Nordstrom, were able to provide Nativity St. Vincent de Paul clients with fresh turnip greens. The boys have been nurturing a small garden behind the school and the greens were the result of their labor. Their teacher, Mrs. Colleen Kavanagh, along with the Nordstroms, are looking to see how they might continue this project of providing fresh, homegrown vegetables throughout the year.

\*Classes will resume for all Nativity students on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

\*The monthly drawing for \$3,000 will be held on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The December winner was Mr. Bob Magnum.

\*Please continue to save the following for Nativity BVM School: UPC codes from Box Tops for Education; Community Coffee UPC codes and aluminum beverage cans.

### ONLINE GIVING SOON AVAILABLE AT NATIVITY

We are excited to announce that Nativity BVM Cathedral will soon be offering one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website! You will be able to make your secure donations via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting our website at [www.nativitybvmcathedral.org](http://www.nativitybvmcathedral.org). More information will soon be available on our website or by calling the parish at (228) 374-1717. This convenient new method of giving will be available in February 2018.

### RELEVANT RADIO

Immaculate Heart Media presents Relevant Radio, a Catholic news, program, and events Web Site and App for your Catholic Listening pleasure. Go to [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) on your computer or search for the Relevant Radio app on your ipad, iphone, or Android device today. Relevant Radio is a network which broadcasts Catholic talk radio and religious programming relevant to the Catholic Church today.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Jan 01 RECTORY CLOSED**

**10:00 am MASS**

**Jan 02** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC

**BINGO Will resume Jan. 9th**

RCIA at 6:00 p.m., SHC

**Jan 03** Cleaning Team “D”

CCD 5:30 p.m., SHC

**Jan 04** Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Jan 05** First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Chapel

### JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, MOTHER OF GOD

This year, January 1<sup>st</sup> is not a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Monday. However, Bishop Kihneman will celebrate a 10:00 a.m., January 1<sup>st</sup> Mass in the Cathedral. Please come and join him.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This is such a beautiful and holy time to come and spend with Jesus in Adoration. Won't you prayerfully consider giving the gift of your time to our Savior and be pleasantly surprised to receive the gifts He will give you in return. First Friday Adoration is January 5th, from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., in the Chapel.

### CCD

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd for all students. The CCD teachers wish to welcome you back.

### RCIA.

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens, Candidates and their Sponsors. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.