

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. (Declaration of Independence)

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# Bishop Lucia's Christmas Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah cries out to the nations: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone" (Is. 9:1). For me, these words are a "lamp unto our feet and a light for our path" (cf. Ps. 119:105) as we journey to Bethlehem this Advent/Christmas Season 2021.

In a year that for many of us has been filled with hills and valleys, light and darkness, outwardly represented for some in the recent devastation witnessed in Mayfield, Kentucky, the voice crying out is a beacon in the wasteland! It is epitomized in the small Baptist congregation of Mayfield gathered in the church's parking lot for Sunday worship announcing to all: "Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" (Is. 40:3b).

Yes, brothers and sisters, our God comes to save us! This is the meaning behind the lights and glitter – the Christmas trees and the Nativity scenes – the gift giving and the parties, all are meant to point us and not blind us to one important moment: the Incarnation and Emmanuel - God with us!

As Pope St. Leo the Great would say of this feast: "Our Savior, dearly beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon" (Sermon 21 - On the Feast of the Nativity).

It is in the face of the loving gaze of our God become man and in the light that radiates from Bethlehem that beckons us to the "House of Bread" – "the Living Bread come down from heaven" (cf. Jn 6). It is in our gathering at Christ's altar - His manger (feeding trough) - that we are invited again and again to encounter Christ's Real Presence among us and to feast upon His Word and the Bread of Life given for the life of the world! So this Christmas in our poverty, let us too, come to Bethlehem and encounter our salvation - the lamp that casts out all darkness and sin and which desires to light our way in life!

It is my simple prayer that the light of Christ will fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and into the New Year. Merry Christmas and a blessed 2022!

In the Name of Jesus, Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia Bishop of Syracuse Pastor's Column — The Nativity of the Lord & Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph



Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Due to the fact that Christmas falls this year on a Saturday, its celebration is the day before the Sunday celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. For this reason, it should be noted that there will be no vigil mass Saturday evening. To fulfill the obligation to attend mass on the sabbath it is necessary to attend either the 9:15 am or 12:15 pm mass on Sunday. There will be no vigil mass for Sunday on Saturday evening.

The back to back celebrations of Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family are a reminder to us all of the importance of the family. Our all powerful Lord could have come into the world in any number of ways. He chose to enter into human history as a child and a member of a family with Mary and Joseph as His parents. Pope St. John Paul II wrote of the importance of the example of the Holy Family in his encyclical *The Family in the Modern World:* 

Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families. It was unique in the world. Its life was passed in anonymity and silence in a little town in Palestine. It underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile. It glorified God in an incomparably exalted and pure way. And it will not fail to help Christian familiesindeed, all the families in the world-to be faithful to their day to-day duties, to bear the cares and tribulations of life, to be open and generous to the needs of others, and to fulfill with joy the plan of God in their regard. (Familiaris Consortio, #86)

Not only is the Holy Family the model for all families of the world, St. Joseph and Our Lady continue to intercede for all families who entrust their cares to them. In the same encyclical, Pope St. John Paul II calls upon the intercession of Joseph and Mary:

St. Joseph was "a just man," a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of "the Church of the home." Thanks to her motherly aid, may each Christian family really become a "little Church" in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life. May she, the Handmaid of the Lord, be an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God. May she, the Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the tears of those in distress because of the difficulties of their families. (Familiaris Consortio, #86)

It is my prayer that all the families of our community draw near to the Holy Family and find in their intercession and example a source of hope, healing and peace.

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.

# OFFICEHOURS

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

# CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 3:00 pm and before each Mass on Sunday. Starting December 1st, Wednesdays, 6p.m.-7.p.m during Holy Hour Exposition & Benediction.

## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTLY FROM IRA ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

As part of the PATH ACT of 2015, each year, any person who is at least 70 ½ years of age may make direct charitable contributions of up to \$100,000 from an IRA without having to report that IRA distribution as taxable income on their federal income tax return. Those annual IRA distributions are normally referred to as required minimum distributions (RMD). If interested in finding out more about this, please contact your financial advisor to see how you may be able to take advantage of this benefit with respect to your annual contributions to St. Daniel.

