

# THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples." - Lk 2:30-31

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# St. Mary Parish

Dominican Friars

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December 27, 2020 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**St. Mary Church** 5 Hillhouse Ave. New Haven, CT 06511



**St. Joseph Church** 129 Edwards St. New Haven, CT 06511

**Parish Office** (located in the adjacent St. Mary Priory)

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Office Hours Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4pm

## Mass & Confession Schedule

### **Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Saturday	4:15 -5:00 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Vigil Mass	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church

Sunday

9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass 5:00 PM Mass

**Daily Mass Schedule:** 

Mon-Sat11:15-12:00 PM ConfessionsSt. NMon-Sat12:00 PM MassSt. NMon-Wed-Fri5:00 PM MassSt. JoTues-Thurs5:00 PM MassSt. NSaturday8:00 AM MassSt. Jo

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Daily Mass Noon

Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, their wives and Columbian Squires †

Saturday, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen, the First Martyr 8am Shrine Intentions 5pm Rocco John D'Eugenio †

Sunday, DECEMBER 27 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 9:00 AM Pro Populo 10 AM Linda Cenabre † & the Centro/Cenabre Families Noon Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, their wives & Columbian Squires †

5:00 PM Thanksgiving Monday, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 5pm Pasquale & Rose Greco †

**Tuesday, DECEMBER 29** 5pm Bartolome & Maria Bulatao †

Wednesday, DECEMBER 30 5pm All Living Dominicans & Their Families

Thursday, DECEMBER 31 5pm (*St. Mary*) Deceased Benefactors of Our Parish †

Friday, JANUARY 1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9am (St. Mary): Mothers of Our Parish 12pm (St. Mary): Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, their wives & Columbian Squires † 5pm (St. Joseph): Pro Populo

Saturday, JANUARY 2 SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 8am Shrine Intentions 5pm Pro Populo

Sunday, JANUARY 3 EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD 9:00 AM Fred Flood † 10 AM Deceased Alumni of the New Haven Club of Providence College †

Noon Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, their wives & Columbian Squires † 5:00 PM Pamela Cullen †



St. Joseph Church is open daily for personal prayer between 9:00AM and 7:00PM on weekdays and will open shortly before the first Mass and close shortly after the last Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. St. Mary Church is open seven days a week for personal prayer between approximately 7:00AM and 7:00PM.

When at Church, please observe the new 'social distancing' health rule by keeping at least 6' apart from others in pews or confession lines. Confessions and daily Mass are now happening again according to our usual schedule which can be found on front cover of this bulletin and on our newly updated parish website, which is also full of information on special parish events, opportunities to get involved in parish life and spiritual growth and much more! Our website address is

#### www.stmarysnewhaven.org

Our parish currently livestreams daily and Sunday Mass seven days a week at 12:00 noon and at 10am on Sundays directly on our parish website, via Facebook live on our Facebook page:

#### https://www.facebook.com/stmarysCT/

and on our YouTube channel:

#### youtube.com/c/StMaryParishNewHaven

Archived copies of Masses are also available to watch later both on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view livestream or to watch videos later on our Facebook page and you do not need to be a YouTube subscriber to access the St. Mary Parish YouTube Channel.

#### From the Archdiocese of Hartford FURTHER EXTENSION OF DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

In light of the recent increase coronavirus cases within the state of Connecticut and continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus and the state and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation for all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford through Tuesday February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday. The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.



# A Message from one of Our Parishioners Regarding *Online Giving*

**STEWARDSHIP:** The practice of considering all that we are and have is a gift from God. We are "stewards" of these gifts and we are to give back to God from the first fruits.

EVERYTHING? I must admit, at first I was scared to give back from the top. I used to pay the bills then give back whatever was leftover without putting much thought into our giving. One Sunday I heard a priest say that we must trust and give back from the first fruits. In fact, it's biblical.

Joe and I decided to take this seriously and give back from the top of our paycheck instead of the bottom. We set-up online giving so we wouldn't be tempted to make adjustments each week. We took a big leap of faith. You know what? After our weekly contribution comes out of our account, there is ALWAYS enough to pay the bills. We don't even miss the amount. God is good on his word. He will always outdo us in generosity. Always! Trust.

If online giving is something you are considering and need help or have questions, I'm happy to help.

