

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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December 30, 2018 &
New Year January 1, 2019

Jan. 1 has the historical titles as World Day of Prayer for Peace, Octave of Christmas, Circumcision and Naming of Jesus and Motherhood of Mary.



Pastor's Commentary: Welcome to Holy Family Sunday. Every Christian family strives to be like the holy family, though after a week of vacation together you might think there has been some unholy aspects to all the characters in your bloodline. The nuclear home unit is still the best invention of God for human living, the formation of young, and to survive economically with everyone pitching in.

We begin 2019 with a Holy Day of New Year. Let us bless it with holy Mass and holy Communion. Where else could be a better place to formulate your New Year Resolutions. We have two Masses: New Year's eve at 5:15 pm and New Year day at 8:30 am. January 3 is the actual annual date for the celebration worldwide of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. This solemnity was restored to the Roman Calendar only in 2011 after an absence of more than 40 years. We are grateful it was as it is our namesake. And several new Cathedrals in America are now under construction bearing that title. Thus we initiated shortly after the restoration of the feast our annual parish festival for one of the nearest Sundays to the solemnity. This year it will be next week on January 6. Beside buffalo stew and other savory soups and home made breads there will be pies and desserts. We now have a newer bingo machine and are moving bingo into the gym. There are many things to bid for or to try and win in bingo. I hope to see you, my parish family, over there in the gym.

Each Catholic nuclear family harkens to be like the holy family. The parish is a particular kind of family, too. We try to never miss important family reunion meals like the Sunday Eucharist. When we are baptized we are introduced not only into the worldwide family of Jesus but also to His particular family of a parish. If you are new or transferring to Holy Name Parish family and have not registered, please pick up a registration form.

—Christmas and Sunday's Scriptures—

Holy Family Sunday Scriptures: Sirach 3:2-6; Col 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40 (December 30)

Ps 84 Blessed are they, blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

New Year (Motherhood of Mary) (Tuesday, Jan 1) Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21 .

Mass for New Year Holy Day will be Monday at 5:15 pm and Tuesday 8:30 am.



GIVING UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts of \$ 20,720.67 from the collections on December 23 and Christmas combined. Our year to date average is \$13,260.66. Please note that our parish receives an additional \$10,500.00 per month in automatic bank transfer giving, which is included in the weekly average. Contact Terri in the parish office (886-2628) if interested.

Next Saturday we resume our 9 am Bible Study and coffee in the Angelus Center. Maybe a good New Year's resolution would be to try our exciting Bible Study.

One article I recently read suggested people in the pews have along a little spiritual journal and write down insights from songs, prayers, or the sermon as they come to you and later in the day look back on your jottings. I heartily approve if you choose to do this. You might start by writing down a actual New Year's resolution for 2019 you hope to work on.

11th/12 grade first Wednesday of the month (Jan 2) are to meet at the Pizza Ranch in our special room at 6:30 pm. Someone is gifting us with all we can eat. That is this coming Wednesday already. All other Wednesday religious education classes begin again January 9. Will the New Year bring a newer better version of you?

**Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.**

Christine Rossetti

Mark your calendars: Jan 6: Our Holy Name festival from 11:30-2:00 (Gym). Buy tickets in the office or after Mass and at the door. Again this year we want to honor those few remaining founding members of the parish still alive with special tables for their families. The parish was established in the Summer of 1955 with an original 300 families which today stands shy of 800 families. Besides fun raising, profit funds raised will be used to improve our sound system (we are in need of two new portable microphones for sure).

Lexophilisms: A thief who stole a 2019 calendar got 12 months.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

Masses & Sacraments

Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm ; Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Daily Masses: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am
 Confessions: Friday: 8:00-8:20 a.m. Saturday 3:30 –4:00 pm
 Baptisms: First Sunday of the month following the 10:30 Mass and third Saturday of the month following the 4:30 Mass. Pre-baptismal classes required; held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Parish Office to register.
 Marriage: At least 6 months pre-notice is required
 Immaculate Conception Masses:
 Weekdays– Monday-Friday: 7:15 am & Saturday 8:15 am
 Weekends: Sat.-4:30 pm & Sun. 9:00 & 11:00 am



12/31	Monday	5:15 pm	†Ryan Frost & Becky Miller
1/1	Tuesday	8:30 am	†Roland & Loretta Fischbach
1/2	Wednesday	8:30 am	Living & †Deceased members of Joseph & Eleanor Mack Family
1/3	Thursday	8:30 am	†Molly Belatti
1/4	First Friday	8:30 am	†Marvin & Mary Strohfus
1/5	Saturday	4:30 pm	†Layne Diaz
1/6	Sunday	8:30 am	†Francis Weigel
		10:30 am	Holy Name Parishioners

Serving the Assembly-Jan. 5-6

Liturgical Ministers	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Nick Stein Alexis Beisch Miley Bruning	Joe Decker Landon Moser Silas Masar	Austin Adams Bryce Hult Jack Socia
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Jennings Mike/Jennifer Vick Mary/Maggie Triplet Elaine Peterson	Patty Hanson Laurie Danforth M. Langenfeld Nancy Decker Barb Paulson Shelley Gauer	Dorothy Foss R. VanLaecken Dave/Mary Petersen Stan/Jan Winkels
Ushers/Greeters	Carol Keeney Theresa Jerke Dan/Sarah Reiffenberger	Knights of Columbus: John Decker Scott Bohls Val Jaspers Tom Burns	Knights of Columbus: Craig Ries Jeff Mollenhoff Jason Schroeder Bruce Hult
Lectors	Kari O'Connor	Val Jaspers	Mike Miles
Gift Bearers	Ray & Anne Ries	Todd & Mary Thoennes Family	Bryan & Cindy Wientjes Family
Music Ministers	Betty	Choir	Shalom
Sacristan	Sue 881-5508	Melanie 868-9789	Melanie 868-9789

Religious Education News

No Religious Ed classes Wednesday, January 2 or Sunday, December 30 or January 6.

