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### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon-Fri: 7:30 am Weekend: Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:30pm 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:**

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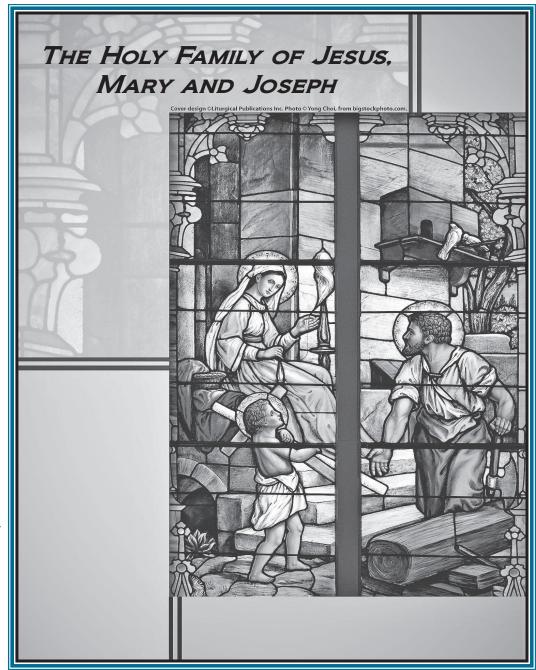
### **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

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 7pm in the parish library.

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### MASS Schedule this week:

Sat.

Jephson O'Connell 5:00pm

SUNDAY Dec. 31 The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

8:00am Don McCue

10:30am John and Carrie Torrenti r/b John & Eileen Torrenti

Martin and Marge Carney r/b John & Eileen Torrenti

Tom Lombardo r/b George and Fran Perchal

Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mon. The parishioners of Christ the King 9:00am

Jan. 2 Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Tues.

**Bishops and Doctors of the Church** 

7:30am Healing for Anthony Carambot

Jan. 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus Wed.

7:30am Charles LePlante

Thur. Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:30am **Bud McCarthy** 

Fri. Jan. 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:30am Frederick W. Rubelmann Jr. r/b his family

Jan. 6 St. Andre Bessett Sat. Veronica Lempicki 5:00pm

SUNDAY Jan. 7 THE EPIPHANY of the LORD

Marilyn Nelligan r/b Salvatriace Lacana 8:00am Frederick W. Rubelmann, Jr. r/b his family 10:30am

Anson Clinton III r/b his brother

The SANCTUARY lamp for January will be lit for Genevieve Hornyk and Dorothy Staab.



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Q:** What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

**A:** Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are--God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer--before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

### **OUR PARISH SUPPORT:**

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### NEW YEAR DAY MASS

**Monday, Jan. 1:** 9:00am - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation THIS year.)

### 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, baptism, 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: although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance. LPI 12/31/2017

Scripture Readings: Week of December 31, 2017 **Sunday:** Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-6, 8-9. or Ps 128:1-5/Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19orCol3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 /Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 **Tuesday**: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42 **Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51 **Saturday**: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7

-11 or Lk 3:23-38

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Christmas Message 2017

"Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices." O Holy Night

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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On this my fifteenth Christmas as your Bishop, I pray that the blessings and peace of the newborn Savior be yours in abundance and that you may know anew the depth of God's love for you. I am so grateful to be celebrating with you this grace-filled event of Jesus' coming into our world.

Christmas is best celebrated when we return to that first Christmas and celebrate its true meaning, Christ's birth. The Savior's birth unites us to God and to one another. As the Son of God becomes one of us, He not only joins us to God but he also makes possible our new status as God's children. His birth is celebrated in hearts that are open to God's love and in lives that share God's love through service to others, especially those in need. His love must be both lived and shared.

As we join in thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy, we recognize, as disciples of Christ, that there are so many among us who need our help and comfort. There are families sadly separated from loved ones for the first time this Christmas. There are families coping with the loss of loved ones to eternal rest. We in the diocesan family profoundly miss our Chancellor and dear friend, Monsignor Brown, every day, even knowing he has reached everlasting glory in God's embrace. We know that Monsignor, at home with the Lord, is still watching over us with kindness and affection. Our faith helps each of us grasp the enormity of God's saving grace that brings strength and comfort when you lose someone in your life who means so much to you.

We recognize, too, that there are others suffering from illness, still others without work, or shelter, or the basic necessities of food, clothing, and medicine. All of our brothers and sisters in distress need to hear and see the message of God's love, the song of the Angels over Bethlehem, and the news of the Savior's birth. We must use our talents and gifts at Christmas and beyond to reach out joyfully and generously to hold every hand and lift every burden within our reach and power. We, ourselves, become the gift of Christmas.

In Jesus Christ, God is truly one with us. May astonishment and wonder fill our hearts. May our hearts and homes be mangers where Jesus lives, not only for a day but for all days! This Christmas, draw near to Christ. Find Christ in others, especially in the most vulnerable among us. Experience the joy of God's love in your life. The Church throws open its doors in welcome to you; come celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist with praise and thanksgiving. Invite others to join with you. "Take a step towards Jesus," into His open arms.

In the simplicity of that holy night in Bethlehem, life's deepest meaning is discovered. Our life is not complete without love, God's love. Merry Christmas to all! May the peace and joy of this holy season abide with you and your loved ones throughout the New Year.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Bishop of Norwich

#### Meetings at CTK this week: *All* are Welcome!

- ~ Rosary in the library @, 7pm on Tuesdays.
- ~ Holy Trinity Cluster Pro-Life Committee in the library @ 7pm on Wed., Jan.3.
- ~ <u>Bible Study</u> in the classroom next to the library @ 9am on Thursdays.
- ~ <u>S.E. CT Prison Ministry</u> in the library @ 9am on first Thurdays.
- ~ Men's Club\_in the parish hall @ 6:30pm on Thursday Jan. 4 with pizza & light refreshments.

#### **Refugee Resettlement Committee News!**

The Refugee Resettlement Committee (Congregational Church, Christ the King Church, St. Ann Church) is excited to announce we have decided to help a wonderful family of four from Puerto Rico who were displaced by Hurricane Maria. Everything they owned, including their home, was washed into the ocean. We have been working over the past few weeks with "Junta for Progressive Action", a New Haven organization advocating for Puerto Rican families, to make this happen. Both parents will be seeking employment after the New Year. They have two sons, ages 2 and 12. This hardworking family just needs a helping hand to get their new start. We are so pleased to say we are prepared to give them that start in Old Lyme. What a Christmas gift for the family *and* for us all!

\*\*\*If you would like to write a "Welcome" note or card to the Colon family, drop it off at the parish office; we'll get it to them! *Thank you!* 



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www.helpourmarriage.com

#### **DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS**

Sat., Jan. 6, 2018, 8:30am at St Patrick Cathedral, Norwich

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

Join our own, Fr. Walter Nagle, celebrant. Rosary at church and "Planned Parenthood" abortion cite, 12 Case Street, Norwich following Mass. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the rosary this month!

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