Lori Myers lorimyers@Comcast.net or 603-491-3910

During these times of Pandemic, we bring these intentions to the



For the souls of all who have died, that they enjoy eternal life with God Immacula Didier's aunt, Elise Bonhomete, in Brooklyn Fr. Albert Caprio, OP, former Infant of Prague Shrine Director Immacula Didier's father, Ranon Didier, in Brooklyn Anastacia Sobko, mother Maria Sobko, O.P. Laity Great Aunt of Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, OP, Margaret Nagy, NJ

For all on the front lines of medical support Marcia Talarczyk's nephew, Dr. Henry Grazioso in Boston Dr. David Lobo, Bridgeport Hospital Dr. Anushree Shirali, Yale New Haven Hospital Dr. Kristin Daley Ann Cullinan, RN, VA Hospital Allie Perretta, RN, Yale New Haven Hospital Paul Reynolds, St Joseph's Medical Center, Yonkers, NY Kaiti Reynolds, Delaware Gracielita Reynolds, Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, IN Noely Giannelli, MidState Medical Center Regina Diaz, LPN Mary Chalupsky, O.P. Laity, chaplain at St. Raphael Hospital Meghan McManus, O.P. Laity, nurse at St. Raphael Hospital Cheryl Lombardo, O.P. Laity, dementia unit, nursing home James Onofrio, O.P. Laity, housekeeping, Yale-New Haven Hospital Emergency Department Jean Kononowiz, O.P. Laity, hospital pharmacist Colleen Messier, sister of Deb Finelli, Lighthouse of Lincoln, Lincoln, RI Laura Masiello, RN, Yale New Haven Hospital

To add your intentions for parishioners, family or friends impacted by the pandemic to the Prayers of the Faithful, please contact Eliza at stmarynewhaven@aohct.org or 203-562-6193 ext. 101.



## Mass Schedule

**Thursday December 31** 5pm Vigil at St. Mary Church

#### Friday January 1

9am & 12pm Mass at St. Mary Church 5pm Mass at St. Joseph Church

A reminder that the obligation to attend Mass for the Solemnity of Mary is suspended this year.

The regular Thursday adoration will not take place on December 31. Due to the Holidays, the parish offices will be closed on December 31 & January 1.

## St. Mary Parish 2020 Giving Tree

Abundant thanks to all who donated to our Giving Tree! Because of you, many people had added joy this Christmas.



### Hundreds of gifts were delivered to ...

\*Children at the Children's Center \*Moms and children at Life Haven \*Residents at Grimes Convalescent Care \* Babies supported by our Pro Life ministries

## Christmas Blessings & Thanks!!!!



## **St. Mary Parish Food Collection**

Christmas Message from our Friends at St. Bernadette's Church:

The St. Bernadette Food Pantry Committee would like to wish you and your family at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church a blessed Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year! We have been blessed to have so many wonderful people from your parish donate food and be a part of our ministry to serve others in our community. Rico Dimantini



Our December collection weekend is December 26-27!

# **OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AT ST. MARY PARISH**

<u>Please note</u>: Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), many parish meetings and groups have been postponed or switched over to electronic meetings, though some are beginning to return to in-person meetings as well. Please monitor the parish webpage, Facebook page, and other social media for more information. If you are still uncertain about the status of a particular group or ministry, please contact the parish office.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The traditional CCD program at St. Mary's offers instruction for children from Grade 1 through 8. Our curriculum draws upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible as well as supplemental materials. Classes are held Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm from September to May at St. Mary Church. For information contact the Parish secretary or <u>ccd.stmarys.newhaven@gmail.com</u>

#### CATHECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This highly acclaimed approach to the religious formation of children is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. The Atrium at St. Mary's meets for two hours on Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings or Wednesday afternoons, October through May, and serves children in three mixed age groups, ages 3 to 6, 6 to 9, and 9 to 12.

For more information, email <u>atrium.st.marys@gmail.com</u>

#### MEN'S SHELTER MEAL PREPARATION AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

On the first three Sundays and fourth Wednesday of each month, various groups in our Parish coordinate the preparation, delivery and serving of supper to the men at the Emergency Shelter Management Service on Grand Avenue. There are two groups that coordinate this. One has volunteers preparing meals in their own homes, and the other group organizes the meal preparation in the kitchen of St. Mary Church.

For more information on this ministry, please contact Sean Joyce at 203.752.6764 or seanjoyce83@gmail.com

#### FRASSATI NEW HAVEN

Frassati New Haven is a gathering of Catholic young adults in their 20's and 30's, married or single, students or working, who desire to grow in holiness together through prayer, service to those in need, and social opportunities together. For more information email <u>info@frassatinewhaven.org</u> or contact Fr. John Paul.

