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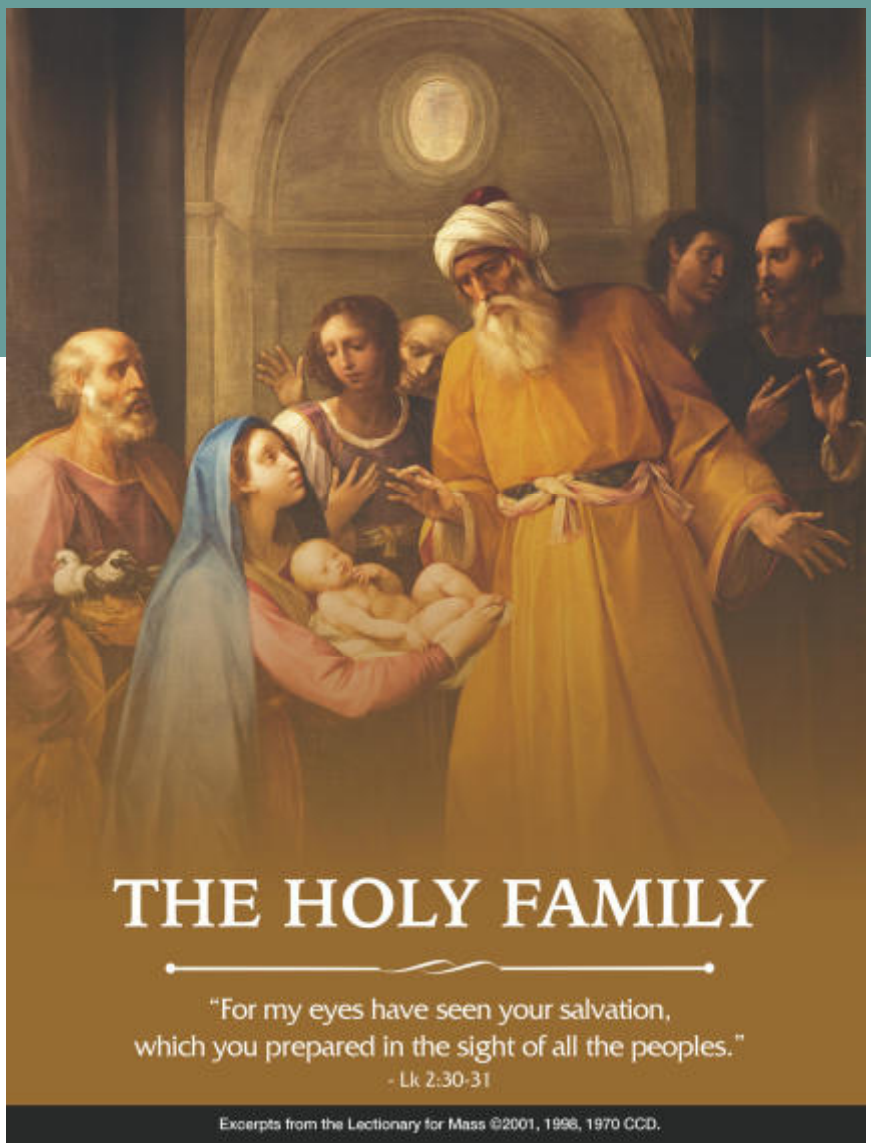

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

Monday– Friday: 8:00 am—noon

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4 pm &
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday: Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(confession)
2:30—3:30 pm, or by appointment only

Rev. Robert N. Landback, *Pastor*

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SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:

In order to receive a sponsor certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment only

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Parish Mission:

We, the Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church, affirm our love for and devotion to Jesus Christ.
By inviting all to participate, we seek to foster a sense of family.
Through Jesus' love and example, we serve those in need with our time, talents, and resources.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: The Parish welcomes you and encourages your participation in its liturgy and social activities as a parishioner. All Parishioners are asked to be registered with the parish by completing a census form and to use the envelope collection system or to give on-line.
Registration is the only way of certifying anyone as a member of our Parish Family.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with the parish clergy.

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 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*
4:00 pm Thomas Banghart; Req. by: Family

SUNDAY
8:30 am Denise Poulin; Req. by Laurie Dwyer
10:30 am Richard Pagano; Req. by: Family

MONDAY—*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
Noon Intention of Masonicare Residents

TUESDAY—*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*
Noon Intentions of our Home Bound Parishioners

WEDNESDAY
Noon Denise Poulin, Req. by: Lori Holda

THURSDAY—*St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve*
4:00 pm Intentions of the Heartline Family. Req. by: Family

FRIDAY—*Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace*
10:30 am Mario Rodrigues; Req. by: Ilda Rodrigues

SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*
4:00 pm Fay, Sjovall, & Tulipani Families; Req. by: Family

SUNDAY
8:30 am Healing for Caroline LaTour; Req. by Koons Family
10:30 am Brenna Nicholson; Req. by: Family

Remember in Your Prayers- Those affected by this pandemic in any way...and the following:

