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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH — DECEMBER 28, 2014

Good News!

December 28, 2014

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Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,
39-40

When we were married, my husband and I gradually worked out and grew in our relationship. Four of the characteristics St. Paul mentions in today's reading from Colossians were particularly helpful for us: patience, forgiveness, love, and gratitude. They helped us overcome the challenges of building a life together, and each of our children gave us ample opportunity to practice them over and over again.

By God's grace and with hard work, we've been together more than thirty years. Sometimes I think, "How did we do it?" We did it together, and we did it with God, and I'm so grateful for my husband and for two wonderful daughters who come back home at Christmas and call just to say hello.

So it makes sense that we dedicate one Sunday to the Holy Family. We don't know a lot about Jesus' childhood, but today's gospel tells us that, as unusual as the circumstances were, Mary and Joseph worked with each other and with God to do the right thing for Jesus. They followed the prescribed law, they listened carefully to the prophecies and rejoicing of Anna and Simeon, and they raised God's Son to adulthood—when he showed the world who he was.

Even after that, Mary was with him, loving and grieving for him even at the end. What parent would have done less?

The Holy Family undoubtedly practiced love, patience, forgiveness, and gratitude with one another, even as the Lord taught us to do. We honor them by doing the same.

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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**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
DECEMBER 27 – 28, 2014
USHERS GROUP I**SATURDAY, DEC. 27****4:00 P.M.** — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, DEC. 28****7:30 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Dave Caruso, Jr.,
+Mary and +Steve Caruso
request of Charles and Shirley Brown**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***MONDAY, DEC. 29****9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino**TUESDAY, DEC. 30****9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for the Intentions of
Patti Cinea request of Mary Mumford**NO CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31** — NEW YEAR'S EVE**6:00 P.M.** — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**THURSDAY, JAN. 1****MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
(Holy day of obligation)**10:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +William and +Marion
Miller request of The Family**FRIDAY, JAN. 2** — NO MASS**7:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.** The Disciples Youth Group
*will meet in the church basement***SATURDAY, JAN. 3****3:30 P.M.** — **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: Dec. 21** — \$4,763**Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"And my God will supply every need of yours..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19*

God really does provide for those that are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

NEXT WEEK**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
JANUARY 3 – 4, 2014
USHERS GROUP II**SATURDAY, JAN. 3****4:00 P.M.** — Mass offered for +Wanda Aubey*Altar Servers: Maria Cinea**Lectors: Georgette Pelletier**Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***SUNDAY, JAN. 4****7:30 A.M.** — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck & Jason Dean**Lector: Joel Cohan**Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Cecile Lavoie
request of The Family*Altar Servers: Elena & Catherine Fiano**Lector: Barbara Fiano**Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe***CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement***6:00 P.M.** — **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** in the Parish Center Library**MONDAY, JAN. 5****9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Samuel Gugliemino**TUESDAY, JAN. 6****9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**7:30 P.M.** — **CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7****9:00 A.M.** — Mass offered for +Henry Leonard**THURSDAY, JAN. 8** — NO MASS**FRIDAY, JAN. 9** — NO MASS**Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby** in the lower Church**SATURDAY, JAN. 10****3:30 P.M.** — **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of December 28, 2014**

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Thank you. Carol and Mary Ann.



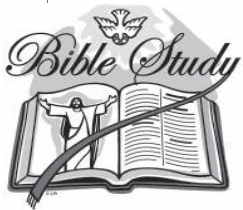
ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

REVELATION:

THE KINGDOM YET TO COME

The next session on the *Book of Revelation*, Chapters 16 and 17, will be on **Sunday, January 4th at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Parish Center Library**.

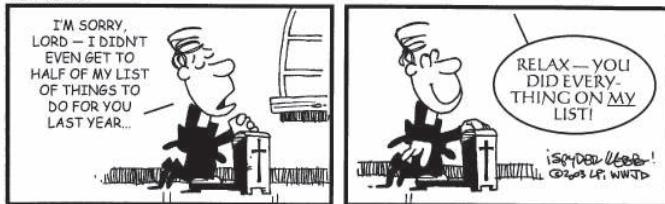
Session is 55 minutes in length. All are welcome.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS



NEW YEAR'S



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."
- Lk 2:30-32

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, January 3rd ~ 8:30 a.m. Please join us and our celebrant **Rev. Brian Romanowski** 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. There will not a brunch following Mass.

The March for Life in Washington, D.C. Bus Trip.

January 22, 2014 marks the 42nd 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 Washington D.C. for the largest ProLife event in the world, to March for Life and end abortion. Consider attending if you have never experienced being a part of the March for Life. **On Wednesday, 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. (Reduced rate available for students) For information, to reserve a seat or if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362. Reserve a seat by January 7, 2015.

EnCourage Support Group

EnCourage is the Catholic spiritual support group for the family members of loved ones with same-sex attraction. For more information on the support group meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. John Church, Montville, please call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage"

January 31, February 7, 21, 2015 9:30 am-12:00 pm

St. Joseph Church Hall, RT. 97, Occum

To register for the 3 session class call:

The Office of Family Life at 860-889-8346 ext. 283

Is your marriage tearing you apart, little or no communication, considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a 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 16-18** in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. **Website www.retrouvaille.org.**

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Our Catholic faith always turns first and foremost to the poor and most vulnerable, and this year you have once again shown how truly charitable you are by your generous contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. May God bless you and your family this New Year, and may He continue to guide us as we pursue our efforts to defend our religious freedom.

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 U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



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