

December 28, 2014

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B)



From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Change is very difficult but not impossible. We are very aware of this as a new year begins. We look back and realize how few of our attempts at changing something in our lives were successful. But it still is important that we try. Make one resolution for the year 2015 and ask God for help.

If it is difficult to change our own personal lives, it almost impossible to change the larger world around us. But we should not give up. I will write more about this in the following weeks. I have been reading the new book about Pope Francis, "The Great Reformer" by Austen Ivereigh. I am also looking forward to seeing the new movie "Selma". Both are making me reflect on my early years as a priest. I was in Selma and Montgomery with Dr. Martin Luther King. I was very much fascinated by the theories of "Liberation theology" which Jorge Bergoglio (Pope Frances) was struggling with in Argentina. Stay tuned.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, December 21, 2014 was \$3,200.00

The collection for January 1, 2015 is the Offering for the Solemnity of Mary

The second collection next Sunday, January 4, 2015 will be for the Catholic New York Newspaper.



Food Collection: next Sunday, January 4, 2015 will be our monthly food collection; please keep the needy in mind this week when you shop, thank you.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

Our Christmas celebration continues today with this celebration of the feast of the **Holy Family**. The focus is on **God's** promises kept. **Abraham** and **Sarah** do indeed bring forth a son, and **Simeon** and **Anna** live to see the **Messiah**. As we gather today at **God's** invitation, perhaps we can recall what promises **God** has kept for us, and then give **God** our thanks and praise.

In the first reading, a wise teacher provides families with a formula for success. It begins with respect and honor.

In the second reading, we hear of the faith of **Abraham**. His faith foreshadows the faith of the **Holy Family**.

In the Gospel, **Mary** undergoes her purification and presentation rituals in the temple. **Simeon** and **Anna** emerge to outline the future mission of **this child**.

Today' Focus: God's Overflowing Promises: Beginning with thre covenant with Abraham, God has made many promises; we find them fulfilled in Christ, and continue to find them fulfilled.



Praying with the Word

Father, your **Son Jesus** knew the joys and challenges of belonging to a human family. Through the prayers and example of the **Holy Family**, may we come to know ourselves as your adopted sons and daughters.

Mass schedual for New Years day:



December 31, 2014;

8:15,12:05

and 5:00pm

January 1, 2015:

8:15, 12:05

and at 6:00pm (in Arabic)



Question of the Week: What aspects of the life of the Holy Family can serve as a model for our families? How has my life been enriched by my faith?



May we try to listen and be silent in order to make space for the beauty of God.

Our Thanks

We would like to thank the Flynn Memorial Home for the 2015 Calendars, Each year they are gracious enough to donate them to our parish. Our sincere thanks.

Have a happy and healthy New Year to All!

MASS SCHEDULE December 28, 2014-January 4, 2015

INTENTIONS:

REQUESTED BY:

Sun.28

7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 German Talero
11:00 Nelly Blatzheim & Mary Yapchanyk

Lilia Talero
George Russ

Mon. 29

8:15 In Thanksgiving
12:05 Gabreil Mero

Mr. & Mrs. F. Dougan
Mr. Prendergast

Tues.30

8:15 Agnes Dougan
12:05

Mr. & Mrs. F. Dougan

Wed.31

8:15 Patricia Dougan
12:05 Eugene Prendergast
5:00

Mr. & Mrs. F. Dougan
Mr. Prendergast

Thu.01

8:15 Rose Kunny 2nd Anniversary
12:05 Rory O'Flaherty
6:00pm Arabic Mass

Family
Family

Fri. 02

8:15
12:05

Sat.03

8:15
12:05
5:00 Mary Sandstorm
7:30 Golliermo Lettona

Anthony & Joanne Kunny
Ines Juquez

Sun.04

7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 Maria Reyes
11:00 Antonio Rodrigues

Mary, Dio, Rosario
Cacilda Rodrigues
