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Good News!

December 30, 2012

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

When I was in junior high, my mother was mugged as we left our local library. A man came out of nowhere, grabbed her purse, knocked her down, and ran. I was paralyzed with fear until I heard my mother yell, "Janel, get him!" With no hesitation or realization that this man might have a weapon, I took off after him. I got fairly close before I heard my mom screaming for me. When I got back, she was terrified. She had actually screamed "Someone get him!" but that's not what I'd heard. My instinct was to heed my mother's words even if doing so made no sense.


We see Jesus in the Gospel doing something that makes no sense to his parents—something that wouldn't make sense to most parents. "Losing" your child is every parent's nightmare, and I can't imagine the worry Mary and Joseph felt when they realized Jesus had stayed behind in the temple.

However, Jesus was responding to his Father's voice—he had an instinctual connection to his Father's will, and he followed without question. But realizing the anxiety his actions had inadvertently caused his parents, he went home and lived obediently with them until he was grown.

We may not have been conceived without sin, but that doesn't keep us from nurturing holiness in our families. We belong first to God, so we need to deepen our instinctual response to God's call just as Jesus did. When we're first rooted in right relationship with God, we're able to more clearly see our family members' needs and how we can respond to those needs in love.

That's what a "holy family" looks like.

Janel Esker
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DEC. 29 – 30, 2012
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, DEC. 29 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Ferdinand & +Alice Francoeur request of Elaine Gaumond

SUNDAY, DEC. 30 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Richard Hein (10th Anniv.) request of The Family

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, DEC. 31 –

6:00 P.M. Vigil Mass for the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mass offered for +All Parishioners of St. Maurice

TUESDAY, JAN. 1 –

10:00 A.M. Mass for the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mass offered for +All Parishioners of St. Maurice

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Arthur Chamberlain request of Theresa Cison

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JAN. 3 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 4 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 5 –

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“Beloved see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let’s also remember the gifts that God has given us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? How do we show our gratitude to God for the gifts He gives to us all year?

NEXT WEEK

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JAN. 5 – 6, 2013
Triple Play Café Breakfast
Blood Pressure Screening
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JAN. 5 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard
Altar Servers: Ally Cianci
Lector: Patti Cineia
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cineia

SUNDAY, JAN. 6 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard
Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice
Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Jeffrey Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 7 –

9:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Arthur Chamberlain request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

TUESDAY, JAN. 8 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ronald Morra request of Eva Morra

3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JAN. 10 – No Mass

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting

FRIDAY, JAN. 11 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 12 –

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

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What Is Liturgy of the Hours?

Dear Padre,
My cousin was telling me about a liturgy in which people pray every hour of the day. Is that something all parishes are supposed to doing?

Linda

Dear Linda,

Your cousin is talking about Liturgy of the Hours. Also known as the divine office or breviary, Liturgy of the Hours consists of a set form of psalms, canticles, prayers, Scripture, and meditations for every hour of every day. Its format has changed little since the eleventh century.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls it “an extension of the Eucharistic celebration” (1178). For this reason, pastors are encouraged to celebrate the principal hours “in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts” (1175).

Clergy and religious are obligated to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Lay participation is optional and can be done as a group or individually. Books of prayers and hymns for people who want to pray the Liturgy of the Hours on their own are available from book retailers, including Liguori Publications.

The Liturgy of the Hours “is distinguished from other liturgical actions by the fact that it consecrates to God the whole cycle of day and night” (*General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, 10). In this way, the Church fulfills the Lord’s precept to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

For more information on Liturgy of the hours, call 800-325-9521 or visit liguori.org.

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HELPING THE POOR IN CUSCO, PERU

If you are interested in helping the poor in Cusco, Peru, such as children in orphanages, children in clinics or hospitals, children abandoned on streets, or children in schools, or to construct new orphanages, etc., from June 30, July 9, 2013, please contact Fr. Michael Sequeira, a retired priest in the Diocese of Norwich, CT: punchamar@snet.net or call 860-304-4588. Cost and Conditions apply. This is the 7th group going to Cusco. Act now.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

“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, Jan. 26, & Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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

Cost: \$50.00 per couple

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2012
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: Morning: 1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Num 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Wednesday: 1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28
 Thursday: 1 John 2:29-3:6/John 1:29-34
 Friday: 1 John 3:7-10/John 1:35-42
 Saturday: 1 John 3:11-21/John 1:43-51
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Math 2:1-12
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PRO-LIFE MASS

Location change for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, January 5th ~ 8:30a.m. Mass will be celebrated at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich during Cathedral renovations. Following the Mass the Rosary will be prayed both at SS. Peter & Paul Church and at the Planned Parenthood. There will *not* be a brunch after the Rosary for January. Join us with your presence as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The number of lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the federal health care mandate, because it violates religious freedom, have risen to 55 nationwide with more expected to come.

If you haven’t expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.

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