

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH – DECEMBER 29, 2019

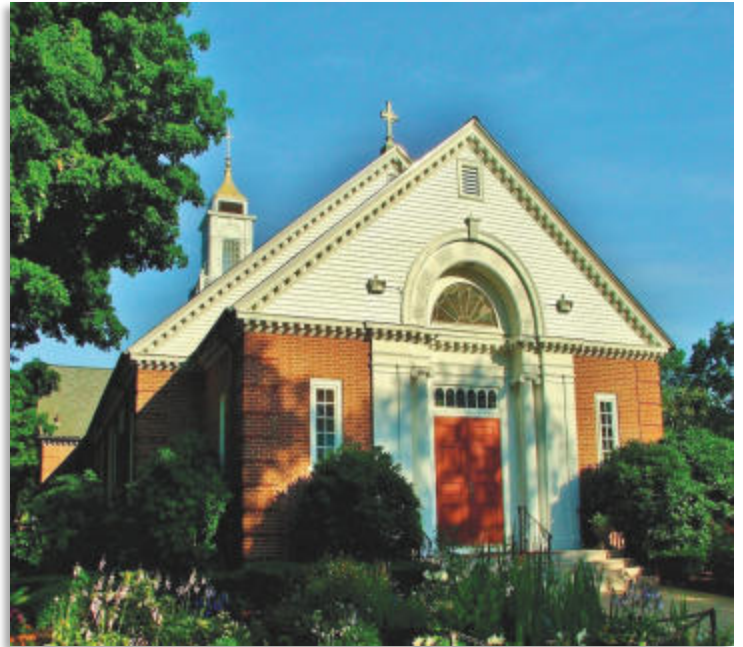
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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: 8:30AM

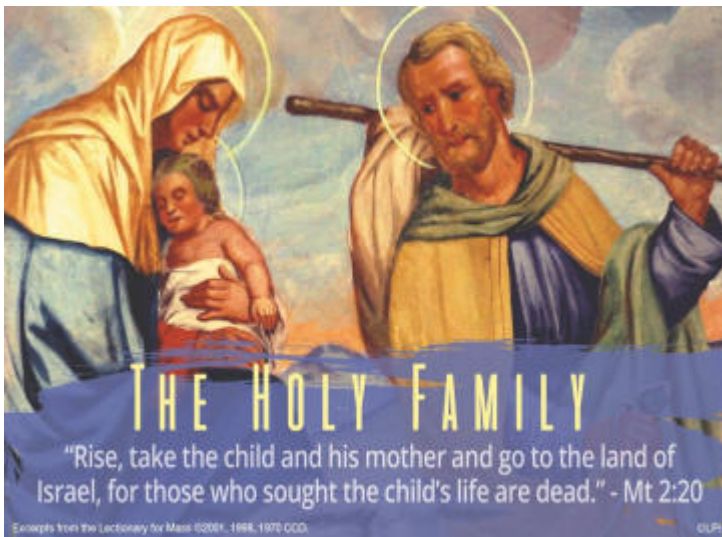
Monday at St. John's
Tuesday at St. Vincent's
Wednesday - No Mass
Thursday at St. John's
Friday at St. Vincent's
Saturday at St. Vincent's

Saturday:

3-3:45PM Confession at St. John's
4PM Mass at St. John's

Sunday:

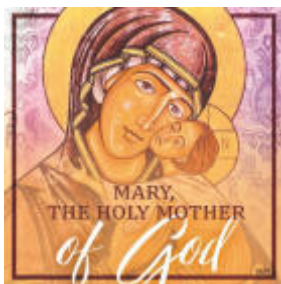
8AM at St. John's
10AM at St. John's
11:30AM at St. Vincent's
1PM in Spanish at St. Vincent's
4:30-5:15PM Confession at St. Vincent's
5:30PM at St. Vincent's



Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

The **SECOND COLLECTION** at **St. John's** this weekend is for the Fuel Collection.
 There is **NO SECOND COLLECTION** at **St. Vincent's** this weekend.



