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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
— DECEMBER 31, 2017



The Holy Family

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

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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 a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, 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):

Saturday 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-748-4560.



**THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH**

DECEMBER 30 — 31, 2017
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Lois Hawran
request of Helen Kurys

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Francis Benevento
request of Leaise and Pierre Theriault

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. **EVENING PRAYER
FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

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



MONDAY, JANUARY 1

**SOLEMINTY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church



TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

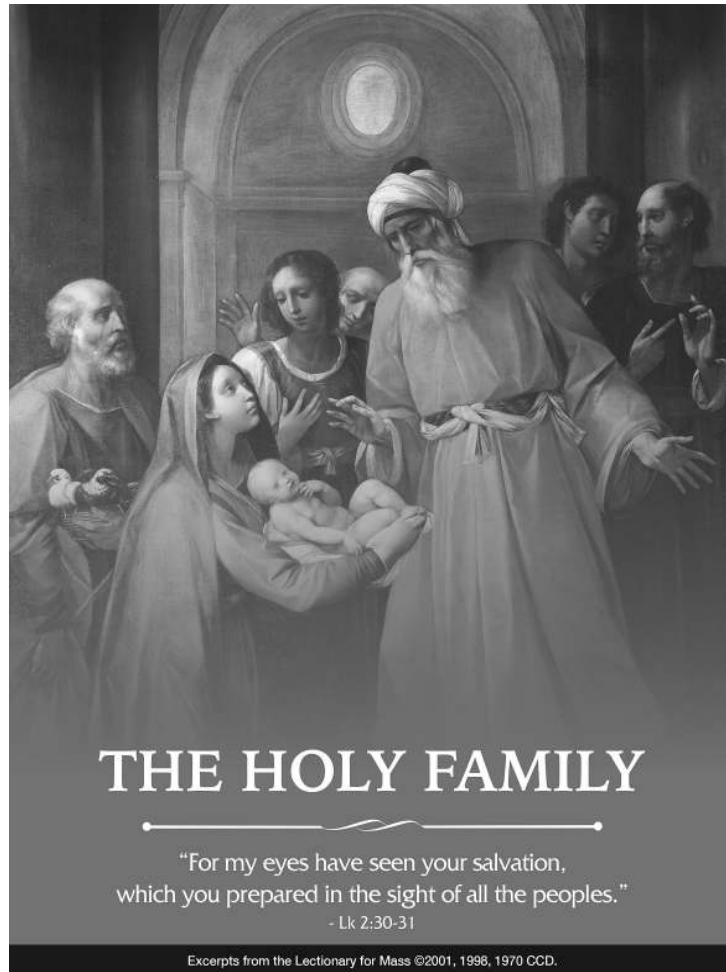
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

3:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



STEWARDSHIP

*“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them
in her heart.”*
- Luke 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship life-style. She listened to God and said “yes” to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God’s providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

Memorial Mass Form Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line.

Especially the new requests for this week: Annedda, Marge, Mary, Margaret, Francis, Grace, Bob, Joe, Rachel, Nicholas, Lucy

Candle Intentions: Tadeusz, Andrzej, Anne, Nick, Vicki, Tom, Alie, Nicholas, Grace, Bob

For the spirit of understanding, compassion, and forgiveness in our relationship with others, that we may follow the action of Jesus in our daily association with those whom we meet on the path of life.

For all who hunger for life, particularly those who are ill, depressed, or who live in fear of abuse or violence; that God's gracious love will sustain and protect them.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

ATTENTION PRAYER LINE VOLUNTEERS

Prayer Line calendars for 2018 are ready to be picked up. They are in the back of church on the confessional side. Please take any book and the letter with your name on it.

Thank you, Carol and MaryAnn

Calling for nurses who would participate in Parish Nursing, please contact Rita Sheetz at 860-646-1176



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Please come for a tour, meet our staff and see what we have to offer.

2017-18 THEME RETREAT FOR WOMEN:

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace," is a weekend women's retreat that will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, in Farmington. It begins Friday evening on January 12, 2018 at

7:00pm to Sunday, January 14 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch. Offering is \$250.

To register and view our other available Theme Retreat dates: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or visitwww.ourladyofcalvary.net.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Nominations are underway for the

Longest Married Couple

search sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation through **January 10, 2018**. Email the couple's name, wedding date and city and state where they reside to bkberland@gmail.com. Include your contact phone or email address. Or, visit the national website at www.wwme.org. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext 306.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest".

Visit the **NEW Caregiver Spirituality Webpage** Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events. Resources for caregivers include prayers, articles, books and websites that offer both practical and spiritual support

www.norwichdiocese.org/caregiver-spirituality-support-group

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, January 6 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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.

Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

STEUBENVILLE NYC- JULY 20-22

This summer, join over 3,000 other Catholic teens at Steubenville NYC conference on July 20 – 22nd. Experience the joy of following Christ with youth from all over through the theme REVEALED. The Diocese of Norwich offers youth the opportunity to take advantage of this fun and spirit-filled conference with ease. For \$355, The Diocese of Norwich provide youth and chaperones with Steubenville conference fee, send off mass with the Bishop and lunch, transportation to and from the Diocese, and 3 t-shirts for each day at the Conference. There is a \$5 additional fee for pick up prior to Mass on departure day.

If you are interested in this life changing opportunity, get in touch with your catechetical leader or Liza Roach at (860)848-2237 ex. 305 orlroach@norwichdiocese.net

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a precious right. It is also a necessary right – necessary for all people and all societies if they are to flourish. Scholars have shown that when religious freedom for all is protected in law and valued in culture, it brings with it political stability, equality for women, economic growth, and social harmony. Let us pray that when the federal health care mandate is changed, religious freedom is safeguarded for all people.

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