ST. NORBERT AND OUR LADY OF THE BROOK

Have a Blessed Christmas

December 26, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus
Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)*
8:15 AM † Dominic Bratta

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Sam Samorian, † Juan Menchaca, † Julia Wojtanowski

Wednesday, December 29, 2021
8:15 AM † Jerry Kerrigan OPEN TO ALL/online
12:00 PM † Jerry Kerrigan (in SN church)

Thursday, December 30, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Kathleen Kerrigan, † Walter & Valeria Depies

Friday, December 31, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Gary C. Chaney, † Edward Wojtanowski

Saturday, January 1, 2022
9:00 AM (ONLINE and in SN church) NOTE TIME † Terry & Paul Mierke, and Jenny Haynes
5:00 PM (ONLINE and in SN church) † Johnson Family

Sunday, January 2, 2022 (In SN church)
7:30 AM † Bill & Diane Johnson, † Kathleen Downes
9:30 AM † Thomas Dadigan, † Bill Burdick Kelly, † Andrea Zednik, † Phil O’Hara
5:00 PM † Juan Jose Menchaca

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Please Pray for Our Sick

Vincent Sansonetti   Al Pisterzi   Richard Jawgiel
Barbara Kaplan       Hope McGowan  Cathy Kalina
                       Gerald Byrne

All the Homebound

Contact Amy at amy@northbrookcatholic.church (847) 513-6715 to have a name added to or removed from the list. When calling, please leave your contact information and relationship to the sick person. You may call to renew.

Rest in Peace

We assure the families of John Lucas (son of Bernadette Lucas), Robert Bedessem (husband of Dorothy), Earl Puls (husband of Ann), Shawn Sweeney (sister of Mark Hickey, Sister-in-law of Terry Hickey & Sue Sweeney), Ted Supersen (brother-in-law of Robert (Mona) Lukas) and our departed loved ones of our prayers and support at this difficult time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Due to publishing deadlines, I write this message just as we have entered the third week of Advent. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Sacred Scriptures hold before us the Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel’s announcement of God’s intention to become incarnate and Mary’s fiat, her “yes” to God’s will as God’s handmaid. Even as Mary received the incredible news of God’s invitation to be the mother of His Son, she learned of her elder cousin Elizabeth’s unlikely, miraculous pregnancy and responded immediately in charity, going “in haste into the hill country” to offer her cousin help. Upon meeting, both women are filled with joy that radiates from within as they experience God’s blessing in their lives and God’s promise for the future. They are wonderful figures for us as we experience our celebration of our Savior’s birth.

Joy, as we know, is not merely giddiness or amusement. It is an inner quality of spirit that can be experienced even in the midst of great hardship. It arises from a sense of being blessed, of being loved, of being grateful. It allows us to celebrate from within, like a child leaping for joy in the womb, even though things might even look dark on the surface. It is like a child born hidden away in a stable whose light will come to bear, overcoming the darkness of sin and death, and bringing salvation to the world. And wonderfully, joy is contagious. When we encounter authentic joy in another, we are drawn to want to share in it.

This Christmas, even in the ongoing midst of the pandemic, I pray that all of us experience deep and abiding joy, the joy that only Christ can give, and that we become points of encounter, sharing that joy with those around us. It begins with an openness to Christ who seeks to encounter each of us anew. We will certainly do our best to allow the joy of Christmas to animate our Christmas Masses. Our regular parishioners will be joined by extended family, former parishioners, new visitors and perhaps folks who have not been to church for some time. What a great opportunity for us to once again appreciate our blessings, remember that we are loved, and respond with gratitude.

I am deeply grateful to all of you for the faith, hope and love to which you bear witness. I look forward to celebrating with you this Christmas. On behalf of our parish priests, leadership and staff, I wish you and all of your loved ones a very blessed, joy-filled Christmas and a new year filled with health, happiness and God’s abundant blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Chris
This Week’s CCN Calendar

Monday, December 27
OFFICE CLOSED
8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church*

Tuesday, December 28
8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church

Wednesday, December 29
8:15 AM Mass Open to All
12:00 PM Mass in SN Church

Thursday, December 30
8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church
Wedding rehearsals

Friday, December 31
OFFICE CLOSED
8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church
1:00 PM Wedding: Slovis/Skowron
3:00 PM Wedding: Seeberg/Fuchs

Saturday, January 1 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
9:00 AM Mass Online and in SN church
12—1 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass Online and in SN

Sunday, January 2
Coat & Sweater Drive all weekend
7:30 AM Mass in SN
9:30 AM Mass in SN
11:30 AM Baptism: Vargas
5:00 PM Mass in SN

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year’s Day; First Saturday

COMMUNION IN YOUR CAR

We offer Communion in your car for those who are uncomfortable attending Mass in church. It is after SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass, in the school parking lot. Please line up at 10:30 am and remain in your car

Our facility is hearing loop equipped. As a reminder, please turn on your t-coil to access, or find a volunteer to grab a receiver to listen in to the loop.

Join our weekly E-Newsletter mailing list! Just send your request to Amy@northbrookcatholic.church and we’ll get you started!

See the website as well for the Ministry Catalog, online bulletins, parish history and more!

