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Mary, The Holy Mother of God • January 1, 2012

January 1, 2012
dear Padre
When did formal devotion to Mary begin?

When did Christians begin to see Mary as a figure we can ask to intervene with Christ on our behalf?

Dear Joy,

The earliest written prayer to Mary comes to us from an Egyptian manuscript from the third or fourth century. Marian apparitions were common in the church of Saint Gregory Nazianzen, a bishop of Constantinople who died in 390. He spoke in a sermon about the practice of prayer to Mary.

This tells us is that in the late fourth century, Christians in some locales in the East didn't consider prayerful interaction with Mary to be strange or in need of a great deal of justification.

By the Middle Ages, ordinary people came to feel close to Mary's moments of joy and suffering and to admire her love and courage. This shift from emphasis on her universal role in the drama of salvation to her human struggles also encouraged people to feel close to her in a personal way.

The following prayer from an Egyptian manuscript is the oldest prayer to Mary in existence. Pray it, and you will catch the feeling of what our running to Mary has been and is all about: "We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen."

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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 our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

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.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY

MOTHER OF GOD

DEC. 31, 2011 – JAN. 1, 2012

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

USHER'S GROUP I



SATURDAY, DEC. 31

**4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl
request of Marty & Carol Zabielski**

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

**7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Connie Morelli
request of Gloria Holbrook**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

**10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank Murphy
request of Mary Anne Murphy**

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 2 NO MASS

**TUESDAY, JAN. 3 Mass offered for a Special
Intention, request of Sima Guth**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

**9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Rolande &
Clifford Mishio request of Solange
Fournier**

**3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

THURSDAY, JAN. 5 NO MASS

FRIDAY, JAN. 6 NO MASS

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

ROSARY BEFORE THE 4:00 p.m. MASS

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36,
38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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NEXT WEEK

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JAN. 7TH – 8TH 2012

**2ND COLLECTION NATIONAL COMBINED
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TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9:00 A.M. 9:45 A.M.
USHERS' GROUP II**

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

**4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl and for
+Jerry Chemerka**

Altar Servers: Megan Shorey, Kaila Toce

Lectors: Charles Luchini

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Walter Treschuk

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Arlene Griffin

Altar Servers: Ryan & Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Jennifer Carvalho

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

5:30 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 9

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for a Special Intention

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Coley Conneely

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Wally Blair

3p.m. – 7p.m

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

THURSDAY, JAN. 12 NO MASS

7:15 p.m. K of C Business Meeting

FRIDAY, JAN. 13 NO MASS

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Meeting of the St. Maurice Youth
Group for those in grades 5-12 in the lower church.
Please come and join the fun. Bring a friend**

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

ROSARY BEFORE THE 4:00 P.M. MASS



WELL ST. MAURICE YOU DID IT AGAIN. BECAUSE OF YOU, THERE WILL BE MUCH HAPPINESS AND BLESSINGS THIS CHRISTMAS AT YOUR HOUSE . YOU'VE EARNED IT!!!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. THE CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES WERE MADE AND WITHOUT THE USE OF REINDEERS. YOUR HELP IN PACKING, DONATING AND DRIVING, WELL IT JUST COULDN'T BE ANY BETTER. AGAIN, THANK YOU. FROM THE HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER.....

**Women's Retreat: January 27-29
"The Courage to Hope"**

A retreat is a great opportunity to be with other women and to rediscover the presence of God in your life. Retreat begins on Friday evening with a buffet dinner from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday around noon....Retreat offering \$250 Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or send name, address and offering to:
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107
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NOTICE

This past week all the parishes in the Diocese of Norwich received a letter from Bishop Cote regarding the status of "Mt. Caritas Monastery," which, as many of you know is located on the borders of Ashford and Willington, with the main entrance coming off Route 74 at Zaicek Rd. Bishop Cote has informed us that Mt. Caritas is NOT a recognized Catholic Church organization. It has not been listed in the Catholic Directory since 2004 and has not been permitted to have the Blessed Sacrament on the premises for the past thirteen years. They have not been authorized to do fundraising or attempt to recruit others from within the Diocese of Norwich.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class please call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Date: Saturdays January 21, 27, & February 4, 11, 2012

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Location: St. Joseph Church Hall, 11 Baltic Rd., Occum, CT

Cost: \$50.00 per couple.

**Pilgrimage: Rome & Italian Saints
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Contact: Fr. Paul Ramen; 860-564-9767 or

pframen@att.net

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Lk 2:19

How lightly Mary held Jesus. She did not clutch Him to her but held Him out for the world to know. She knew that He did not belong to her alone, From the moment of His birth she was called upon to share Him with strangers who flocked to see Him. In the same way, we are also called to hold our blessings lightly, being willing to share what God has given to us with those whom God may lead to us. As this New Year begins, let us look to Mary, as a grace-filled model of sharing all that God might ask of you.

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