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EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mass Schedule is: **Only 8am Mass Livestreamed***

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm

Sunday *8:00 am and 10:30 am

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00 am

BAPTISM: Parents please call the Parish Office to arrange for instructions and Baptismal date.

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RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church

HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: Call with your requests.
508- 886-2206 Paula Stidsen or PaulaStidsen@gmail.com
508- 886-4724 Jackie O'Brien

December 26, 2021



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

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

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TABERNACLE LAMP

Shirley Stidsen

December 26, 2021 - January 1, 2022

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (confidential line).



Mass Intentions

FAMILIES REQUESTING A MASS ARE WELCOMED TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE OFFERTORY. PLEASE LET THE SACRISTAN KNOW YOU ARE AT MASS.

TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION OR REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 508-886-4984

* PERSON IS LIVING

Saturday, December 25:

5:00 pm—No Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 26: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

8:00 am *In Thanksgiving for Joseph Gil on his first Birthday

Requested by the Gil Family

10:30 am Carmela Luca, 71 Year Anniversary

Requested by her son Joe

Monday, December 27:

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 28:

8:00 am * The People of St. Patrick's
Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

Wednesday, December 29:

8:00 am Carmela Luca

Requested by her son Joe

Saturday, January 1: Happy New Year!

10:30 am *Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

5:00 pm Shirley Stidsen, 10th Anniversary
Requested by the Stidsen Family

Sunday, January 2: 8 am Livestreamed Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Steve Gemme

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10:30 am Walter Lucier, 2nd Anniversary
Requested by the Family



Join us in Praying
**THE CHAPLET
OF DIVINE MERCY**
Every Tuesday
After the 8:00 am Mass
In the Church
All are Welcome!



Upcoming Events

December 28: *Scripture Study & Faith Sharing*, around 9am, in the Church Hall (Every Tuesday) following the Divine Mercy Chaplet,

December 26: *Life in Prayer Group:*

December 29: *Rosary* with the Knights Of Columbus, 7:00 pm, in the Church & Livestreamed

January 1: *Feast of Mary, Mother of God:* Mass at 10:30 am.

January 2: *Rosary* following the 10:30 am Mass

January 3: *St. Patrick's Holy Hour* 6:30 pm, Church

January 14: *Holy Hour to Pray for Priests* 7 - 8 pm, Immaculate Conception, 353 Grove St., Worc.



A Prayer to St. Stephen

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to Your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at Your right hand, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."
1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

When it comes to the Holy Family, who we celebrate on this Feast Day today, one of the most dramatic events is their flight to Egypt. King Herod, who is only concerned with keeping his power, dispatches Soldiers to Bethlehem, killing innocent Children so that he and his family line could maintain power. St. Joseph, alerted to attack in a dream, follows the prompting he had received and takes Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Much of what happened next is not well known, but here is an article speaking of where Jesus and the Holy Family took up residence in their flight.

“It is easy to forget that part of Jesus’ early childhood was spent outside of Bethlehem and the Holy Land. Forced into exile by King Herod, the Holy Family fled to Egypt and lived there for several years. It is fascinating to think about this time in Jesus life. Did Jesus see the ancient pyramids? What about the great Nile River?”

Before we look at the possible locations of Jesus’ exile in Egypt, let’s first look at the narrative from Matthew.

[B]ehold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. (Matthew 2:13-15)

Historians tend to disagree when it comes to the date of King Herod’s death. Most scholars point to 4 BC, while some claim that he died as late as 1 AD. Whatever the actual dates may be, local tradition claims that the Holy Family lived in Egypt for as long as four years.

It is intriguing to picture Jesus taking his first steps and saying his first words not in Bethlehem or Nazareth, but in Egypt!

According to local traditions, the first stop for the Holy Family was Farma, east of the Nile river. Then they continued traveling to Mostorod, a city north of Cairo. There is a spring near the city that reportedly sprung up after they arrived.

After that they stopped at Sakha, and is the site of a rock that has an impression of the baby Jesus’ foot.

Moving along they progressed to Wadi El Natroun before stopping just outside of Cairo. At this site there is a place where a tree provided shade to the Holy Family.

They most certainly saw the ancient pyramids of Egypt as they continued on their journey, possibly stopping to see such an amazing sight.

The family in exile then continued on to Old Cairo and up to Maadi, where they took a boat to Deir El Garnous and then Gabal Al-Teir.

The main stopping point for the Holy Family was Gebel Qussqam. It is believed that they stayed here for about six months. Before returning home they stopped in Assiut and then back to the Holy Land.

*The Coptic people take great pride in this special chapter in the life of Jesus and feel particularly close to the Holy Family, who walked and lived among them during Jesus’ early years as a child.”**



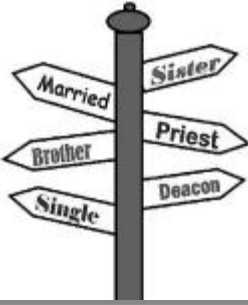
“Flight into Egypt” by the Dutch painter Hendrick Goudt, 17th Century.

God Bless, Fr. Jim

*- <https://aleteia.org/2017/12/29/where-did-the-holy-family-live-in-egypt/>

*"It is by God's will
that we have been sanctified."*

How is God calling you to grow in holiness?



If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 508 630 - 4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.



THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



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Upcoming Distribution Dates

| Date | Time |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>January 2022</i> | |
| Thursday, January 13, 2022 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM |
| Saturday, January 29, 2022 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM |

Items needed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy |
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God Bless and Thank You.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dec. 26, 2021

FORGIVEN-SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

WATCH

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



<https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/where-are-you>

FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

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Now!

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and

Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

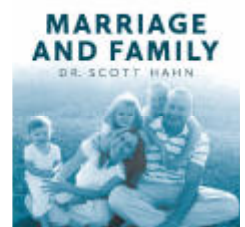
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

LISTEN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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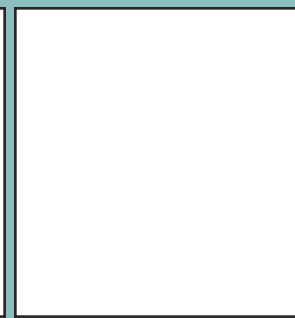
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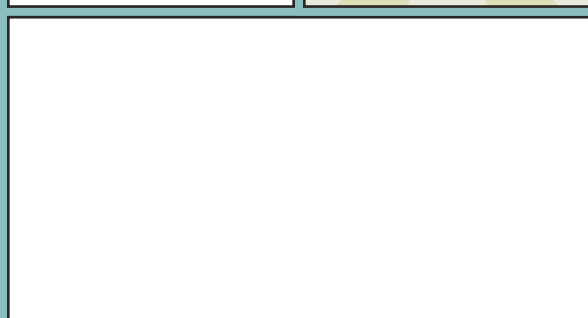
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