

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Chuck Hirtz
05 Bev Moyer
05 Cherie Shallock
05 Kathy Wall
06 Ray Servis
07 Mary Cheatham
08 Itzel Valasco-Ruiz
17 Linda Gardner
20 Alice Doeppe
21 Alexander Gregory
22 Chris Moyer
25 Khali Fadheel
29 Keith Hamilton, Jr.
30 Frem Afram
31 Arnie Johannes
31 Joy Malok

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Todd & Betty Craft

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson
Sid Barr
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Kellsei Boyce
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
Suzi Crawford
Justin Curtis
Trish Decresce
Alessia Destefano
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan
John Evans

Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
James Heady
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Maggie Kreiser
Fran Lecco
Paul Lent
Patel Mahendra
Carolyn Martin
Kimberly Martin
Chefley Matthews

Rhonda Mayberry
Willard Mock
Greg Moore
Jane Moreton
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don & Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist
Bernadette Servis
Ray Servis

Jane Sliwinski
Don Smith
Margaret Smith
Maureen Smith
Chere Tew
Jim Tew
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Wardell Family
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

The Financial Corner

Collections: December 21 \$1232.00
Attendees: December 21: 96

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday: 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

We began the Yuletide (Advent-Christmas) Season with Isaiah 2:1-5. It speaks about the mountain of the Lord and how many are drawn to it. God's magnetism is revealed. "All nations will stream towards it; Swords into plowshares."

While this feast is about Mary, Jesus and Joseph, it is also about the human existential called "belonging." I reflect back on when I was a little boy at Christmastime. More than the presents and gifts, as I got under the covers at night, on a winter evening in Warwick, Rhode Island, I said to myself, "It is good to belong!" "What would I do if I did not belong to Mom and Dad and the other kids?"

As I moved away from them, emotionally I found myself bonding with others. God is good. Isn't it wonderful that we can be cared for by those who are not our blood relatives? Church of the Epiphany in the Richmond area brought me to think and feel about the intense belonging with those whom I gathered for mass. That was several years before my ordained ministry. Imagine having trouble sleeping Saturday night because you anticipated seeing those who gather the next day for prayer and fellowship.

Holy Families come in many forms. Rather than the Feast of the Holy Family, I would like to call it the Feast of Belonging. Spirit is just as thick as blood, I applaud those church members who have included for meals and holidays those who are not blood related as I look at your Facebook photos. You are definitely on to something! I applaud those who bond with others, find intimacy and find meaning in life much different from the "Leave it to Beaver" image you used to see. By this time, you all know that family comes in many forms.

Happy Feast of Longing and Belonging! It is a gift to have deep relationships in your life. Might that Mary, Jesus and Joseph bless us ALL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

Agnes Chan (Cecilia Chan's mother)
John Rotio (Joyce Hing's brother-in-law)

GRATITUDE FROM FR. JIM

Fr. Jim wants to thank all of you for the many Christmas Cards and gifts. He is very appreciative!

FR. JIM'S TRAVEL PLANS

Fr. Jim will travel to Rhode Island for his "Christmas visit" January 19-21st. This will be after everyone has had their parish council meetings, Christmas Masses, 1st Communions, Baptisms, and Bar Mitzvah's. He will spending time with his Dad. Your cooperation is appreciated!

CHURCH CLOSINGS HELP NEEDED

Fr. Jim, Arnie and Diane have come up with a plan to be able to let you all know about church closings due to inclement weather. Based on the weather, road conditions and condition of the parking lot, etc. Fr. Jim and Arnie will determine mass cancellations. Fr. Jim will alert Diane if mass is cancelled. She will then contact her team of 5 or 6 people to begin making phone calls. But... Diane needs your help to make this work! If you can join Diane's volunteer team, please reach out to her.

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY

We need to know that your contact information is correct and up to date. Please see the Parish Directory on the table in the commons and make any needed corrections. Please see Bonnie Toth if you have any questions.