HOLY DAY MASSES: Wednesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Masses at St. John's will be 4PM on New Year's Eve and 10AM on New Year's Day. Masses at St. Vincent's will be 6PM on New Year's Eve and 10AM & 11:30AM

(Spanish) on New Year's Day. The collection taken up on this holy day will be for the charitable works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PARISH SUPPORT

ST. JOHN'S

Offertory for December 14 & 15 - \$6,249.38
Annual Maintenance Fund - \$1910.00

ST. VINCENT'S

Offertory for December 14 & 15 - \$2,982.30

As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

Mass Intentions

This Weekend | December 28 & 29

4PM - Charles E. Kelley
8AM - Nicholas Gayton
 Birthday Remembrance
10AM - Theresa Wade & The Walsh
11:30AM - Julieta Jorge
1PM - Ana Alicea
5:30PM - Kevin O'Brien

This Week | December 30 – Janu

Monday 8:30AM - John Birc
Tuesday 8:30AM - Sean & Sarah M
Thursday 8:30AM - For the Holy Souls in
Friday 8:30AM - For the Intentio
 Richard & Christine Barrett
Saturday 8:30AM - For the Respect

Next Weekend | January 4 &

4PM - For the Intentions of Mary
8AM - Mary E. Keating
 Birthday Remembrance
10AM - Roberta Tinkham
11:30AM - For the Parishioner
1PM - Eterno Descanso de Gudelia Me
5:30PM - Olivia Freitas



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at **St. Jo** burns in loving memory of **Robe**

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at **St. V** week burns for the Intentions of **our p**

The **HOSTS** for **December** at **St. John's** we in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Augustine**

HOSTS for **January** at **St. John's** have been in loving memory of **Michael A. S**

The **HOSTS** for **December** at **St. Vincent's** have been donated in loving memory of **Brian & Kevin Desrosiers & the LaGreca Family.**



If you are interested in donating the **HOSTS** for **January** at **St. Vincent's** for either a week or the month, please call or email the Parish Office at 508-226-1115 or stvincentdpattleboro@gmail.com.



Father Dariusz, Father German, and the staff of our faith community

wish our parishioners and their families

A Happy & Healthy New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 29 - Feast of the Holy Family

After 1PM Mass Spanish Coffee & Donuts, *St. Vincent's*

Monday, December 30

6PM Rosary, St. John's

Tuesday, December 31 - Feast of St. Sylvester I

Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 2 - Feast of St. Basil & St. Gregory

6:30PM Fellowship Rosary Group, St. John's

7PM Spanish Rosary, *St. Vincent's*

Friday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

4PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, St. John's

6-7PM St. Joseph's Food Cellar Open, *St. Vincent's*

7PM Devotions, St. John's

8-9PM Devotions, *St. Vincent's*

Saturday, January 4 - Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

11AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, St. John's

Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord

10AM Mass Christmas Pageant, St. John's

After 10AM Mass Coffee & Donuts, St. John's

Monday, January 6 - Feast of St. Andre Bessette

6PM Rosary, St. John's

Tuesday, January 7 - Feast of St. Raymond of Penafort

12PM Legion of Mary, St. John's

7PM Spanish Rosary, *St. Vincent's*

Wednesday, January 8

6PM Rosary, St. John's

6:45PM Rosary, *St. Vincent's*

Thursday, January 9

Friday, January 10

6-7PM St. Joseph's Food Cellar Open, *St. Vincent's*

Saturday, January 11



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:

Thank you for your offering towards our beautiful Christmas decorations! The envelopes with the names of your loved ones will be placed on the side altar with a candle lit throughout the Christmas season. Father Dariusz, at his convenience, will offer three Masses for all those whose names are on the envelopes.



Please remember the following who are serving overseas in the **MILITARY**:

Sgt. Keith Aussant, PV2 Adam Baker, General Jon Braga, US Army James Brasar, Matt Brasar, Andrew DiFonzo, US Army Aaron Kuffrey, & Theodore Stronghart.



