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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH — DECEMBER 27, 2015

# Good News!

December 27, 2015

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (C)**

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

An old joke portrays an Irish couple with several children listening to the priest extolling the obedience of Jesus and the patience of Mary and Joseph and exhorting his congregation to be just like them. When the Mass was ended, the couple turned to each other and one muttered to the other, "Sure to heaven, they were patient—they and their one." The joke highlights one struggle for many parents: keeping patience while children learn the lessons of life. It's a job that may seem easier with one than with many.

Today, though, the Holy Family offers an example that applies to all families, whether large or small. Since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph knew that one day he was going to have to follow his own path. They couldn't choose it for him; they could only prepare him as best they could. After they found him in the Temple and he told them, "I must be in my Father's house" (which can also be translated as "I must be about my Father's work"), they knew he was growing into adulthood and that his time was coming. However, Jesus returned with them because it was not yet time for him to leave, and he remains obedient to them as he always is to his heavenly Father.

All of us who are parents know that we cannot dictate what our children can or should be. We can only help them discern what God has called them to be. In the meantime, we give them the best foundation we can give by praying with them, talking to them, and modeling our own response to God's call.

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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**  
**DECEMBER 26 — DECEMBER 27, 2015**  
**USHERS GROUP I**

**SATURDAY, DEC 26**

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

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Bert Flynn

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, DEC 27**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Lynn Mancino  
*Lector:* Lynn Mancino  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR** *in the Church*  
**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for a Special Intention for Angelica &  
Alex Czercowy request of their Parents

*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy  
*Lector:* Jessica Merry  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass*

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**MONDAY, DEC 28**

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

**TUESDAY, DEC 29**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino

**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 30**

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

**THURSDAY, DEC 31 (VIGIL, MARY MOTHER OF GOD)**

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

**FRIDAY, JAN 1 (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - HOLY DAY)**

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

**SATURDAY, JAN 2**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: December 20 — \$3,507**  
**Projected Amount needed \$3,370**

Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

(Luke 12:33-34)

NEXT WEEK

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**JANUARY 2 — JANUARY 3, 2016**  
**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, JAN 2**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Justina, †Jennie & †Frances  
Quagliano  
request of Silvio & Josephine Maratta

*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Patti Cinea  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**SUNDAY, JAN 3**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck  
*Lector:* Judy Knox  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR** *in the Church*  
**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Jason Bates & †Rudy Schuster  
request Donna Bradford

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz  
*Lector:* Jessica Merry  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz

*CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass*

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*

**MONDAY, JAN 4**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Mario Persechino  
request of Silvio & Josephine Maratta

**TUESDAY, JAN 5**

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

**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 6**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino

**THURSDAY, JAN 7—NO MASS****FRIDAY, JAN 8—NO MASS****SATURDAY, JAN 9**

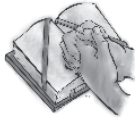
**3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**Readings for the Week of December 27, 2015**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52  
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8a-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cs-4/Jn 1:19-28

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**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.

Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.

**Join the Greater Manchester  
and  
Tolland County Chamber  
for their 2nd Annual  
"Hat, Socks & Mittens  
Event"**

*Hosted by Georgina's Restaurant & Banquets  
275 Boston Turnpike, Bolton  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016  
5:00pm - 7:00pm*

Join us at the event that brought nearly 100 guests and over 1,000 new hats, socks, mittens, and scarves in the towns both Chambers serve! Enjoy food, great networking, and a cash bar as you start the New Year with a good deed. These humble donations will help children who receive services from Community Health Resources, Community Child Guidance Clinic, and KidSafe.

**THANK YOU**

Please thank Janusz Herasimowicz for his work producing the St. Maurice Bulletin this year.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Parents of children in families new to the Parish should contact Sherry Snuffer at (860) 647-7363 or b21ssnuf@hotmail.com to register them for Faith Formation classes. Forms and the class schedule are on the website saintmauricebolton.org.

**GIVE ELECTRONICALLY**

Forms and offertory cards are on the ushers tables at the back of the church. You can also Donate Online via the website at www.saintmauricebolton.org.

**ALL YOUTH**

are invited to join the new choir. Practices are Sunday mornings from 8:30 - 8:50 in the church. Come when you can, all voices are welcome!

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

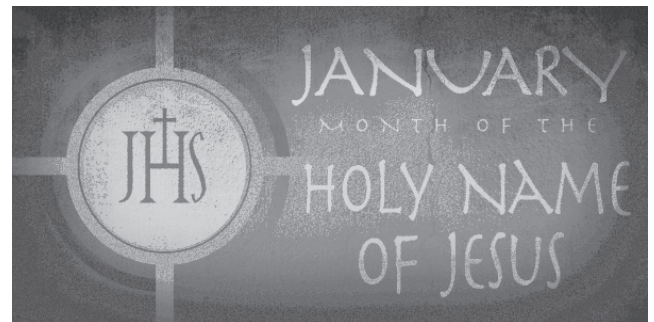


**The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. *Lk 2:51-52*

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**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The passage of the federal health care mandate was supposed to provide affordable health care to all Americans. By many accounts, this is not the case, and in the process our First of Amendment Right, which is supposed to safeguard our religious freedom has been taken away.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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