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This section expresses the strong contentions of St. Pope John Paul II that parents be recognized and empowered to fulfill their role of being the first educators of their children in the area of human sexuality.

The Pope insists upon the fact that this holds especially with regard to sexuality: "Sex education, which is a basic right and duty of parents, must always be carried out under their attentive guidance, whether at home or in educational centers chosen and controlled by them. In this regard, the Church reaffirms the law of subsidiarity, which the school is bound to observe when it cooperates in sex education, by entering into the same spirit that animates the parents".

The Holy Father adds, "In view of the close links between the sexual dimension of the person and his or her ethical values, education must bring the children to a knowledge of and respect for the moral norms as the necessary and highly valuable guarantee for responsible personal growth in human sexuality". No one is capable of giving moral education in this delicate area better than duly prepared parents.

The Meaning of the Parents' Duty - This right also implies an educational duty. If in fact parents do not give adequate formation in chastity, they are failing in their precise duty. Likewise, they would also be guilty were they to tolerate immoral or inadequate formation being given to their children outside the home.

Today this task encounters a particular difficulty with regard to the dissemination of pornography, through the means of social communication, instigated by commercial motives and breaking down adolescent sensitivity. This must call for two forms of concerned action on the part of parents: preventive and critical education with regard to their children, and courageous denunciation to the appropriate authorities. Parents, as individuals or in associations, have the right and duty to promote the good of their children and demand from the authorities laws that prevent and eliminate the exploitation of the sensitivity of children and adolescents.

The Holy Father stresses this parental task and outlines guidelines and the objective in this regard: "Faced with a culture that largely reduces human sexuality to the level of something commonplace, since it interprets and lives it in a reductive and impoverished way by linking it solely with the body and with selfish pleasure, the educational service of parents must aim firmly at a training in the area of sex that is truly and fully personal: for sexuality is an enrichment of the whole person—body, emotions and soul—and it manifests its inmost meaning in leading the person to the gift of self in love".

We cannot forget, however, that we are dealing with a right and duty to educate which, in the past, Christian parents carried out or exercised little. Perhaps this was because the problem was not as acute as it is today, or because the parents' task was in part fulfilled by the strength of prevailing social models and the role played by the Church and the Catholic school in this area. It is not easy for parents to take on this educational commitment because today it appears to be rather complex, and greater than what the family could offer, also because, in most cases, it is not possible to refer to what one's own parents did in this regard. Therefore, through this document, the Church holds that it is her duty to give parents back confidence in their own capabilities and help them to carry out their task. (*The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality, #43-47*)

Pastor's Column —Fourth Sunday of Advent



Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is so close at hand. Even though we celebrate this great feast every year, I find myself filled again with a sense of joyful expectation. In the Gospel this weekend we hear of the joyful encounter of Elizabeth and Mary. It is also an encounter between John, in the womb of Elizabeth and Jesus in Mary's womb:

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Children in the wombs of their mothers are a source of great expectation. The response for the Psalm this weekend has us all exclaim "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." It must be an amazing experience to at last gaze upon the face of the child that has been growing in the womb of an expecting mother. How much more would this have been the case for Our Lady as she contemplates what it will be like to see the face of the child of Her womb, the Son of God!!! She may well have thought Lord, let me see your face and we will be saved.

In the First Reading we hear the prophetic message *Thus says the LORD:* You, <u>Bethlehem-Ephrathah</u> too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. We know that Our Lady, with St. Joseph will make their way to Bethlehem where Jesus will be born. The name of the town Bethlehem in Hebrew means House of Bread. Jesus would eventually say "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." But he was speaking about the temple of his body. (John 2:19,21) In other words, the body of Jesus is the new temple, the house of God and the house of bread. All of this can inspire in us a great desire to be renewed by the gift of Jesus who comes to us at every mass as True Bread from Heaven.

Finally, the Second Reading tells us that When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ...we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. The joy of Christmas is made manifest at every mass when we receive the Body of Christ. It is also during times of Eucharistic Adoration that we can look upon the House of Bread, the Body of Christ and gaze with Our Lady at the great mystery of our redemption.

Grace and hope be with you all.

Rev. Thomas I. Ward

MASS SCHEDULE WEEKEND

Saturday at **4:00PM** and also *livestreamed* at (st.daniel.com and Facebook St. Daniel Church of Lyncourt)

Sunday at **9:15 and 12:15**

DAILY

6:50 a.m. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. SATURDAY

(When you see PRIVATE Mass in Mass Schedule, this means that a priest is offering Mass for that intention at another location than St. Daniel. This is a temporary necessity because of lack of priests.)

ROSARY

Rosary before mass on the weekends.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of each month at the 8:30 am Mass.

A D O R A T I O N C H A P E L

Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

HOURS THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we declare our awe of you and our love for you, Lord Jesus. Open the eyes of our hearts to behold even more of your beauty; expand the chambers of our hearts to make room even more of your grace and glory. Free us to be generous and joyful as the Magi. Free us to love as you love us; to forgive as you have forgiven us; and to pursue others as you so faithfully seek us. So very Amen we pray, in your trustworthy and worship-worthy name.

