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Good News!

December 26, 2010

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Anyone who has ever moved to a new residence knows it's an exhausting experience. I have yet to meet someone who finds it stress-free. Imagine then, the experience of Mary and Joseph. We hear of their three moves—to Egypt, to Judea, and to Nazareth—all within a very short time. How difficult that must have been! Granted, Mary and Joseph didn't have to haul a big-screen TV or a washer/dryer combo. They also didn't have a moving truck, bubble wrap, or GPS navigation. Imagine the chaos and stress of moving without the modern conveniences we take for granted.

Yet they were led by profound trust in the providence of God. Their "holy family" life, chaotic as it was, was rooted in the belief that God was leading them and would never abandon them.

We know well the chaos beyond the Christmas season that characterizes family life today. "Soccer parents" chauffeuring children everywhere; elderly parents unable to live alone; isolated aunts or uncles in need; adolescents grappling with hormones and identity issues. The chaos can make us reticent to call family life "holy."

Yet as Mary and Joseph trusted in God's providence, Saint Paul reminds us today to "let the peace of Christ control your hearts." In the midst of the chaos of our family life, we're challenged to let Christ's peace take control. This doesn't necessarily mean we need to go to daily Mass together (though that's a great idea). But we can let the peace of Christ guide our family's everyday actions—so that conversations are more loving, conflicts are discussed with greater gentleness, and times together are celebrated more joyfully.

With Christ at its heart, ours too can be a holy family.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM
Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 AM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday from 3:15 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.
Also by appointment.

BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:

Please call the rectory (643-4466).
The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

VISITATION TO THE SICK

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.



And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean." -Mt 2:22b-23

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2010

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, January 1:

THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 a.m.. **NO** Mass

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Volunteers of Bolton Fire Department

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner and Amanda Baum

Ministers of the Word: Georgette Pelletier

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ted Lloyd, Georgette Pelletier and Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, January 2:

THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for Husband and Children of Anna Czercowy

Altar Servers: Stephanie Labanowski

Ministers of the Word: Stephanie Labanowski

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Richard Hein

Altar Servers: Ryan VanDine and Ben VanDine

Ministers of the Word: Joel Cohan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: James Boylan, Maureen Mozzer and Betty Aitkin

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Last Week's Collection was: \$
 Last Year's Collection was: \$3,963

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." - Matthew 11:4-5

When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things – our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more – and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

THIS WEEK

December 25th and December 26th

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, December 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Eva and +John Wachowski requested by Irene and Arthur Kehl; and for +Stanislaw Jablonowski requested by The Czercowy Family

SECOND COLLECTION for Poor and Needy

After Mass **NO** Youth Choir Rehearsal

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. **NO** Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. **NO** Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 26th

SUNDAY, December 26:

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +George Mannegia requested by Margaret Mannegia and Family

After Mass Pray the Rosary

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Jason Bates requested by Susan Erica and Michelle Williams

After Mass **NO** Youth Choir Rehearsal

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (K-5) at Sacred Heart

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:15 – 7:30 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (6–8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart

7:30 – 8:45 p.m. **NO** Youth Group at Sacred Heart

MONDAY, December 27:

No Mass

TUESDAY, December 28:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for The Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Anne Tindal

After Mass Pray the Rosary

7:15 p.m. **NO** Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, December 29:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Mafalda Ferrero requested by The Armstrong Family

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (1-5) at St. Maurice

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. **NO** Faith Formation Classes (6–8) at St. Maurice

THURSDAY, December 30:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Nichole and +Teresa Fiano requested by Stephanie Labanowski

FRIDAY, December 31:

No Mass

SATURDAY, January 1:

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Submitted by Deacon Larry Deraleau:

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Child of Bethlehem – house of bread; Man of Jerusalem – city of peace: You have loved us without limit or condition, in our greatness and in our misery, in our folly and in our virtue; may your hand be always upon us and may your heart be within us so that we too may become bread and peace for one another. ☺

**Diocese of Norwich
YOUTH MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP
January 23 to 24, 2011**



Stand up for your faith and it will change your world!