We welcome into our faith community **Sophia McCrone** who was **RECENTLY BAPTIZED**. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

THE PARISH OFFICES: will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day.



THANK YOU: to all the families who participated in the lighting of the Advent Candles during the four weeks of Advent. We truly appreciate your willingness to participate in this beautiful ritual!

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, & ALTAR SERVERS:

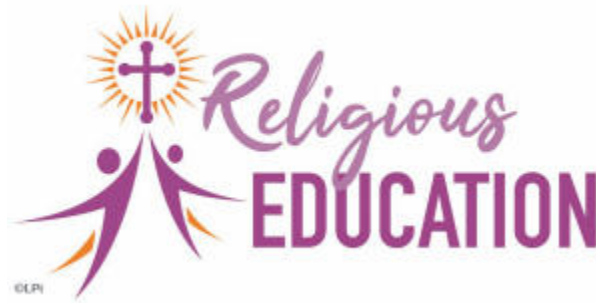
The January-March 2020 schedule has been completed and should have been emailed to you. If you did not receive it or if you have any questions, please contact Marge Soares at msoares@attleborocatholics.org or 508-222-1206. Thank you for helping out in these ministries. Your dedication is appreciated.



The next date for the **FELLOWSHIP ROSARY GROUP OF ATTLEBORO** is **Thursday, January 2, 2020 in the St. John's Hospitality Center**. A **light meal** will be provided at **6:30PM**, and the **Rosary** will follow at **7PM**. All are welcome to join for fellowship, testimonials, and conversation! For more information call Paul Palermo at 508-353-0852 or John Davis at 774-688-9238. If you prefer email, contact Kathy Davis at kdavis@attleborocatholics.org or Sherri Peak-Palermo at speakpalermo@attleborocatholics.org.

St. Vincent's Parish is **LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER** who is gifted and creative, would like to upkeep the altar and sanctuary, and decorate the altar area for different liturgical holy days. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Offices at 508-226-1115.





****There will be NO CLASSES this week - wishing you and your families a wonderful New Year!****
All Classes, K-9 Confirmation II, will resume the week of January 5, 2020.

FAMILY MASS: will be held next on **Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the 10AM Mass.** All children are invited to sit up on the rug in the Sanctuary during the homily. We will be led in song by the St. John's Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. Maureen Merriam. **The Christmas Pageant will take place during the Mass. Deanne Anderson will be signing the Family Mass for the deaf community. All students in grades K-2 are asked to attend!** Students in grades one and two will sit in designated pews with their class, and Kindergarteners are asked to sit with their families. **All are invited to the Hospitality Center for refreshments following Mass.** There will be a **parish nurse available** for blood pressure checks and any questions.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: will be held on **Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2020 during the 10AM Family Mass.** The Kindergarten children of the Religious Education Program will be placed in various parts of the nativity story. The St. John's Youth Choir will be leading the music. Refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Hospitality Center. There will be a **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** for the Kindergarten participants of the Christmas Pageant only on **Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11:00AM in St. John's Church.** Costumes will be distributed at this time.

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREATS: There will be a retreat for all First Eucharist students on **Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 8:30AM-12PM or 1-4:30PM** and **Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 8:30AM-12PM.** A letter will be sent home informing all parents of the time their child(ren) should attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Religious Education Office.

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THE ADORATION CHAPEL: at St. Vincent de Paul Parish is accessible 24/7. The front door of the church is always open, and the chapel door has a combination lock. If you want to stop by the chapel to pray and do not have the access code, please call one of the contact people (listed on the bulletin contact list) who will provide you with the access code. Perhaps you want to make a commitment for a particular time; if so, one of the contact people can set that up for you. We do not yet have enough people to assure that there is always someone in adoration, therefore, when no one is in the chapel, we close the doors of the tabernacle. **Please do not use the chapel when Mass or Exposition is in the main church.**



2019-2020 LA SALETTE

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ROMANS 8:25

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THE SVdP CLOTHING STORE: is open Saturday, January 11 and located at 95 Pine Street, Attleboro MA. Donations are accepted between 9-10AM and merchandise is between 10-11:30AM.