#### ST. MARY'S MOM'S GROUP

Find support and fellowship among other moms in the parish! For information on gatherings and other events, please contact <u>momsgroup@stmarysnewhaven.org</u>

#### **HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS**

This group is committed to maintaining a loving and prayerful presence outside of the abortion businesses. Vigils are held on the second Saturday of each month, starting with 8am Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, then a procession to Planned Parenthood, while reciting the Rosary. Please contact Bill Dobbs for information at willadobbs@aol.com

#### **9AM MASS CHOIR**

The 9am Mass choir sings at the 9am Sunday Mass at St. Joseph and all special holidays. Rehearsals take place every Thursday night from 7:00-9pm in the Choir loft at St. Joseph. All new members welcome, no experience necessary, feel free to show up. We are always looking for musicians. Any questions contact Jim DeLucia, Music Director at St. Joseph, at 203-640-0985.

#### **10:30AM MASS CHOIR**

The 10:30am Mass choir provides music for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph. Membership is open to all who enjoy singing, no prior experience or audition required.

The choir is seeking additional singers in all vocal ranges. Contact: Dr. Muriel Maharidge, Director of Music at St. Mary at murielmaharidge@gmail.com or 203-287-8339.

#### THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF ST. MARY'S

The children's choir is open to all the children of the parish and welcomes new members. Currently there are about 20 singers ranging from age 3-11. Through the practice of music they are given the opportunity to grow in faith, artistry and fellowship. See the bulletin for rehearsal details. Please contact Muriel Maharidge if you are interested in registering your child(ren): murielmaharidge@gmail.com

#### ANGELUS WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Angelus is open to women of all ages and stages in life seeking to grow closer to Christ as a community. Meetings are 1:00-3:00pm every Wednesday afternoon in the St. Joseph Church basement. Join us for weekly rosary making and fellowship with other women of the parish. For more information contact JoAnn Wagner at angelus@stmarysnewhaven.org

#### SIENA GIRLS' CLUB

We invite all girls ages 9-13 to join the Siena Girls' Club at St. Mary's in New Haven. We meet Wednesdays at 4:30 to grow in our faith and friendship, perform the Works of Mercy, and develop authentic feminine leadership. For more information, please contact Faith Hough at sienaclub@stmarysnewhaven.org

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL**

The Father Michael McGivney Council #10705 is a group of men who through acts of faith, charity, and fraternity strive to become better men, husbands, and fathers and to support the parish of St. Mary's. All Catholic men age 18 or older, married or single, are encouraged to join the McGivney Council. Contact Daniel P. Isabel at kofc10705@gmail.com.

# **OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AT ST. MARY PARISH**

#### 'Follow us on social media! Receive St. Mary Parish updates, learn about upcoming activities and celebrate in Christ!' Twitter **Facebook: Instagram:** YouTube: acebook.com/stmarysCT/ instagram.com/stmaryparishnewhaven youtube.com/c/StMaryParishNewHaven twitter.com/stmarysnewhaven LITURGICAL MINISTRIES LEGION OF MARY We are always looking for parishioners interested in serving The legion of Mary is a lay apostolic group, who, under the as Lectors, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of the hospice of Mary Mediatrix of all graces, serves the church Eucharist at our Masses. If interested in any of these minisand neighbor. We will meet every Wednesday from 6-7pm at tries, please contact the parish office. St. Joseph in the church. We come together to enlist the aid of Our Mother through the rosary, prayers and devotion to our Lady. We are a prayerful group and our weekly meeting SPIRITUAL TOPICS CIRCLE is devoted to Our Mother, we are open to all adult Catho-2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4-4:45pm in St. lics. For information contact Immacula Didier at (203-508-Joseph Hall. Adult discussion and exploration of topics in 0704) or at macdi64@gmail.com Catholic spirituality. Fr. John Paul is the moderator. **COMMUNION AND LIBERATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** An ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church whose purpose Every Wednesday evening from 8-9 PM at St. Joseph is to educate the faithful to be mature Christians. Week-Church there is a traditional, "silent" Holy Hour. One of the ly meetings are held in the St. Mary Priory on Fridays at 7:00 priests or deacons of our parish will expose the Blessed Sacp.m. All are welcome! rament, and after singing the O Salutaris, there will be silent For information contact Cristina at 203-245-7307, adoration until Benediction a little before 9:00 PM. email socct@yahoo.com or visit http://us.clonline.org Every Thursday afternoon we have Exposition at St. Mary Church immediately following the noon daily Mass. The Eucharist remains on the altar for silent Adoration all afternoon until Benediction at 4:30 PM. communications@stmarysnewhaven.org **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** All parishioners are invited to join in praying the Divine Mercy chaplet every Thursday at 4:45pm in St. Joseph's Church. THIRD THURSDAY FOR SENIORS Our parish has a monthly session for seniors to enjoy spiritu-**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS** al, educational and social time together. All are welcome. We Interested in becoming Catholic? Or interested in receiving will start with Noon Mass, followed by lunch in the St. Joadult level instruction in the Catholic faith? Contact the Parseph church hall and a speaker. ish Secretary (ext. 101) for information. For information contact Immacula Didier at (203-508-0704) or at macdi64@gmail.com **AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** Every Tuesday at 1pm at St. Joseph Church in the church basement. No background needed. Come as frequently as Masses for 2021 are now available for scheduling. you can, the sessions last one hour. You are welcome to For information about how to schedule a Mass call bring your own bible. Eliza at 203-562-6193 ext. 101. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLUMBIAN SQUIRES** LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC Columbian Squires are the youth organization of the Knights of Columbus for Catholic young men ages 10-18. They are Open to men and women, single or married, who desire to part of a larger organization of more than 20,000 young men manifest God's love in the world today. Dominican Laity are worldwide who have fun and share their Catholic faith, help members of "chapters" which meet once a month for prayer people in need, and enjoy the company of friends in social, and study of events and issues regarding the Church today. family, athletic, cultural, civic and spiritual activities. For The Chapter meets on the second Sunday of each month at information, contact Chris Neumann at (203) 393-2924. Noon. For information contact the parish secretary.

