

January 1, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report... Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.”

Does it surprise me that the first to come and encounter Christ were lowly shepherds. They were certainly not the persons I would expect to greet a new born baby. Obviously, they accepted the good news and then reported it to others. We who know the Bethlehem story so well, might not have even bothered to go to the cave where Christ was born. We might like the shepherds, have just returned to the night watch guarding themselves and their flocks. Obviously their story moved others as well.

At the same time Mary both treasured and reflected, sometimes the scriptures say ‘pondered’ or weighed what she knew, saw and heard. How she felt may best be known by the mother of a newborn. It might be fitting to sit quietly like Mary and reflect upon the events. Christmas comes and goes so fast that we might overlook the great outpouring of the Father in giving us a needed Savior, and the role model of Mary treasuring and reflecting. May we treasure the coming of the Lord.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS
& SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 31 *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

Saint Sylvester I, Pope / 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 (204)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY
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OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 (18)

9:00 a.m. Armida Castagnaro

11:30 a.m. *People Of The Parish*

6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 2 *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 (205)

12:10 p.m. Anne Gallagher Boyle

Tuesday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34 (206)

12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 4 *USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious / 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42 (207)*

12:10 p.m.

Thursday, January 5 *USA: Saint John Neumann, Bishop / 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51 (208)*

12:10 p.m.

Friday, January 6 *Saint Andre Bessette, Religious*
1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 (209)

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, January 7 *Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest / 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11 (210)*

12:10 p.m. Carl Conetta

5:30 p.m.

Fr. John Patrick McGuire, O.P.

Funeral Information

Wake

4:00-9:00 pm, Monday, January 2, 2017
St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village

Office of the Dead

7:00 pm, Monday, January 2, 2017
St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 am, Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer
Very Rev. Kenneth Letoile. O.P., principal celebrant
Rev. William Holt, OP., homilist.

Burial

Mount Olivet Cemetery
Redbank, New Jersey

OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Parish office will be closed on:

Monday, January 2nd

*The Parish office will reopen on
Tuesday, January 3rd at 1:00 p.m.*

CATHOLIC CENTER AT NYU

PLEASE NOTE..

The Catholic Center will be closed from
Monday, December 26th, through
Friday, January 6th.

The Catholic Center will resume
confessions and Mass on
Monday, January 9th.

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for December 25, 2016

By Mass as follows:

5:00 pm: \$12,569 9:00 am: \$5,435

11:30 am: \$9,090 10:00 pm: \$15,280

Sunday Masses Total: \$42,374

Faith Street: \$1,419

Parish Pay: \$680

Grand Total: \$44,473

SECOND COLLECTION

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UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION***

All Masses— January 7th — January 8th

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