Our Website:
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Sunday Offertory
Dec. 12, 2021

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Prison Ministry Requests

Can you help our Prison Ministry? They are collecting unused Christmas Cards and envelopes for next year (No foil envelopes, please) and are also collecting 2022 Calendars (no metal spirals, please). They can be dropped off at the parish office any time, and they will be much appreciated by those individuals who cannot spend the holidays with their loved ones. Thank you!
Wedding Banns

During the month of December the following couple will promise to love one another as Christ has loved them. This generous vow, including the willingness to live together till death parts, to be faithful to one another, to give each other the right to children, God willing, gives us a vague, shadowy glimpse of what the divine love for us must be like.

Kyle Slovis and Anna Skowron
Jeffrey Fuchs and Mary Claire Seeberg

Save the Date

Women’s Day of Reflection
Saturday, February 26
9:00 am to noon

The presenter for this half day of reflection is Anne Madsen, Teacher, Scripture Scholar, Theologian and Speaker. She has been teaching scripture for the past two years in the Adult Education Program at Holy Family Parish in Inverness. The cost is $10 for pre-registration for the morning and includes refreshments.

This day of reflection is sponsored by Guild 77 and is for the purpose of bringing women together to get to know one another and to bond. More details as it gets closer.

Sharing Ministry

At this season of joy and hope, be aware of the tremendous gift you have been to so many families this year. Like the Holy Family, thousands of people coping with Covid and all its baggage have had to rely on the kindness and generosity of others. That is a humbling experience for anyone, but it is also a hopeful one because it so vividly demonstrates how much love and caring are out there warming a winter world.

If not us, who?
If not now, when?

“The Book of Job: Lessons of Faith & Suffering”

[A joint project of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish Adult Faith Formation and Shir Hadash Synagogue Adult Education programs]

Join us as we take a look at the Book of Job from a Jewish-Catholic perspective…the same book but also a different book…what we learn, why we study it, and how we can share it as a Book of the Bible. The course will be taught by Deacon Peery Duderstadt of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish and Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow of Shir Hadash. Classes will meet on Tuesday afternoons 1:00 PM at on Zoom, beginning January 11 and ending March 8.

Interested? Email Deacon Peery at peery@northbrookcatholic.church or Rabbi Eitan at rabbi@shir-hadash.org by January 4. We’ll send out the ZOOM link at a later date. Register here: https://sh.shulcloud.com/event/book-of-job-class#


Save the Date

Caregiver Seminar:
Dementia Symptoms and Resources

Wednesday, January 19 7:00 pm
Grace Hall

Parishioner John Higgins will discuss the symptoms of, resources for, and journey of those within the Dementia spectrum. This is an opportunity for those who are caregivers or who may become one to listen to John’s experiences—both personal and professional—and be better prepared for what may come. More details in coming weeks.
**Bread Brigade – Drivers Needed**

The Bread Brigade, a mission of the Catholic Community of Northbrook, has been rescuing food from local Panera Restaurants and Deerfield Bakery for many years. There is a continual need for drivers to assist in the pickup and transport of the food donations. Sign up for once a month or once a week — whatever time will fit into your schedule.

**Sundays**, 3:00 PM, pickup from the Bannockburn Panera at the corner of Rt 22 and Waukegan Road.

**Mondays**, 8:30 PM pickup from the Deerfield Panera, 385 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield.

**Tuesday** morning delivery to Mt. Prospect

**Fridays**, 8:30 PM pickup from the Deerfield Panera, 385 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield.

We hope that you will consider joining this group of dedicated people. For more details, contact Susan Eimerman, at susan.eimerman@att.net

**Feast of the Holy Innocents Hope & Healing Mass At Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Please join us at OLPH on December 28 at 8:30 am for a Mass of Hope and Healing for all who mourn the loss of a child either before or after birth for any reason at any age. In the silence of our hearts we will entrust the souls of our dear departed children to the Christ Child.

Mass will be livestreamed and archived on the OLPH parish website. A liturgy aid will be available on the OLPH parish website as well.

Questions? Contact OLPH Respect Life Ministry at monccas@comcast.net.

**Coat & Sweater Drive January 1/2**

Did you get a new coat for Christmas? Or a beautiful sweater? Bring your new or gently used coats and sweaters to church next weekend to help those in need. We had a great response to the 'first round' collection—can we beat it? THANK YOU for your continued generosity to our brothers and sisters.

**Baptism December 12, 2021**


The Parish Family wishes to congratulate the parents and godparents. We as a parish family pledge our support and prayers as they grow with us in living out the Christian message.

**Prayer of the Week**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
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Saturday/Sunday Masses
5:00 PM ONLINE and in St. Norbert
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM in St. Norbert

Daily Masses
8:15 AM  Monday through Saturday ONLINE, and in
SN church. Wednesday 8:15 am Mass is NOT open to
the public during the school year.
Noon Mass Wednesday only.

Reconciliation
Saturday 12-1 pm

Baptisms
Sunday at 11:30 AM. To register, contact the parish office.
(Baptism Preparation Class for first-time parents is
the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 PM in parish office).

Marriages
Arrange with priest at least six months in advance

Funerals/Bereavement
Call 847-272-7090, Fr. Ismael and Mike Ward will assist
your family

New Parishioner Registration
All new families can register by calling the parish office
or by going to our website at www.northbrookcatholic.church under the “About>Welcome” tab.

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For homebound, please call 847-272-7090 and they will contact the Ministry of Care.

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