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Prince of Peace Parish strives to be a welcoming Catholic family that joyfully gathers to celebrate the sacraments and to live the Word of God as disciples of Christ. United with the Holy Spirit, we go forth to bear witness to our faith and to share our unique gifts in loving service of all God's people.

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THE HOLY FAMILY

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

Illustration from the Sacramentary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1999 CCC

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday
8:30 AM - St. Teresa
Tuesday & Friday
8:30 AM - Nativity

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:00 PM - St. Teresa

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM - St. Teresa

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - Nativity
10:00 AM - St. Teresa
12:00 PM - St. Teresa

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PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH



SATURDAY DECEMBER 25TH THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM *At Church of the Nativity*

NO 4:00 PM VIGIL

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26TH THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 AM Deceased of
The Rockwell Family
by Mary Anne Rockwell

At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Jose Coelho, Anniversary Remembrance
by His Sister Maria & Daughter Theresa

At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

MONDAY DECEMBER 27TH SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:30 AM *At St. Teresa Church*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28TH THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:30 AM *At Church of the Nativity*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30TH SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

NO MASS

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31ST SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 PM *At St. Teresa Church – Followed By Eucharistic Adoration Until 6:00 PM*

SATURDAY JANUARY 1ST EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of
The Dunham Family

SUNDAY JANUARY 2ND EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Sue Carroll
by The Frey Family
At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY JANUARY 3RD IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS.

New Years, Mary the Holy Mother of God is NOT a holy day of obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday.

There will be a 4 PM Mass on Friday, December 31, at Saint Teresa's followed by an hour of Eucharistic adoration until 6 to pray for peace in the new year.

On Saturday, January 1, we will have our usual 4 PM vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany and the usual Sunday schedule on January 2nd.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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the Shepherd's Desk

by
Rev. James T. Gregory

The Christmas crèches in our homes contain the three primary figures of the Holy Family — Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. There is Mary, the mother of Jesus and the Mother of God, who upon saying yes to the Holy Spirit always had the joy of sharing her son with the world even in the worst of times. There is Joseph, the husband of Mary and the guardian of both Mary and Jesus, who continually had to trust in the Father to be a father in constantly uncertain times. Finally there is Jesus, the Son of God, the son of Mary, and the son of David, who laid in manger, a feeding box, in order to feed the world at all times.

The birth of Jesus completes the a holy family unit and begins his mission to bring all people to God in a human family. Through his weakness as a baby, Jesus revealed his power to draw all people together. Angels brought shepherds and a star magi to adore him. Through his weakness on the cross Jesus unleashed the power to create the holy family of the Church. The resurrection of Jesus empowers the Church family to live his mission to gather the world into a family of disciples. This universal mission begins in the family unit.

The Church sees the family as the school of human charity and enrichment. “The family is the place where different generations come together and help one another grow wiser and harmonize the rights of individuals with other demands of social life; as such it constitutes the basis of society” (*Gadium et spes*, 52).

Drawing on the assertions of Vatican II, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, “The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called ‘the domestic church,’ a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity (n. 1666).”

Anything the Church does to live the mission on more organized levels of the Church can also be found in the Catholic family. Such things would include: praying together, engaging in lifelong learning about the faith, forgiving one another, serving each other, inviting and welcoming others, affirming and celebrating life, bringing justice and mercy to the community, and helping each other live and grow in faith.

With this in mind, the parish exists to foster the domestic church. In turn the domestic church will foster the life of the parish. Generally speaking, the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of families are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the all disciples of Jesus in the parish. I dream of properly equipped parishioners learning the the struggles of modern families and assisting them with the light of our Catholic faith. I dream of other ordinary parishioners gifted in their own right helping one another to connect life and faith on a regular basis providing a context and model for families to flourish. On this Christmas feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we can dream and imagine what such a parish may look like and the fruit and life that would exist as a result.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Prince of Peace Clothing Bank

Located in the lower level of the Church of the Nativity building in the rear and will be opened.

Will be open each month for people in need.

Masks should be worn if not vaccinated or if you feel more comfortable. Gloves are available for those who would like to wear them.

The Prince of Peace Clothing Bank has received an abundance of donations from caring parishioners and area residents. We are now well positioned to provide free clothing and footwear to area people in need.

WHAT WE ARE ACCEPTING AT THIS TIME

We are in need for

- Gently used washable coats/jackets for large and larger men and women? Donations are coming in but coats/jackets not so much.
- Men's' Jeans plus sweat shirts and bottoms for both sexes, are always in demand.
- We also have an urgent need for socks: Boy's size 6 – 14, Girl's size 6-14, Men's size S, M, L, Women's S, M, L
- Underwear is always in need, all sizes boys, girls and adults.

AND

- Gently used recently washed towels and/or sheet sets, preferably twin or full size, are needed. The towels and sheets will be given to the St Vincent DePaul shelter in Waterbury. Thank You for your generosity.

We will be open:

Fri, Jan 7 – 3-5 pm

Sat, Jan 8 – 10am-12pm

Fri, Jan 21 – 3-5 pm

Sat, Jan 22 – 10am-12pm

GOOD SHEPHERDS

The Good Shepherds meet January - November on every other Thursday from 9:30A.M. - 11:30A.M., at the Church of the Nativity, in classroom #6. All are welcome to come. Any questions may be directed to Cathie Murdock - truklady99@aol.com.

We will be meeting in person on December 30th.

“ABC’S OF ANNULMENT”

Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Saturday of January 22nd , 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham. Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th , and February 12th and 19th , from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops. The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com

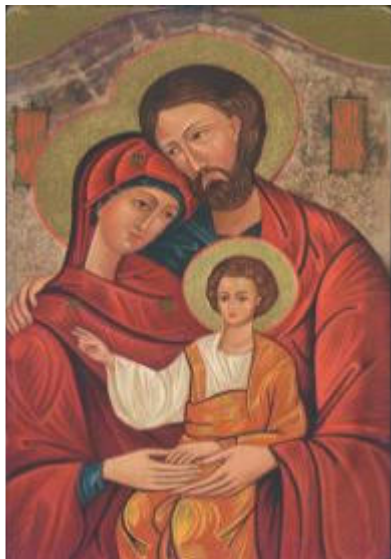
SAINT JOH PAUL THE GREAT SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We are a faith seeking group who gather once a week to “break open the Word”. We reflect and discuss how the Sunday scripture speaks to us individually and collectively. This sharing prepares us for the upcoming Sunday liturgy and gives us a better understanding of how God is calling us and asking us to build up our parish community.

We meet using the easy zoom format. We have two meeting times to choose from, Monday at 7:00 PM or Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Please consider and call Barbara Tamburri 203-217-9164 (Monday group) or Gail Rizzo 203-266-5574 (Tuesday group)





Dear Lord,
 Bless our family.
 Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.
 Saint Joseph,
 pray for the head of our family.
 Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.
 Mother Mary,
 pray for the mother of our family.
 Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing.
 For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.
 Lord Jesus,
 bless the children of our family.
 Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents.
 Make them more and more like You.
 Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.
 Holy Family of Nazareth,
 by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

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