

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY  
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**Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph  
27-28 December 2014**



Dear Catholic Community:

Today we celebrate The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We're invited today to learn from the Holy Family how we are to love one another. It isn't easy, is it!!!! In some families there is tremendous love. In others there are tremendous problems. Our family life can be a great blessing or it can cause pain that we carry with us throughout life. It's true that family life is the basis of our society. The stronger our families are, the stronger is society. It's no wonder that we experience so many issues in society today. Family life, too often, has been under attack. Evil likes nothing better than to sow discord and division. Family life also reflects the strength of our church family. We bring ourselves as individual families to join together as the family of the church that shares one faith, one Lord, one baptism. I'm absolutely convinced that a strong spiritual life can strengthen families to combat the forces that would seek to tear families apart. That's why it's so important that you worship as family and that you bring the Lord to your family life. It's an old custom for Catholics, but I believe a powerful one. Do you have a crucifix in each room of your home? I encourage you to do that as a reminder that Christ is present in your ENTIRE home. Bear with one another, forgive one another, and strengthen one another. It's true. No family is perfect; but that's OK. Hang in there with one another.

The longer my parents are deceased, the more I miss them. We weren't a perfect family either, far from it!!!! But, I'm more and more thankful for the life my parents gave me. We had our arguments, but we loved one another. I pray for all of you as families today. May 2015 be a new year of learning to love one another better and thanks for the good families that you all are.

Blessings,  
Fr. Fred

**31 December:** 1700 Vigil Mass Feast of Mary, Mother of God ~ *Holy Day of Obligation Epiphany Concert at Old Post Chapel* on Sunday, **4 January** at 1600. Reception will follow. All are invited. Finish the Christmas Season off in style as we celebrate the end of the 12 days of Christmas!

**Next Designated Offering:** 10-11 January Wounded Warriors Lourdes Pilgrimage

Fr. Fred will be on leave from **8-18 January**. While gone Fr. Majka and Catholic Chaplains will cover Daily and Sunday Mass. Many thanks in advance for their assistance. involved with

THANK YOU! from the ACS Volunteer Association to all the Fort Myer Chapel congregations. Your generous toy donations have helped to make the holiday better for our JBM-HH Servicemembers and their families. Merry Christmas to all!

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:**

**Deployed:** FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps; Kevin Voelker, USA

**Deceased:** Ivan Pierce Jr. (father of Ivan Pierce), George Fries, Joseph E. Nestro, Louise Pratt, Charles Daknis (brother of Bill Daknis)

**Healing:** Buddy Craven, Sue Higgins, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Margaret Asten, Morris McGregor, John Bikus

A young man in our Catholic Community is seeking work to help raise funds for a worthy cause that he would like to attend. This cause is not associated with the military or our chapel. Fr Fred supports him in his request. If any of you could help and need work done around your house such as cleaning windows, raking leaves, etc., please contact this email for further info: [jeffrey.lepak777@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.lepak777@gmail.com)

**Offering for 20-21 December**

1700 Vigil Mass: \$2,165.00

0900 Sunday Mass: \$3,121.00

**Total: \$5,286.00**

ATTENDANCE: 489

*Please make checks payable to "CTOF"*

**Parish Contact Information**

**Pastor:** Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or [alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil)

**Mass:** 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel.

**Reconciliation:** 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel.

**Emergency Contact:** Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525

**Catholic Coordinator:** Pam Ortiz [pamortiz85@gmail.com](mailto:pamortiz85@gmail.com)

**Parish Registration:** See usher for form.

**Advance E-bulletin:** Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday

**Sacraments and sponsor letters:** Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

