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Mary and Joseph

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon-Fri: 7:30 am

Weekend: **Sat. Vigil:** 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:30pm and
anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick and Ministry to the Sick:

Please call the rectory anytime a
person is sick and would like to
be anointed or visited.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our parish office to
arrange pre-Baptismal
instruction and the time of the
ceremony.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

**Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434
1660, if you want to learn more
about becoming a priest or a
deacon, or contact Fr. Greg
Galvin at the Vocations
Office: 860 887 9294.**

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must
begin at least six months before
actual ceremony. Please call our
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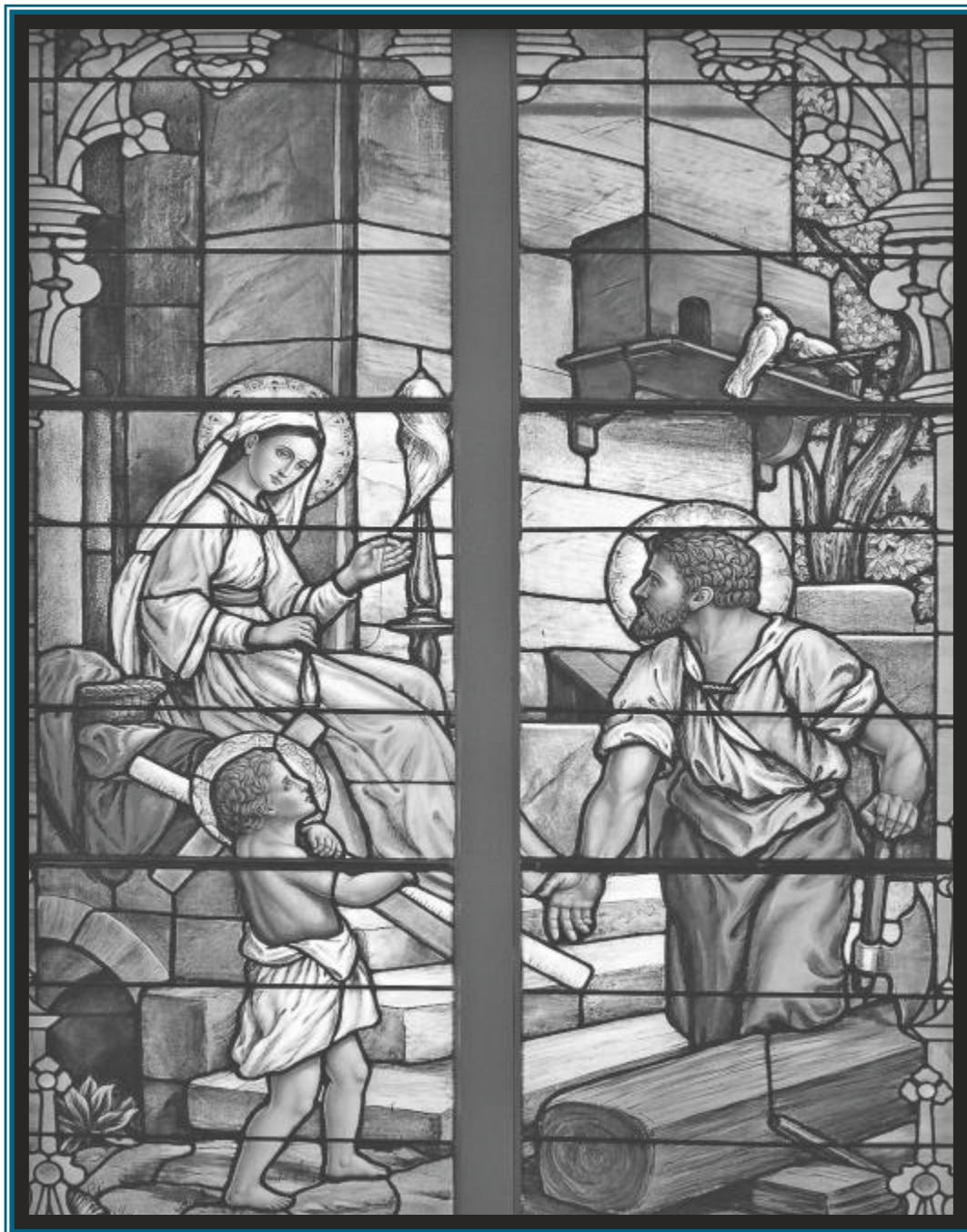
Sacrament of Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation begins
in the 9th grade and the
sacrament is received in the 10th
grade. Adults can join the
RCIA program; contact the
parish office.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am & 6:30pm (No evening
Mass the day before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays
at 4:30pm in the parish library.
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Fr. Joe Ashe and Fr. Walter Nagle at the Rectory: 860-434-1660