Join us for an exciting faith-filled two days as we experience all that the D.C. area has to offer for the March for Life. We will

travel by coach bus to Woodbridge, Virginia and attend "Life is *VERY* Good," an evening for teens celebrating life in prayer and song. Accommodations are quad occupancy at the Courtyard Marriott in Woodbridge. On Monday, January 24, 2011, we will go to D.C., participate in the march, and return home late evening. For details, contact Jill Patten at 860-460-3947.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocations Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country January 9 through 15, 2011. Please pray for all those who are being called to the priesthood and consecrated life. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's invitation to live one of these vocations.

DAYS OF AWARENESS

For men between the ages of 30 and 50: Friday and Saturday February 11 and 12, 2011, Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, Massachusetts, invites single men from around New England who are considering a priestly vocation to visit their campus. Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be among the presenters during the two-day visit which will also include the opportunity to meet other men like themselves, participate in the liturgical life, attend Saturday classes and converse with the faculty. For more information speak with Father Wojcich or contact Rev. Gregory Galvin at 860-827-9294.

**PRAYER SERVICE TO
COMMEMORATE HAITI'S
EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

To mark the first year after the earthquake in Haiti, a special prayer service followed by a reception will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 12th at Christ the King Church in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Haitian Ministries for the Diocese of Norwich and its partners in the diocese and beyond welcome everyone. Fr. Jim Carini, from St. Matthew in Tolland, which is twinned with a parish in Haiti through a Haitian Ministries program, will preside. Refreshments will be offered at the informal reception.

Christ the King Church is located at 1 McCurdy Road. For more information, call Haitian Ministries at: 860.638.1018, or email: info@haitianministries.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN USHER?
If so, please call Lou Cloutier at 860-649-6255.

RETREATS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Start the New Year off with a retreat at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Retreat Weekend for Men titled "Riding the Storm with Jesus" – Friday, January 7th to Sunday, January 9th. The storms of life can take many forms, but they all have one thing in common: the feeling of fear and loss of control. Can our relationship with Jesus free us from fear and anxiety? Join us as we discover that we, too, can learn to ride the storm with Jesus! Presented by retreat house staff. Suggested offering: \$180.

12 Steps to Christian Growth Weekend Retreat – Friday, January 7th to Sunday, January 9th. Author Philip St. Romain has adapted the 12 Steps of A.A. to help people break free of selfishness to become new persons in Christ. These Steps promote intimacy, are practical, understandable, and seemingly applicable to all. Join us as we discover how the 12 Steps can be adapted to lead to greater growth in our spiritual life! Presented by Brother Richard Cote OMI. Suggested offering: \$180.

Food, Fear and Faithfulness is a four-week interactive and informative look at the physical, emotional and spiritual stresses associated with overeating and poor body image. Presenter is Kathy Irr, R.N., spiritual director and retreat leader. Wednesday evenings, January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested offering: \$60 for the four sessions.

To register for any of our programs, contact Immaculata Retreat House at 860-423-8484 or visit our website at www.immaculataretreat.org.

**ST. MAURICE PARISH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 6199
JANUARY 2011 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

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| January 9 | Coffee Social |
| January 13 | Business Meeting (7:00 p.m.) |
| January 23 | Triple Play Café Breakfast |

For more information, call Dan Barnes (860-966-7868) or Ron Massimino (860-647-9859), or visit www.stmauricekofc.org.



VERNON DEANERY PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE

Sunday, January 9, 2011, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, during the Coffee Social at the Parish Center, there will be an opportunity to meet with the St. Maurice members of the Vernon Deanery Pastoral Planning Committee. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Bolton Ecumenical Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Maurice Parish Center.

**LECTIO DIVINA
An Encounter with the Bible**

Saturday, January 15, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall
63 Old Norwich Road, Quaker Hill, Connecticut

For information, contact Marge Vanner, Office of Faith Events, at 860-848-2237 or by e-mail at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net.



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