



HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

**DECEMBER 28, 2025
THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**



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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

Merry Christmas season! I always like to remind people that, yes, we can still say “Merry Christmas” well after Dec. 25th. While much of secular society stops celebrating Christmas on Dec 26th, our Church celebrates the Christmas season for several weeks after Christmas Day (the Christmas season will conclude on Jan. 11th with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord).

During this joyful season, we celebrate some important feasts that are all related to Christ’s birth. The first of those takes place this weekend – the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Celebrating the Holy Family reminds us that our God not only chose to be born as one of us, but He also chose to grow up within the love and protection of a human family.

The next upcoming feast day in the Christmas season is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which is celebrated on Jan. 1st. On that day we honor the Virgin Mary in her role as Mother of the Son of God. **This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for Mary, Mother of God will be:**

Wednesday, Dec. 31st – 4:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 1st – 10:00am

This week I would like to offer a belated thank-you to all the generous volunteers who donated their time and talent to decorate our church for the Christmas season. They always do a wonderful job, and I hope you like how they decorated our worship space to convey the joy of Christ’s birth.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that our 2026 HYPOD raffle tickets are now available. As I announced, we are raising the price of our HYPOD tickets for the first time in 40 years, ever since this raffle began. **HYPOD tickets are now \$15 each.** However, we are also adding an additional cash prize to the HYPOD raffle. Normally, we have a drawing every week for one \$100 prize, but on the last week of each month the prize is \$500. Beginning this year, on the last week of each month, there will still be a \$100 prize in addition to the \$500 prize (i.e., there will be two prizes at the end of each month, \$100 and \$500).

This means that, if you buy your HYPOD tickets before the first 2026 drawing on Jan. 5th, you will now have 64 chances to win a cash prize. That’s because even if your ticket wins, it still goes back into the pot for the next drawing. Once you buy a ticket, it is valid for every drawing of the year. So, if you buy before Jan. 5th, you will get the full 64 chances. However, please keep in mind that you can always buy HYPOD tickets at any time throughout the year. You can purchase the tickets at the rectory, and they are also available in the pamphlet rack at the back of church (the purple tickets). You can drop them off at the rectory, or drop them in the Sunday collection at any time with your payment.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you in the New Year.

Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions

Sunday—December 28th

9:30—Matthew O’Brien
 Thomas Griffin
 Victor Schimanski
 Paul Pgnatelli
 Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
 Alexander Buziuk
 Blanca Selsky

11:30—Marlene O’Brien

Monday—December 29th

8:30—Carol Heidorn
 Mary Ann Pearch

Tuesday—December 30th

8:30—Joe Cunningham
 James Cunningham

Wednesday—December 31st

4:30—Chester & Angeline Chrabaszcz
 Cecile Martin

Thursday—January 1st

10:00—Regina Kasper
 Kevin Kasper
 Donald Kasper, Jr.

Saturday—January 3rd

4:30—Chris Benesch
 Vito Ciaccia
 Linda Rawski
 Isabella Yorti

Sunday—January 4th

9:30—Matthew O’Brien
 Thomas Griffin
 Holy Souls In Purgatory
 Zofia & Jozef Moskal
 11:30—Marlene O’Brien
 Deceased Members of Piotrowski & Pultorak
 Families

Solemnity of Mary The Mother Of God	December 31st 4:30pm	January 1st 10:00am
Lector	Bob Kutella	Dorothy Brown
Communion Ministers	S. Schreiner C. Schreiner N. Davoli	J. Losurdo P. Cychosz D. Kasper
Altar Servers	M. Widuch C. Widuch	S. Cychosz C. Fiore

January 3rd & 4th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Melanie Hohmeier	Roseanne Kraft	Family Mass
Communion Ministers	W. Bernacki N. Davoli K. Weichbodt	C. Fippinger R. McCampbell G. Zech	L. Alipio J. Losurdo N. May
Altar Servers	M. Widuch C. Widuch	T. Cychosz J. Widuch	L. Louis—Charles J. Mack

Hypod Winner

December 22, 2025

\$100 Winner—Anthony Irsuto

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!



Music Notes

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing of Our Lord's Birth

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rest in Peace

"It is a holy and wholesome thought

that we pray for the dead,"

please remember:

*Patricia Palermo and
Jiovana Carlino
in your prayers.*



Week of December 13th & 14th

Weekly	\$4,146.00
Utilities	\$43.00
Maintenance	\$121.00
Thanksgiving	\$5.00
Christmas	\$490.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,243.00
Christmas Flowers	\$52.00
Religious Retirement	\$5.00
Human Development	\$5.00

MANY THANKS!



Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.

Second Collections:

The second collection on January 4th is for Maintenance
Please be as generous as you can.

Join us for First Saturday Devotions on Saturday, January 3rd at 8:30am in church
We will have Rosary & Prayer followed by fellowship in the Gathering Room
All are welcome!



Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen

Phone: 847-671-6429 Email: religiouseducationcoordinator@outlook.com

Follow us on Facebook!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 4th

Family Mass—11:30am

Student Volunteers will be reading and bringing up the gifts

Tuesday, January 6th

Religious Education Class

6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, January 10th

Religious Education Class

9:00-11:30am

Saturday, January 17th

Confirmation Retreat

9:30am-5:30pm

What We're Learning

7th Grade Tuesdays

We talked about Scripture.

We learned about the different books of the Bible and about how we interpret

Scripture. We discussed the differences of the 4

Evangelists as well as the audience for whom they were writing. We discussed the different types of prayer: Adoration, thanksgiving, contrition, and petition and how each one deepens our relationship with God. We also discussed death and judgement and the states of Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell.



The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God January 1st



Don't Forget to Practice the
Prayer of the Month for January:
The Hail Mary

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Scripture Readings
For the Week of December 28, 2025

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

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11;
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17;
Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10;
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:18-21;
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13;
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Num 6:22-27;
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Friday

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28;
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6;
Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6;
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Mt 2:1-12



Pray For:

Those Who Are Sick

<i>Luz Alarcon</i>	<i>Howard Heidorn</i>	<i>Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)</i>	<i>Betty Quartello</i>
<i>Fr. Ambrosio Arambula</i>	<i>Jose Herrera</i>	<i>Geneveve Mastalerz</i>	<i>Glenn Rawski</i>
<i>Betty Bajzek</i>	<i>Mary Hinterlong</i>	<i>Carole McCreery</i>	<i>Jacqueline Reiss</i>
<i>Dan Bailey</i>	<i>Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz</i>	<i>Bryan McIntyre</i>	<i>Barbara Rodgers</i>
<i>Char Banyai</i>	<i>Renee Iman</i>	<i>Bill McMurray</i>	<i>John Saathoff</i>
<i>Laura Biangini</i>	<i>Vivian Jennings</i>	<i>Barbara Miller</i>	<i>Kathy Sassolino</i>
<i>Sonia Bonacci</i>	<i>Arlene Jurinek</i>	<i>Christian Mireles</i>	<i>Cathy & Steve Schreiner</i>
<i>Frank Bosco</i>	<i>Brian Kelly</i>	<i>Pat Morgan</i>	<i>Jacqueline Speicher</i>
<i>Pat Brandolino</i>	<i>Patti King</i>	<i>Robert Olender</i>	<i>Pat Sullivan</i>
<i>Gus Campeotto</i>	<i>Joyce Knauss</i>	<i>Christopher Ordo</i>	<i>Michelle Swigost</i>
<i>Phyllis DiBenedetto</i>	<i>Leonard Kuffer</i>	<i>Michael Pesola</i>	<i>Sarah Tripoli</i>
<i>Beatrice Giannone</i>	<i>Marguerite Kraemer</i>	<i>Nancy Piatek</i>	<i>Jim Waterloo</i>
<i>Rose & Pat Glasso</i>	<i>Dan Latoria, Jr.</i>	<i>Deacon Ron Pilarski</i>	<i>Joan Weichbrodt</i>
<i>Judy Golab</i>	<i>Mark Latoria</i>	<i>Melissa Pitts</i>	<i>Jean Wesolowski</i>
<i>Karla Gosinski</i>	<i>Joan Lester</i>	<i>Mike Ponticelli</i>	<i>Nancy Wright</i>
<i>Ruth Gosinski</i>	<i>Diahnne Lopez</i>	<i>Joseph Powyszynski</i>	<i>Isabella Yorty</i>

Those in the Military

<i>Sergeant Michael Bavone</i>	<i>Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez</i>
<i>Private Christopher Bavone</i>	<i>USMC Kyle Ruth</i>
<i>US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales</i>	<i>USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner</i>
<i>US Army Michael Gutierrez</i>	<i>HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy</i>
<i>First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,</i>	<i>Omar Vee, Jr.</i>
<i>USAF Sergeant Michael Keaty</i>	

Adult Confirmation Classes

The Religious Education program will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes for those adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Communion, but just need the sacrament of Confirmation. There is a \$100 Sacramental Fee which is due the first class.

The classes will meet on Saturday Mornings from 10:00am—12:00pm. The schedule of classes is:

- Saturday, January 31st
- Saturday, February 28th
- Saturday, March 14th
- Confirmation Retreat—March 9th—12th
- Confirmation Rehearsal —March 31st at 7:30pm
- Confirmation —Saturday, April 4th at 7:30pm

You must be registered by the first class in order to receive your Confirmation this year. For more information or to register please contact Zerlina Kirchen in the Religious Education Office 847-671-6429 or by email: religiousedcoordinator@outlook.com



Mass Intention Request Form

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. THE MASS STIPEND IS \$15.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM
HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM**

IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.

YOUR NAME

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

INTENTIONS

DATE AND TIME PREFERRED



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