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Sexual Misconduct Services: 1-800-624-7407

MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Dec. 29 Fifth Day of the Octave of the Nativity

4:00pm Healing for Patricia Gilman and Harvey



SUNDAY Dec. 30 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am Robert and Marguerite Graves

10:30am Eleanor Rickel r/b a friend
Stephen Bohn r/b Peter and Betty Gallagher
Cathy Decker r/b Peter and Betty Gallagher

Mon. Dec. 31 Seventh Day of the Octave of the Nativity New Year's Eve

7:30am Jepson O'Connell

4:00pm The Parishioners of Christ the King

Tues. Jan. 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God - HOLY DAY

9:00am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Wed. Jan. 2 St. Basil the Great and Gregory and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

7:30am Don McCue

Thurs. Jan. 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30am Siro and Ellen Toffolon

Friday Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30am Catherine and Agnes Martin

Saturday Jan. 5 St. John Neuman, Bishop

4:00pm Frederick W. Rubelmann, Jr. r/b his family

SUNDAY Jan. 6 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Ed Ryan

10:30am Richard and Josephine DellErba r/b their daughter Cheryl Parsons
Anson Clinton r/b his family

The SANCTUARY lamp for the month of January will be lit for Andrew and Mary Maietta.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: What do we know about Joseph, Mary, and the rest of Jesus' relatives?

A: You may see pictures of Joseph, Mary, and a young Jesus on the feast of the Holy Family. What we do know of them has been treasured throughout the ages. Both Joseph and Mary came from the tribe of Judah and were distant descendants of King David. Tradition gives us the names of Mary's parents - Anne and Joachim - and we venerate them as saints. Joseph was a carpenter, and he taught Jesus his trade. We know that St. Elizabeth was related to Mary, and we call St. John the Baptist Jesus' "cousin."

In the Bible, we also see references to Jesus' "brothers and sisters." Who were these people? The most likely theory rests in the language of the time period. The Hebrew people spoke Aramaic. This language had no words for specific family roles. *All male relatives were "brother" and all female relatives were "sister"*. Like many people of his day, Jesus had a large family! So large that he got lost and needed to be found in the Temple. When you think of the Holy Family, remember that Jesus probably had quirky uncles, nosy aunts, doting grandparents, and cousins to play with, just like us!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Luke 2: 41 - 52

December 30, 2018 ~ Feast of The Holy Family

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

Holy Day of Obligation

Mary, The Holy Mother of God
~ New Year's Day

Dec 31, 2018 4pm New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

Jan. 1, 2019 9am New Year's Day Morning Mass



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

INVITING PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: (1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28)

Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, is portrayed as a woman of great faith. Upon reflection, how would you describe the faith of your mother?

Second Reading: (Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10)

John teaches us that we can be called "children of God" if we believe in Jesus and love one another. How well do you think you do these two mandates?

Gospel Reading: (Luke 2:41-52)

Luke is the only evangelist to record an event in the life of Jesus as a boy. It is an event filled with "great anxiety" for Joseph and Mary. What lesson(s) do you learn from this story?