Unable to make the January drop off? Please contact the SVdP Office Helpline at 508-222-8400.



The next **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION** at St. John's is



January 4 & 5, 2020. This month we are in need of tuna, boxed potatoes, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are also welcome. Baskets are available for food drop off at the doors of

the Church or the Hospitality Center Monday-Friday, between 9AM-3PM.

BUDGET ENVELOPES: We are grateful to all of our parishioners who donate in a variety of ways (using the parish envelopes, making donations directly via cash or check, or by making their weekly donations online). If you would like to **make donations online** or **begin receiving envelopes**, or if you **already receive envelopes and would prefer not to use them**, please contact the Parish Offices.



NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

God of heaven and earth,

you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.

She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ST JOHN'S CEMETERY: located at 165 West Street, Attleboro MA is blessed to have a **Columbarium Wall**. This section called, "Our Lady of Sorrows," is located in the back right of the cemetery. The structure contains 24, 12"X12" niches, in four rows of six. Each niche may entomb 2 small urns or one large urn. Please call Marge Soares at the Cemetery Office (508-222-9086) for more information.



PRAYER LINE: We are blessed to have a wonderful group of people who pray for individuals in need, whether it be a physical, mental, or spiritual illness. If you know someone you would like to place on the prayer line (with their permission), please contact Antonia Erwin at 508-222-2944 or umbrellla@comcast.net or Marie Martin at 508-222-3436 or bobmarie5@comcast.net with their names. You may also contact the Parish Offices.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and April 18-19, 2020 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit <https://www.mema.org>.



If you would like a letter stating your **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS for 2019**,

please fill out the clip-off below and return to the Parish Offices or place in the collection basket. Your statement will be mailed to you. **Note:** If you want your statement to reflect your donations, please be sure to use budget envelopes or a plain white envelope with your name, address and budget number (if known) on it. If using on-line banking, please be sure to include your budget number. Unfortunately loose checks will not be reflected on your statement.

2019 Tax Statement

I would like a statement of my
contributions for 2019.

Budget Envelope #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Monday & Wednesday 6PM at SJE
 Wednesday 6:45PM *at SVdP*
 Thursday 7PM in Spanish *at SVdP*
Legion of Mary: Tuesday 12PM at SJE
Marian Cenacle: Fourth Tuesday 8-9PM *at SVdP*
Prayer Group: First & Third Tuesday 6:30PM at SJE
First Friday Devotions: 7PM at SJE
 8-9PM *at SVdP*
Adoration Chapel: Chapel open 24/7 *at SVdP*

CLERGY & STAFF

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HELPLINES

St. John's Helpline: 508-222-8400
St. Vincent's Helpline: 508-838-5867

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

Baptism: Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of St. John's or St. Vincent's and attend weekend Mass on a regular basis. Please contact the Parish Offices for a census form if you are not yet registered. If this is your first Baptism, parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Prep. Class. Classes are held one Sunday a month in the St. John's Hospitality Center. Contact the Parish Offices to register. Baptisms are held one Sunday a month at 12PM at St. John's, and the second Saturday of the month at 12PM at St. Vincent's.

First Eucharist & Confirmation: Please contact the Religious Education Office to register. Two year preparation required.

Marriage: Please contact the Parish Offices at least eight months in advance. Preparation course required.

Ministry to the Sick: Please contact the Parish Offices if someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Communion. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized and would appreciate receiving pastoral visits, please be sure to state your religious preference and place of worship upon admission, and to indicate your desire to be visited by your clergy.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process whereby adults become members of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Offices or email *rcia@attleborocatholics.org*.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Bulletin Requests: Please send bulletin requests to *office@attleborocatholics.org* at least nine days before desired publication date.

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Pro-Life: Mary Gill
 508-226-1837
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Youth Choir: *youthchoir@attleborocatholics.org*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.’” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.



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