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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

Verses



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
 3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †
 4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, láe - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -



1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 3. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
 4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
 4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! } O come, let us a -
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num. }



dore him! O come, yes come, let us a - dore him!

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

- I want to walk as a child of the light.
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world.
 The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**
- I want to see the brightness of God.
 I want to look at Jesus.
 Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,
 And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

- Refrain:** In him there is no darkness at all.
 The night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
 I want to be with Jesus.
 When we have run with patience the race,
 We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to



1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

CLOSING SONG

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the herald angels sing:
 "Glory to the newborn King;
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With angelic hosts proclaim:
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

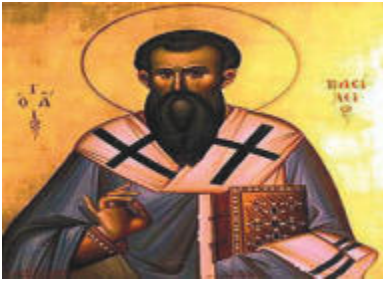
Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord;
 Late in time, behold him come,
 Offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
 Hail th'incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell;
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 Ris'n with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that we no more may die,
 Born to raise us from the earth,
 Born to give us second birth.

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 Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H.
 Cummings, 1831–1915.



Saint Basil the Great

St. Basil the Great was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia in 330. He was one of ten children of St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia. Several of his brothers and sisters were honored among the saints. He attended school in Caesarea, as well as Constantinople and Athens, where he became acquainted with St. Gregory Nazianzen in 352. A little later, he opened a school of oratory in Caesarea and practiced law. Eventually he decided to become a monk and found a monastery in Pontus which he directed for five years. He wrote a famous monastic rule which has proven the most lasting of those in the East. After founding several other monasteries, he was ordained and, in 370, made bishop of Caesarea. In his post until his death in 379, he continued to be a man of vast learning and constant activity, genuine eloquence and immediate charity. This earned for him the title of "Great" during his life and Doctor of the Church after his death. Basil was one of the giants of the early Church. He was responsible for the victory of Ncene orthodoxy over Arianism in the Byzantine East, and the denunciation of Arianism at the Council of Constantinople in 381-82 was in large measure due to his efforts. Basil fought simony, aided the victims of drought and famine, strove for a better clergy, insisted on a rigid clerical discipline, fearlessly denounced evil wherever he detected it, and excommunicated those involved in the widespread prostitution traffic of Cappadocia. He was learned, accomplished in statesmanship, a man of great personal holiness, and one of the great orators of Christianity. **His feast day is January 2.**

From the Pastor's Desk

"A child is born for us, and a son has been given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel."
Isaiah 9:5



As Christians throughout the entire world pause to rejoice this day on the anniversary of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, we as a parish family here at St. Basil the Great gather to offer our praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the gift of his son, Jesus in our lives. As we celebrate the gift of Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of St. Basil the Great Parish along with your family and friends a very happy and blessed Christmas. It is indeed a privilege for me to be the pastor of such a wonderful parish. As I reflect upon all the many good things that are happening here at St. Basil the Great each and every day, I thank God for the gift that you are and I pray that the Lord will continue to bless all of us with continued good health and much happiness as we prepare to enter the coming New Year. Merry Christmas to everyone!

Monsignor Ginty

New Year Prayer for 2022

A Prayer Blessing for You
On this New Year's Day

May God keep you through this year..
And give you all the Faith and
Wisdom it takes...
To make your dreams come true...
May God help you to Delight
Yourself in Him...
May He give you the desires of your heart...
May God's Love and Wisdom
Always guide you on your way...
May His light shine upon you now...
And your Family in this special year.
Amen.

Enjoy a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!





Forward with Faith is a landmark campaign being led by The Hartford Bishop's Foundation to create funding sources designed to support extraordinary projects and

services that are integral to the long-term sustainability of the archdiocese.

A minimum of 50% of the funds collected at the parish level will remain at the individual parish to address their own local needs. Another portion of the funds will be used to restore, expand, and unify the design and appearance of our Mother Church, the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The remaining portion will be strategically invested back into the parish community through grant funding.

The Foundation will support community partnerships and innovative programs that create long-lasting change, strengthen our schools and parishes, and meet the evolving needs of the greater community.