11th & 12th grade will meet with Fr. Mike, January 2 at Pizza Ranch at 6:30 pm.

Immaculate Conception School News

Immaculate Conception School is sending our Prayers for a Happy New Year and many BLESSING to come!

Students will return to School Thursday, January 3rd.

11th Annual IC Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
DEATH BY DISCO

Friday, January 25 and Saturday January 26
 At 2nd Street Station

5:30 Social 6:30 Dinner & Show

\$500 premium table of 8 - each addition up to 12 \$60

\$50 General Admission - Pre-arranged seating only available with the purchase of a table.

Come Dressed in your DISCO best!

Tickets available at the SCRIP table after Mass, Holy Name Parish, IC School/Parish or call the school at 886-3883

Are you a Business Owner and looking to Sponsor with one of our Advertising Packages call 886-3883 or email marketing@icschoolwatertown.org

SCRIP -

Don't forget to purchase your SCRIP after weekend Masses during Christmas break or in the Parish Offices!

(IC Only) We are looking for volunteers for the 4:30 Saturday Mass to sell SCRIP after Mass. It doesn't have to be a school family, just anyone willing to set the bucket up after mass and sell. Please contact Jocelyn at 886-3883 or marketing@icschoolwatertown.org

Still Looking for Volunteers to help play Piano for Friday School masses at 9am. If you are interested please call the school office 886-3883

Volunteers are needed for New Years Eve and New Years Day Masses. Please sign up at the Sacristan counter.

Thank you to the many Liturgical Ministers that volunteered their special ministry to all our Christmas Masses .



- 12/31 **Monday**– Mass at 5:15 pm
 1/1/19 **Tuesday**– Mass at 8:30 am
 Parish Offices Closed
 1/2 **Wednesday**– Shalom rehearsal 6:15 pm
 11th & 12th Grade meet with Fr. Mike at 6:30 –Pizza Ranch
 1/3 **Thursday** – Sharon’s Shawls 6:30 pm in Angelus Center
 RCIA 7 pm
 1/4 **First Friday**–Adoration 9-10 am
 1/5 **Saturday**– Bible Study with Fr. Mike at 9 am
 1/6 **Sunday**–Parish Festival Day



New Years Masses
 Mary Mother of God
 Holy Name of Jesus: Dec. 31st at 5:15 pm
 Jan. 1st at 8:30 am
 Immaculate Conception : Dec. 31 at 4:30 pm
 Jan. 1st at 9:00 am



Envelope Reminder

We have contracted with Our Sunday Visitor to use a direct mail service for the parish stewardship envelopes. You should have received your first set by now which contains TWO months of envelopes. It helps our Monday morning collection counters very much if you use your envelopes. Your envelope number has not changed. If you encounter a problem with your mailing, please contact the parish office.



Starting in January the monthly Pre-Baptism Class will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month in the conference room... January 9 will be the next date.

Please call the parish office to register: 886-2628

Watertown Area Serra Club meets January 5 at 7:45am
Rosary, 8:15 followed by Mass in the IC chapel
Program to follow in the parish hall
All are welcome!

Holy Name Festival Update

January 6, 2019
 Soup served from 11:30 -1:30
 Bingo, Raffle, Silent Auction 12 noon– 2 pm
 We are in need of Bingo Prizes all new condition no White Elephants. (scrip is a fine prize contribution) .
 Volunteer sign up sheets are on the sacristan counter.
 There is still time to plan a Silent Auction item. See suggestions at the sign up location. Our parish family is ready to celebrate our feast day! It would be appreciated if every one gets involved and participates in some way.



Parish Website: www.watertownholyname.org
 weekly bulletins and liturgical minister scheduling and photo gallery– check it out!
 Also “Like” us on Facebook.!

Please send a record of 2018 Contributions

Name: _____

Address: _____

There will not be a general mailing of these reports. You may also request an emailed version. Call the parish office: 886-2628



Congratulations to Gil & Betty Haar on their 55th Wedding Anniversary on December 28th.

Thank you for the Memorial Christmas Flower donations that were received to help decorate the church during the Christmas Season.



We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family of Ash Griffin on the death of his grandfather, Robert Ries Sr. , to Jan (Mark) Brooks on the death of her mother, Bonnie Hayes and to the family of Phillis Solum, whose funeral was at Holy Name on Saturday. Phyllis was a founding member of Holy Name Parish

Thank you for the contributions toward purchasing scrip to provide Christmas Meals families.
 Thank you also for your donations toward the Baby Shower and the Horizon Gift Sharing, as well as the Inmate Fudge Program . Holy Name Parishioners are always so generous to others.

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