From Saint Daniel Parish Office

CHURCH SUPPORT

I have been asked about church support during this time made difficult by the pandemic. By keeping our yearly pledges made three years ago our finances will be stable. Many thanks to the parishioners who sent in their contributions this week. We are deeply appreciative. Please do whatever you can at this difficult time. We encourage you to use online giving go to stdaniel.weshareonline.org

If you wish you can **mail your offering envelopes** to us at 3004 Court St. Syracuse NY 13208. rectory. Thank you for your generosity!



MASKS are <u>required</u> at Mass, Parish meetings and events until January 15th.

IMPORTANT Please stay safe!



Prepare for the great feast of *The Nativity of the Lord* by going to confession.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 20th from 4p.m. – 7p.m. *The Light Is On For You* Wednesday: December 22nd - 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday: December 24th
Carols at 3:30 pm
Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm
Carols at 11:30 pm
Midnight Mass (12:00 Midnight)

Saturday: December 25th 9:15 am & 12:15 pm

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday: December 31st 6:50 am, 4:00 pm

Mary, Mother of God (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation since it falls on a Saturday)

Saturday: January 1st 8:30am



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Party a wonderful Celebration! ~Linda

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Prayer Line∼ Call the Rectory at 315-454-4946 and we will contact the members of the prayer line.

Wisdom People~ St. Daniel's Senior Citizens group (Meetings are normally the 1st Friday of the month following the 12:10 Mass. No meetings currently scheduled. Please stay safe.



a.m. at Planned Parenthood in Syracuse. For more information, contact Timothy Young at (315) 455-2135.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 19, 2021

"Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste". Mary was not afraid,

she had faith and trust in God, and she acted on that faith and trust. If you are being called to the priesthood, deaconate, or religious life, through the intercessions of our Blessed Mother, may you have the strength and courage to trust and act on God's call. Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

Intentions for private 12:10 Masses are being satisfied by priests at other places.

SATURDAY December 18

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. **Robert Horton-Sommers Family**

4:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY December 19

9:15 a.m. People of Saint Daniel

12:15 p.m. Deceased members of the

MacDonald & Matrone Family

MONDAY December 20

Advent Weekday

6:50 a.m. Mary Carnrike-brother Tom Carnrike

& family

Private Mass*Antonio & Josephine Arecci-family

TUESDAY December 21

Advent Weekday

6:50 a.m. Souls in Purgatory Private Mass*Nick Cacchione-Wife

WEDNESDAY December 22

Advent Weekday

6:50 a.m. Josephine Arecchi & Joanna

Scimone-Family

Private Mass*Nick Cacchione-Wife

THURSDAY December 23

Advent Weekdav

6:50a.m. Angela Pagano-Papa & Grandma

Pagano

Private Mass*& Mrs. Thomas Gentile-Gentile

Family

FRIDAY <u>December 24</u>

Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. **Special Intentions**

Midnight* **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

9:15 a.m. Special Intentions 12:15 p.m Special Intentions

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH SUNDAY December 26

9:15 a.m. People of Saint Daniel

12:15 p.m. Frank Budzielek-Family



VOTIVE CANDLES

Joygerm Casey Parker (healing) Joygerm Joan Angela & Fred Talarico-Lucille & children Sister Special Intentions-Dolores Vogler



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Family Faith Formation Grades K-6

Our Family Faith Formation Program is set up into a Four (4) Week program. Week 1- Dec. 19th-Catechetical Sunday:

Parents & Children gather for Mass at the 9:15am. Following Mass, Fr. Ward will speak to the parents on the theme they will be teaching in Weeks 2 & 3 at home. Children will go to class with the teachers.

Note* This will be our Christmas celebration for the kids while the parents are with Father Ward. No classes Dec. 26th *& Jan. 2nd

Week 2- Jan. 9th Home Study with the Parents Week 3– Jan. 16th Home Study with the Parents.

Week 4– Jan. 23rd Community Gathering:

Parents & Children gather for Mass at 9:15am. After Mass they will celebrate a fun activity that is centered on a theme based on the Liturgical Calendar of the

Church: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc.

First Sacraments

Children preparing for First Sacraments will also meet in the School of Religion on Weeks 2 & 3 to meet the Diocesan Sacramental Prep requirements.

(This is in addition to doing the Home family study lesson).

Next sacramental class is Jan. 19th

Sat. Jan. 29th First Sacrament Activity session 9-11a.m. Father Lyons Hall

Pre-Confirmation - Meets on Sundays at 10:30am.

Next class is Sunday, Dec. 12~Father Lyons Hall

Dec. 19~Chapel

Confirmation 1 & 2 – Meets on Sundays at 11:00am.

Dec. 12~Father Lyons Hall Dec. 19~Chapel

No classes Dec. 26th *& Jan. 2nd

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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