Saint Francis de Sales

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Weekday Masses:
Monday ..... 8 am (St. Anthony)
Tuesday ..... 8 am (St. Anthony)
Wednesday ..... 8 am (St. Ann)
Thursday ..... NO MASS
Friday ..... 8 am (St. Ann)

Weekend Masses:
Saturday ..... 4 pm (St. Anthony)
Sunday ..... 8 am (St. Ann)
Sunday ..... 9:30 am (St. Ann)
Sunday ..... 11 am (St. Anthony)

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 9:00 - 9:30 am (St. Ann)

BAPTISM:
Please call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

WEDDINGS:
Please call the Parish Center 6 months prior, to make arrangements.

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
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

Dec. 20, 2020: $ *in next week's bulletin
Online Giving: $
Total weekly offertory: $

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

Blessed Angela of Foligno says that the prayer most acceptable to God is that which is made with difficulty and constraint; that is, which we undertake not from our own taste or inclination, but solely in order to please God, to which we are as it were driven by our will, conquering and doing violence to the repugnance and dryness which we feel. It is the same in regard to all other good works, for the more reluctance we feel toward their performance (be it external or internal), so much the more precious and estimable they are in the sight of God. The less self-interest we have in the pursuit of virtue, the greater therein will be the purity and brightness of our love for God.

Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the:
Greater honor and glory of God and:

In Loving Memory of:	**Requested by:**
Sally Freimuth & Judy Holliday	Husband & Dad
Ann C. & George J Grimaldi	Husband & Dad
Dec'd DePalma & Marino family	Family
Willard & Dolores Kempton	Family
John & Veronica Breault	Teddy Douglas
Eva & Metro Yacawych	Teddy Douglas
Dec'd Parente, Olschefski, Mirizio & Zyblaski Families	Pat & Laurine Parente
Leo Castolene	Wife, Catherine & family
Giandomenico Costantiello	Wife & family
Anthony & Marceline Polzella	Children
Giovanni S. Calabro, Sr.	Wife & children
Louis & Rosemarie Polzella	Chris, Marc & Lugene
Michelle Bouchard	Mother, Rose
Vic & Nancy Ribeiro	Family
Frank Chiarillo	Wife & children
Rocco Stranieri	Wife, Grace & family
Peter Imperator	Wife & family
Vito, Anna, Diane & Michael Serratore	Cindy & Fran
Rit Segreto, Sr.	Love, Elaine
Anna Krueger	Daughters
Leonard Virello	Wife & children
Paul Roberge	Wife & family
Raffaele Fiore	Wife & family
Pasquale Masi	Mom & Dad
Philip Sirois	Wife, Solange & family
Vito Masotti	Wife & children
Marie Maniscalco	Husband & family
John Massei	Family
Ann, Frank & Joey Scalia	Family
Lodovico & Chrystal families	John & Bonnie Lodovico
Henry Meusel, Sr.	John & Sandy Leone
Stacey Porrini Clingan	Love, Mom & Dad
Stacey Porrini Clingan	Love Aunt JoAnn & Uncle Bob
Rogers, Bolduc, Spinelli families	Sara, Pam, & Jess
Wayne Bolduc	Sara & Jess
Vito & Olga Bevivino & Antonio Toscano	Jan Bevivino
Tony Tavera & John Tavera	Tavera Family
In honor of Theresa Scalia & Decorating committee	Carol
For those in local hospitals	Carol
Susan Bartucca	Sister
Paul Roberge	Friend
Sebby Melluzzo	Wife

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

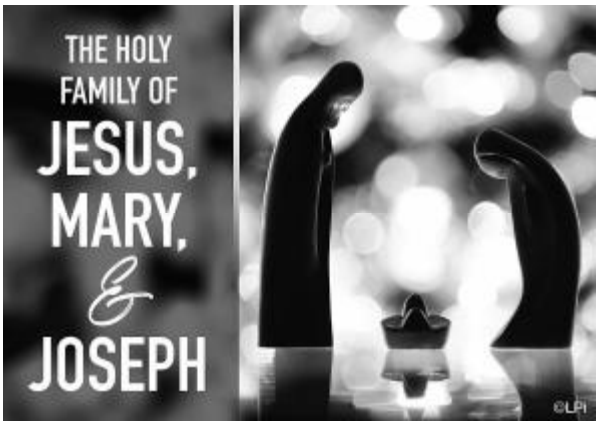
Religious Education News

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family.

Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life.

