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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph • December 29, 2013

Good News!

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

At our wedding, my husband and I promised to love and honor each other, to welcome children, and to welcome everyone they knew. Friends came and went, always finding a warm welcome and a bowl of fruit salad. It didn't matter that our house was small—our love was great.

We grew together in the understanding that we couldn't do anything we wanted individually; we had to consider each other as we made major decisions.

It wasn't always convenient. Without the grace of God, we might have found the promise difficult, but we submitted ourselves to God and each other—and found strength in the process.

Thirty-plus years later, we're still growing deeper in love and in willingness to put the other first.

What makes for a holy family? We celebrate Mary, Joseph, and Jesus because they—individually and together—submitted their lives to God and grew closer to one another.

Today, that's still the formula. It requires every item on Paul's list in Colossians: compassion, kindness, humility, and patience—with a good measure of gratitude and love thrown in.

Is it always easy? No. We will—occasionally, and sometimes suddenly—have to move, change jobs, or deal with emergencies. But the grace of family is a peculiar thing. It gets us through the rough times and makes us appreciate the easy ones.

We're part of God's family. The more we practice the fruits of love, the closer we come to the holiness and example of that First Family.

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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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DEC. 28– DEC. 29, 2013
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, DEC. 28 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Eva & +John Wachowski
request of Irene Kehl

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, DEC. 29 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Richard Hein request of the
Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for The Fair Group request of
Father Wojciech

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, DEC. 30 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for a Special Intention request of
Mary Mumford

NO BINGO

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

TUESDAY, DEC. 31 – Vigil — Octave of Christmas— Mary, the
Holy Mother of God

6:00 P.M. Mass offered for Parishioners of St. Maurice
Church

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1 – Octave of Christmas— Mary, the Holy
Mother of God

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of
the Dean & Bloznalis Families

THURSDAY, JAN. 2 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 3 – No Mass

7-9 P.M. JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP, THE DISCIPLES in the
Church Basement

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let
the peace of Christ control your hearts.” Colossians 3:14-15*

Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other
blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to
the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us
to respond to such generous love is with our own generous
love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the many gifts
that God has placed within our hands, the peace of Christ
truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy
every day.

NEXT WEEK

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JAN. 4– JAN. 5, 2013
Sunday— Coffee Social After Masses
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +John Garvan request of Irene
Kehl

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

Coffee Social after 4 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 –

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

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister:

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 +Cecile Lavoie request of her
Daughters

Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M.— LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, JAN. 6 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of
the Dean & Bloznalis Families

5:00 P.M.— Parish BINGO—Food available from 5 P.M. Games
begin at 6:30 P.M.—Progressive Jackpot \$100

TUESDAY, JAN. 7 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Mae Mancino request of Lynn
Mancino

7:15 P.M.— CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Michele Conte request of
Antonio & Matilde Cusano

THURSDAY, JAN. 9 – No Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 11 –

3:30 P.M. – ROSARY BEFORE 4 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of December 29, 2013

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-
15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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 2:23-24



Defending Our Religious Liberty

The University of Notre Dame is among the many institutions re-filing their lawsuits in opposition to the HHS mandate, because it would require the university to authorize insurance coverage that violates Catholic moral teaching. In a statement, Notre Dame's President, the Rev. John Jenkins, said: "Going along with the administration's plan would require us to forfeit our rights, to facilitate and become entangled in a program inconsistent with Catholic teaching, and to create the impression that the University cooperates with and condones activities incompatible with its mission."

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, January 4th ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch will follow the Rosary.

Catholic Charities FT Position Available: Primary Service Manager for DSS grant funded, Empowering People for Success Program (EPS). Applicant will provide outreach, case management, and advocacy for home based families with barriers to employment. BA/BS in a human service field or Associates with home visitor experience. Office based in Willimantic with cases located throughout Windham County. Extensive travel required. Bilingual preferred. Benefits. Send resume to Search Committee, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, 331 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Closing date: December 23, 2013.

March for Life – January 22, 2014 in Washington, DC Bus Trip. January 22, 2014 marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion. From that decision, over 50 million pre-born babies have died from abortion. On January 22nd people from across our nation will assemble in the largest Pro-life event in the world, with a peaceful demonstration in Washington, D.C. to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. On Tuesday, January 21st at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March. Bus fare is \$65 per person. For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

Marriage Preparation Upcoming Classes for Engaged Couples "God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage". To register for a 3 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283. Upcoming classes: Sat., Feb. 8, 15, 22, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Joseph Church, Occum. Fri. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 6:00pm-8:30pm, at St. Francis Church, Middletown. Sat. Mar. 15, 22, 29, 9:30am-12:00pm, at St. Matthew Church, Tolland.

Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage? Serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is that lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on January 17-19 in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. Website www.retrouvaille.org.

Marriage Encounter Weekend~ "We thought we had a great marriage, but now our love is so much deeper than anything we could have imagined!" Rediscover each other with a heart-to-heart **Marriage Encounter**. To register for the January 24-26 weekend in East Hartford or for information call 860-376-0440. www.wme.org.

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