# **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 and in all buildings until January 15th. Please stay safe!



#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH

"Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, did consecrate domestic life by Your unspeakable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by

the example of Your Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen."



Father Ward, Monsignor, Deacon, and Staff of St. Daniel Church are grateful for your warm greetings and gifts during the Christmas Season. The parish is appreciative to all the individual church Ministry Volunteers that passionately work in the service of God. Your humble

nature, dedication, effort and sacrifice, is an inspiration to all the members of our congregation. We are grateful, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year for your commitment to your labor of love. Thank you ALL and God bless you!



A special thank you to all those who donated gift cards for our Giving Tree. Your generosity helped us to make Christmas more enjoyable for many children. God bless you!

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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<u>Prayerline</u> : Call the Rectory	(315) 454-4946
<u>Men's Bible Study</u> : Vince Godlewski	(315) 263-6279
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Funeral Reception Hospitality	(315) 454-4946

**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.

**Rosary for Life** *\*Every Saturday from 10:30 – 11:00* a.m. at Planned Parenthood in Syracuse. For more information, contact Timothy Young at (315) 455-2135.



Sunday within the Octave of Christmas - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 26, 2021

"We are God's children now." As our Heavenly Father, God loves us more then we could ever imagine. If He is calling you to the priesthood, deaconate, or religious life, God will provide. Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write: <u>vocations@syrdio.org</u>. **MASS SCHEDULE** 

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

## SATURDAY December 25

- 9:15 a.m.The Nativity of the Lord
- 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

#### MONDAY December 27

Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist 6:50 a.m. Jack Matott-Norma & Gilda Private Mass\*Rev. Paul Carey

#### **TUESDAY** December 28

6:50 a.m. *The Holy Innocents* Virginia Paduana-Family Private Mass\*Loretta Ganley Flood-Stephen Morga

### WEDNESDAY December 29

*Weekday* 6:50 a.m. Special Intentions-Angela Kitts Private Mass\*Rev. Guy T. Baccaro

### **THURSDAY December 30**

*Weekday* 6:50a.m. Special Intentions-Angela Kitts Private Mass\*John Kopf-Marlene Cusano

### FRIDAY December 31

6:50 a.m. Weekday Jane Ann Loman Russell-Rick & Peg Padula 4:00p.m. Priest Vocations

### <u>SATURDAY January 1</u>

**Mary Mother of God 8:30 a.m.** Special Intentions

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY January 2

9:15 a.m. People of Saint Daniel

12:15 p.m. Richard Kline-Dcn. Joseph & Diane Celentano

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**VOTIVE CANDLES** 

Thanksgiving-Elizabeth Picciotto Joygerm Casey Parker (healing) Joygerm Joan Mr & Mrs. Patrick Massaro-loving family Special Intentions-Dolores Vogler Robert Caruth, Carl Mick, Anna Mick, Janet Mick

## **SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

Director: Paul Loman Office: 315-454-3639, Cell: 315-436-8859 ploman@syrdiocese.org

Family Faith Formation Grades K-6 Our Family Faith Formation Program is set up into a Four (4) Week program. NO CLASSES Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd

Week 1– Catechetical Sunday: Next week 1 is Jan. 30th 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.

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

Pre-Confirmation-Meets on Sundays at 10:30am.<br/>NO CLASSES Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd<br/>Jan. 9~Father Lyons Hall<br/>Jan. 16~Father Lyons HallConfirmation 1 & 2Meets on Sundays at 11:00am.<br/>NO CLASSES Dec. 26th & Jan. 2nd<br/>Jan. 9~Father Lyons Hall<br/>Jan. 16~Father Lyons Hall

#### R.C.I.A.

(*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) Those desiring to learn about the Catholic Faith with an interest in becoming Catholic or those wanting to be confirmed, please contact: Paul Loman, 315-436-8859 ploman@syrdiocese.org