Office for Vocations

Share an expression of gratitude for the gift of your family today. Pray for wholeness and holiness for all members of the family of God. If a member of your family is considering becoming a priest, deacon, brother, or sister have them call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center (860)761-7456, or email: vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at: www.hartfordpriest.com.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass schedule Friday, January 1, 2021

8:00 am St. Ann Church
7:00 pm St. Anthony Church

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat-3-6-2021

In dark times, those of suffering, pain, loss, and confusion, we are often invited into a deeper and more intimate relationship with the God who loves us, sustains us, cares for us, strengthens us, and holds us in being. During these times, we may be encouraged and even forced by our circumstances to enlarge our ideas of this God beyond all names, to let go of our prejudices about who God is and is not, about the places where we might "find" God, and about how we are able to relate to this God who exists beyond the limits of anything we can "know".

Join us for a Women's Retreat on March 6, 2021. Find a safe, quiet, sacred space where you can encounter God, where you will learn to trust more deeply this God of love and life, and where you can surrender any dusty notions of who you are in this God whose most accurate name might just be that of Holy Eternal Mystery.

The offering is $150. A $75 non-refundable deposit is required. OLC is certified Covid-19 safe. Please register online or call (860) 677-8519.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Our men & women in the Service

We pray for all our military personnel, especially those currently involved in hostilities around the world:

Chief Petty Officer, Kurt Paneczko
Army Staff Sgt. Elaine Bartlett
Lt. Commander Jayme Dubinsky, USCG
Lt. Commander Michael Dubinsky, USCG
PO/3 Trevor Beauchamp, Navy
Army Pvt. 1st Class Charles Cummings
Army Master Sgt. Danielle Cummings
Major Evan Lagasse, Airforce
Major Joseph Benscoter, Airforce
Tech. Sgt. Monique Chamberland, Airforce
Caleb Bulawa, Marines
James Dubay, Navy
Paul Dubay, Army Nat'l. Guard-firefighter
Illona Dubay, Army Nat'l. Guard
Andrew Hamel, Army
Samuel G. Lavoie, Marines
John T. D'Amato, U.S. Navy
Christopher Malenfant, U.S. Navy
Staff Sgt. Samantha Albert, Marines
Sgt. Paul LeMaire, Jr., Army
Sgt. Alexander Dionne, Army
2nd Lt. Connor J. Hayes, Army

*(*If you have a family member currently serving in the military, please call the parish office and we will add their names to the list.)*

DECEMBER 27, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Saturday, December 26
Vigil: **Holy Family**
4:00 PM **Richard Laviero—***Wife, Linda*

Sunday, December 27—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
11:00 AM **100th anniversary of St. Anthony Church—***Micari & Rafaniello Families*

Monday, December 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:00 AM **Rit Segreto, Sr. & Xavier & Rose-Alma Taillon—***Elaine*

Tuesday, December 29
8:00 AM **Thomas Brophy—***Family*

Thursday, December 31
NO MASS

Friday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God
7:00 PM **Parishioners St. Francis de Sales**

Saturday, January 2
4:00 PM **Alice Peltier—***Andy & Deby Caporiccio*

Sunday, January 3—Epiphany of the Lord
11:00 AM **David Parsons—***Mom & family*

ST. ANN CHURCH

Sunday, December 27—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00 AM **Anne Marie & Jean Grondin—***Sister*
9:30 AM **Aline Gagnon—***Gagnon Family*

Wednesday, December 30
8:00 AM **Simone Taillon (5th anniv.) -** *Pauline Casey*

Friday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God
8:00 AM **Parishioners St. Francis de Sales**

Sunday, January 3—Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 AM **Rose Merenda**
9:30 AM **Margaret Maynard—***Joan Lagasse*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am @ St. Ann Church Adoration begins at 8:30 am, concluded by Benediction . Please join us in prayer!

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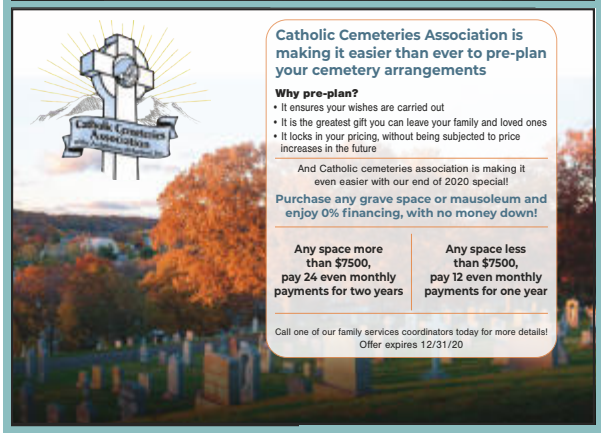

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