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Message 2018



“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means “God is with us.” (Matthew 1:23)



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the spirit of this holy season fill your hearts with joy and your homes with peace! Christmas celebrates the great truth sent by the Father, “the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.” (John 1:14)

From generation to generation, we remember the events of that holy night and we celebrate His Nativity. Recounting Jesus’ Birth, we rejoice in our Churches, in our families, and in our communities. At the coldest, darkest time of the whole year, God’s love warms our hearts and illuminates our journey in this world.

The message and meaning of Christmas can be lost in the noise heaped upon us by our secular culture’s message of consumerism; by an ever-growing divide in our political discourse regarding contentious issues of the day; and yes, even by some church leaders whose actions, or, in some cases, inactions have caused pain to many of our brothers and sisters.

It is in these uncertain times, that our feelings of anxiousness and loss can grip our lives, leaving us vulnerable to despair. It is important for us to remember that the world is mostly good. Why? Because we, as followers of the Risen Lord, can experience and share the birth of Christ not just on December 25th but every second of every day. We give birth to the Lord when we share the Love of Christ.

The darkness of humanity’s evil can be overcome by the light cast by Jesus’ birth. We are reminded in the first reading from the Christmas Mass at Dawn of the words of the prophet Isaiah – They shall be called “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD.” (Isaiah 62:12) Earlier this year, Pope Francis gifted us with his Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). In it he encourages each one of us to be Holy. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We can be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of our brothers and sisters, by living out our commitments with joy and working for the common good.

Christmas teaches us of the generosity of God and how generous we must be to one another. Generous with our time, our good fortune, but most of all our forgiveness.

Merry Christmas! May your New Year be filled with the abundant blessings of the newborn Savior and may you embrace each day as an opportunity to welcome Christ with joy in your hearts, ever increasing in holiness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

Sacristan Help Needed:

Our parish is in need of someone to serve as a sacristan at the 10:30am Mass. Commitment is once a month. If interested in learning how to set up before, and clean up the altar area after Mass, please contact Meg Cunningham at 860 388 3585, or email her at mmcngham@comcast.net. Thank you!

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: **800-624-7407**

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

Sat, Jan. 5, 2019, 8:30am

St. Patrick Cathedral, 201 Broadway, Norwich

Pray for the pre-born, the sanctity of all human life, and healing for those who have had an abortion.

Join Fr. Ray Introvigne, celebrant.

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PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO SPEND TIME WITH THE ONE WHO LOVES YOU MOST!

Don't hesitate to take a fixed time for fear that there may be times that you can't make it. We have substitutes who are willing to cover.

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Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you 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. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the **January 18-20, 2019** weekend in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the

Website at www.retrouvaille.org, or
helpourmarriage.org

It's a great time to start, or continue, praying a family rosary.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Start the New Year out right enriching your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in Manchester, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at www.mectw.org.

*Due to Christmas & New Year's eve celebration, the December, month-end Pot Luck is cancelled.
Nancy Gaito 434-5159*

For those who are ill

If you know someone is ill, homebound, or in the hospital and would like the Eucharist brought to them and/or a visit from Fr. Joe or Fr. Walter, please call the parish office, 860-434-1669.



Christ Bell



THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM.

I am God's child. (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend. (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord. (1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth. (Matt 5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation. (Rom. 8:1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant. (Phil. 3:20)

I am free from any charge against me. (Rom. 8:31-34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God. (2 Cor. 5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the Heavenly realms. (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God. (Rom. 8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God. (2 Cor. 1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good. (Rom. 8:28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph. 3:12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13)

I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life. (John 15:1-5)

I am God's temple. (1 Cor. 3:16) I am complete with Christ. (Col. 2:10)

I am hidden with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3) I have been justified. (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker. (1 Cor. 3:9, 2 Cor. 6:1) I am God's workmanship. (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven. (Col. 1:14) I have been adopted as God's child. (Eph. 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

Who you are?

Keep this bell ringing. Pass it on!

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace!*

Numbers 6:24-26

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