## **BUILDING FAMILY TIES IN OUR CURRENT ENVIRONMENT**

The extended Thanksgiving – Christmas – New Year's holiday window in which we currently find ourselves has been... strange... to say the least. While the coronavirus pandemic has negatively impacted nearly every aspect of our lives, one of the areas where the virus has hit closest to home for so many of us is how it has impacted the "family gatherings" that are important for strengthening bonds with our family members. For many, this time of year is the only time when we have large gatherings of cousins, aunts & uncles, nieces & nephews, grandchildren and so forth. I can't tell you how often over the past weeks I have heard parishioners say things to me like, "This is the first year I can remember when we didn't have thirty people all gathered for Thanksgiving at my mom's house" or "No, we're not going anywhere for Christmas this year... it will just be the four of us." A combination of prudent caution and governmentimposed travel restrictions have drastically disrupted the typical ways most of us would gather with our extended, and sometimes even immediate, family members.

Of course, the impact of the virus on family life stretches back far beyond simply Thanksgiving. It has been almost nine months since the "shutdown" began. Even "regular" visits to elderly or physically compromised family members, especially those in care facilities, has been difficult or even impossible for much of the past year. And families that have experienced major sacramental milestones have seen the usual plans for those celebrations greatly impacted as well. Babies are still being baptized, but often with only a small handful of people beyond the parents & godparents present. I've celebrated multiple weddings in the parish over the last months with no bridal party and, in some cases, no guests at all outside of the parents and siblings of the bride and groom and no wedding reception at all. During the initial shutdown I had the heartbreaking experience on several occasions of not even being able to celebrate a funeral Mass for someone who had died, and feeling almost helpless as I did some brief graveside prayers with only three or four people present. At a time of profound loss, when a grieving spouse or child most needs the support and (and hugs) of family and friends... so often that shoulder to cry on has been replaced by a phone call or a zoom chat. For someone heartbroken, that is a poor replacement for a hug.

So in this time when, still, we are physically apart from ones we love and the dangers of the virus are still very real, what are we to do? How can we grow together? Can we at all?

Yes, we can. Part of the solution we already know about: do what you can. A phone call might not be the same as a visit... but it is still *something*. Make those calls. Keep in touch. Share photos with each other. Write letters. REAL letters. (Like they used to do before email and cell phones existed. Children, if you don't know of what I speak, ask your parents...)

There is another important part of this as well. Pray. Pray for your family members, especially the ones you cannot see and those who are alone. Pray for them by name. Lift them up to the arms of our Heavenly Father. Ask the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to be with them during the times you cannot. Remember them during Mass—whether you are attending in person or following streaming Masses on TV or the internet. Maybe contact the parish and arrange to have a Mass offered for them... a beautiful gift! The more we draw near to God, the closer He brings us to our loved ones—both those still here on earth and those who have gone before us. God knows very well about "family ties"... for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share a perfect bond of unbreakable love. In drawing near to the Holy Trinity, God in turn bestows on us the grace to strengthen our own family ties, even with those who are distant from us.

In this time of pandemic, things are different. Things are strange. But we can continue to build our family ties. May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph help us to do so, today and always.

God Bless,

Fr. John Paul

