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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
- Lk 2:40

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CJD

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-9553) 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 860-643-9553.

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**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 30 — 31, 2023**

Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

3:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of
St. Maurice Church
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Agnes and
 †George Murphy
 requested by MaryAnne Murphy
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Al Venture
 requested by Clif and Sharon Scorso
 Mass offered for the Soul of †Leah Liebeskind
 requested by the Family
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — No MASS



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY

(No Mass. Not a Holy day of Obligation)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 — No MASS

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.
 New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 P.M. First Friday Mass and Adoration
 offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Rosary after Mass



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

3:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Ushers Group IV

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 10:00A.M.
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
 of St. Maurice Church



FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Brian, Sister Mary Martin, Mary Beth, John, Dan, Susan, Barbara, Erin.
 Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Please call Carol Zabielski at (860) 643-2837

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call: Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733

Eucharistic



Adoration

Saint Maurice Church

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

JANUARY 5th

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”

Our Lady of Fatima

STEWARDSHIP

**Offertory: December 24 — TBD; December 17— \$2,932
 December 10 — \$3,717; December 3— \$3,046
 Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”
 - Colossians 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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Married Couples Day Retreat - 1/20/24 at St. Bernard Church, Rockville. "IT TAKES THREE": A MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT is Designed to renew & rejuvenate your relationship as a married couple & with God. The retreat's environment is one of acceptance, confidential sharing, music, & fun! We invite any married couple - newlywed or married for decades. The day includes morning Mass, a special mid-day dinner, & a full program of music, inspired talks by team couples, private couple sharing time, small group discussions, & a marriage blessing ceremony with special memento.

Cost is only \$25/couple payable by check to "CT State Council K of C" mailed to retreat leaders, Jim & Elizabeth Percy, 11 Kent Lane, South Windsor, CT 06074.

Join us & register at SignUpGenius, signupgenius.com/go/MCR
 or contact the Percys at tiggpercy@gmail.com or 860-648-2615. Space is limited and is filling up quickly.

Delicious Pancake Breakfast

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE

Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.
Date: Sunday, January 7th
Location: St. Maurice Parish Center
 \$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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Calling All Young Adults! Ages 18-39, Are you a young adult seeking authentic community? Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join one of **Crossroads for Christ** seven chapters today! Meeting in the greater Hartford area, Stamford, Middletown, Mystic, New Haven, Waterbury and Watertown. For more information go to www.crossroads4christ.org or email info@crossroads4christ.org

BROTHERS IN CHRIST **WITH DEACON TOM CASEY**

Brothers in Christ would like you to join us on Thursday, January 11th from 7pm – 7:45pm for our virtual session with Deacon Tom Casey speaking on evangelism.

Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brothers in Christ fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or in -person. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register for the group by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Catholic Charities is Providing Help, Creating Hope as we are sharing the Promise of Christmas with you during this Holy Season. Your donations are transforming Christmas into a time of joy, hope and peace for those in our Diocese who daily live with the hardships of hunger, rental and utilities insecurities, loneliness and an uncertain future.

Thank you for your continuing support for our clients, staff and Board of Directors and we wish you and your family a Blessed New Year.

DEEPENING OUR FAITH **THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS**



Join us on Tuesday, January 9th

from 7 – 8:15 PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacrament of Vocation- Marriage.

Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. the former Diocesan Chancellor. When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation, it is saying that the couple's relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution. In addition to these things, marriage involves a call from God and a response from two people who promise to build, with the help of divine grace, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life. Let's explore Marriage together.

To register, please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext.304.

**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo!

Bingo will take place on Sunday, January 7th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your

cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To purchase your Bingo cards, go to:


<https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>

or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

**PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL**

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, December 19th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

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