With your prayers and support we will continue to make transformative investments in our community and build upon the long term vibrancy of our parish.

Gifts for Baby Jesus!



Our Pro-Life Committee is once again having their Baby Gift Outreach Project to collect items for Carolyn's Place to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child. The Gospel of Luke tells us that He was born in a stable and placed in a manger lined with straw. Mary and Joseph were poor, but they knew that God would take care of them because of His great love and care. Today, there are many babies born who do not have all they need, but God calls *us* to show our love and concern for them.

If you wish to participate, please bring one of the items listed below. They may be dropped off in the Hall next Sunday, Jan. 2 or the following Sunday, Jan. 9. Thank you!

Diapers (preferably size 6), sleepers, socks, blankets, towels, baby body wash, shampoo, wipes, clothes and toys. (No baby powder.)

Carolyn's Place is a non-profit Crisis Pregnancy Center committed to helping women give life to their child. All gifts benefit God's precious little ones. If you have any questions, or wish to donate larger baby items or furniture, please call Joan and Bill O'Brien at 879-9272. Thank you for loving Jesus by offering your gift for a precious Child of God! ***Your prayers and support are truly a Christmas Season Blessing!***



Faith Formation Schedule

****Please note that the time for classes will be adjusted beginning on January 9th, due to the Sunday Mass schedule at 9:30am. Families will receive more information as soon as time schedules are set. Thank you for understanding as we work together for a smooth transition!***

Grades 1 & 2: Students meet Sunday, Jan 9*

Grades 3 & 9: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2, 9:15-10:20 am

Session B - 11:15am-12:20 pm (After 10:30 am Mass)

Grade 4: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 23*

Grades 5 & 6: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2, 11:15 am-12:20 pm

Grades 7 & 8: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2, 11:15 am-12:20 pm



We wish to thank our parish children for singing at our Christmas Eve Mass. We are especially grateful for their families who understand the importance of bringing the children to Mass each week to give thanks to God for His Amazing Love! Happiness is worshipping God as a Family of Faith and thanking Him for the Gift of Life in Christ our Lord!



For storm closings watch on Channels WFSB 3, WTNH 8 or FOX 61. Closings also posted on their websites.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Dec 27 8:00am For the People
 Tues Dec 28 8:00am Paul DeVino
 Request of Joe & Sue Allen

Wed Dec 29 8:00am Deceased Members of the
 Musano Family
 Request of Family

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Sat Jan 1 10:00am Blessed New Year 2022
 For Everyone

Sun Jan 2 8:30am Virginia Roach
 Request of Jeannine & Nick
 Pettinico

Sun Jan 2 10:30am Deceased Members of the
 Genua Family
 Request of Olga Sapio &
 Family



*Prayer
 Requests*

We keep in our prayers the following parishioners, as well as those who are homebound, in the hospital and care facilities. May God bless them with His love and keep them safe in His care.

Marcel Beaudoin
 Louise Capobianco
 Eleanor Hart
 Heather Hogaboom
 Luca Johnson
 Janet Lawlor
 Ellen Muccino
 Joan O'Brien
 Louise Olmstead

Therese Pineault
 Mary Ellen Perrilli
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New Years Eve
Friday December 31 4:00 p.m.

New Years Day
Saturday, January 1 10:00 a.m.

No Vigil Mass on Saturday January 1

**Masses on Sunday January 2 at 8:30 a.m.
 and 10:30 a.m.**

TUE Dec 28

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 after 8 a.m. Mass
 RCIA meets at 7p.m. in FSH

WED Dec 29

Rosary after 8 am Mass

ANOINTING of THE SICK

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NEW SCHEDULE of MASSES

COMMENCING ON JANUARY 5TH

SUNDAY VIGIL **SUNDAY**
 (Saturday) 4:00 pm 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS Monday and Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. —3:30 p.m.

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Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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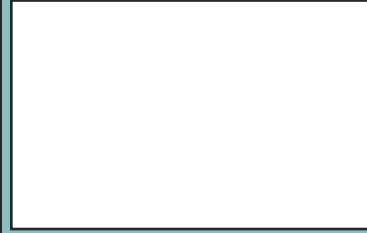
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