Vicki, & Chris, & Ron
Dennis Deloughery
Nick Kern
Jennifer C.
Mary Pfau
Tom Laydon
Felix G.
Daniel Kelly
Arlene Succi
Ellen Maust
Amy Doyle
Henry Breindel
Corinne Sommo
Edward Fenton
Linette Alex
Erin Brady
Edward Borrelli
Louise Raccio
Aurele Poulin
Amy Rutolo
Marilyn Dering
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Tracy Sommo Blum
Anne Singer-Miller
Special Healing Intention
Donald Gervais Jr.
Carl Rodenhizer
Gerda Leveille
Amy A.
Kimberly Cerasale
Gail Sudal
Andrew I.
Dorothy Lipton
Leo Perry
Lynn Maroney
Erin Giammattei
C & J
F. & D. Kelly
Stephen & Donna Yatcko
Readey Family
Special Intention
James T. Cullen
Lee Sullivan
Concetta Polito & Family
Helen Dudek
Donna Massores
Andrew Cappola
& All Our Homebound

POINTS TO PONDER & NEWS

From Father's Desk

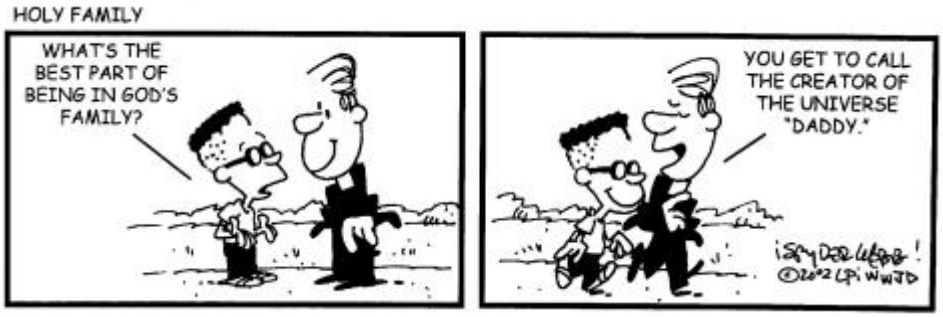
Joseph and Mary have made the difficult journey to Jerusalem to "present' Jesus at the Temple forty days after his birth. At the Temple they meet holy Simeon who prophesies to Mary "and you yourself a sword will pierce". When we truly love, pain will sometimes be a necessary part. God grant us the courage to love in this way.

Question: I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars. Is it OK to do that?

Answer: The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another. ©LPi



Protecting God's Children

The Archdiocese of Hartford has now switched to ***on-line training*** with Virtus: Protecting God's Children for Adults. Attendees will be trained using this online program. The online program is about 1 ½ hours and is a series of videos and questions. Anyone who is interested in taking this *much shorter, on line training* should contact Tracy, parish safe environment coordinator— 203-265-6426 x 4 or TracySB1123@aol.com for information on how to log in to the on-line training.

All volunteers who have contact with children under the age of 18 in any capacity, or with a potentially vulnerable adult, or who are in a leadership role must also complete a background check form and attend VIRTUS training.

PRAYER INTENTION– December

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

January:

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

This week the Sanctuary Candle Intention is for:

Mario Rodrigues
Requested by: Ilda Rodrigues

(Please call the office, until further notice, if you wish to dedicate the sanctuary candle for someone)

COURAGE/ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUPS— COURAGERC.ORG

Courage: twice a month (Thurs.)
EnCourage: once a month (Wed.)

For further info and meeting locations, contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at (203) 265-0961 x2, or email: aohctcourage@gmail.com.

COURAGE
A Roman Catholic Apostolate

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.

Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen.

GROW + GO

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

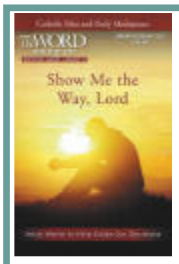
GROW: Remember when COVID-19 first either forced us together or apart last spring? For most people, this meant a radical change in our family's usual circumstances. Perhaps we've had too much togetherness? Or we've been kept apart? Whatever our experience, the Feast of the Holy Family in the midst of the Christmas season is a poignant reminder that families are the bedrock of our faith; a domestic Church; the primary transmitter of the faith. Jesus, God's promise fulfilled for us, both fully human and fully divine, was born into a human family. We are to imitate the Holy Family through sacrificial love for one another. Sirach speaks of the honor and respect that children and parents must have for one another. And while we are not divine, we can celebrate the Divine presence in our midst, as Simeon did in today's Gospel, when he said: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

GO: I like to joke that at times, lately, it seems that our family is "apart together." My husband takes the family-room sectional, my teen sons hunker down in their rooms, and I grab the swivel chair in the living room. And so we instituted "Forced Family Fun" Sundays, albeit with mixed success. Yet, these activities make a difference. They remind us how to be family. Today, as we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us take a moment to remember that all families are called to be holy.

Families are meant to be refuges of unity and peacefulness in an imperfect, sometimes harsh world. As members of a family, we are called to be patient and kind with one another. Let us pray for the grace to emulate the Holy Family. Like us, they certainly faced their challenges and disappointments, and yet they listened to God's voice in their lives and followed his will.
Pray to Mary and St. Joseph for their intercession, and trust in the presence of God in your family.

NEWS & EVENTS

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis proclaimed that the next 12 months will be a Year of Saint Joseph. The pope made the announcement on the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.



"The Word Among Us " booklets are available at the entrances of the church until supplies last for the month of Jan/ Feb..

If you would like to help defray the cost of the book please put …$2.00 in the provided envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you

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