

In Preparation . . . A look at what is to Come

2021 Year of St. Joseph

On December 8, 2020 Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, coinciding the anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Catholic Church, hailing him as a model of fatherhood and a key intercessor in modern times. St. Joseph's example will "daily strengthen their life of faith in full fulfillment of God's will." All faithful will thus have the opportunity to commit themselves, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, to comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations which today afflict the contemporary world.

Here are some suggestions to honor St. Joseph throughout the year:

- To those who perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy
- To families or engaged couples who recite the rosary together
- To those who entrust their daily work to St. Joseph and those who intercede for the unemployed
- To those who recite a prayer to St. Joseph (the litanies of St. Joseph in Latin rite) or Akathist to St. Joseph in the Byzantine rite



Francis said the figure of St. Joseph has been on his mind in a particular way during the coronavirus pandemic because our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked; people who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Amid COVID-19, we have found that we need each other and that "no one is saved alone." With the backdrop of the pandemic, Pope Francis wants us to rediscover St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," as an intercessor and source of support and guidance. Saint Joseph, he said, "reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all." Pope Francis also offered a reflection on fatherhood, saying fathers themselves "are not born, but made" by taking on responsibility and caring for the children under their protection and respect for women. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person. For the clergy, St. Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust, the pope said, noting that every vocation, including the priesthood and religious life, "require this kind of maturity."



Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Weekend		Week Day	
Saturday	4:00PM Northern Cambria	Monday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
Sunday	9:00AM Northern Cambria	Tuesday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
	11:00AM Revloc	Wednesday	6:00PM Revloc
	5:00PM Northern Cambria		

Liturgy schedule may change due to Holy Days throughout the year.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of
December 27, 2020 to January 3, 2021

Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Dec 27	Sunday after Christmas	✠ John and Anna Olexo
Dec 28	No Liturgy	
Dec 29	No Liturgy	
Dec 30	No Liturgy	
Dec 31	Circumcision of our Lord 6:00PM	
Jan 1	No Liturgy	
Jan 2	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 3	Sunday before Theophany	✠ Antoinette DeHaven

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.

New Year's Prayer for 2021

Lord, my precious Savior and God, help me turn to You this New Year. May I be grateful for every breath. Lord, as circumstances and issues came against me last year and have followed me into this New Year, I cry out to You. Empower me with Your Holy Spirit to overcome these obstacles with a good perspective, realizing You allow trials in my life to mold me into the image of Your marvelous Son.

Heavenly Father, let me be not only a hearer of Your Word, but also a doer, practicing Your teachings, no longer quenching the Holy Spirit. Cause me to act on opportunities instead of apathetically overlooking them. This readiness involves praising and worshipping You with a pure heart.

This New Year, I trust Your closeness and care. I have no need for fear because You lavish Your love on me. Heavenly Father, I propose to know more and more of You, seeking Your Kingdom and reigning over my life. May my actions prove I treasure the Holy Spirit indwelling inside me.

Let this New Year and the following years consist of Your reign in me. Let me take the time daily to lift Your name on high. Let me realize all the marvelous gifts that come from above: rain, sunshine, blessings. Then, I will bless You with all my soul.

May my mind focus on heavenly priorities: loving You and my neighbor. Lord, this New Year let me walk in humility, serving You, loving You, giving You glory and honor every day. Each day of this New Year may I acknowledge You in everything and for everything. I thank You for the work You do inside me by Your love, power, and might.

Thank You for this New Year. Let me do according to Your good pleasure and purpose, pleasing You in every area of this life. Thank You for Your mercy which makes all things new each morning -- even after a day of failure.

In this New Year, I cry to You Father, thanking you for restoring a right relationship with me. Conform and transform me unto all godliness through the burdens and blessings You allow to cross my path. Lord, thank You for hearing my prayer. May this New Year be truly about You – May I be all about God in my actions and attitudes. From this New Year's prayer, let me not forget to listen carefully to You. Give me eyes to see and a heart to do Your will this New Year and each and every New Year to come. Amen!

Thank You from Fr. Andriy, Fr. Deacon Tony, and Fr. Deacon Chris,

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We want to sincerely thank you for all the wonderful and warm wishes this Christmas. We are honored and grateful for your generosity that you have shown to us. We are very happy to have all of you for parishioners and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope that we continue to grow closer as a parish family on the way to the Kingdom of God. God bless you!

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - December 20, 2020 \$276.00 December 25, 2020 \$770.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Activities - All activities are cancelled except for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday

Safety Precautions - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

Saturdays with Jesus - The next meeting will be Saturday, January 12, 2020.

10:00AM - Anyone 12 to adult 2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Blessing of Homes - Father will be blessing homes for the parishioners who would like him to visit. Please let him know if you would like your house blessed. It has not been determined if there will be a Sunday to bless houses in the radius of the church.

Blessing of Water - Water will be blessed on January 5 at 6:00PM.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

Signs you were alive in 2020:

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
3. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house and told my cat. We laughed a lot.
4. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
5. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
6. This pandemic has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him or her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice physical-distancing from the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and asking for money.