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GOD IS WITH US

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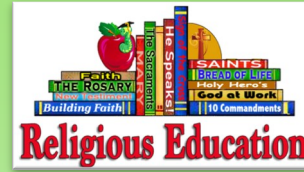
Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. *"When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit."* For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet *"do not be afraid,"* the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of *"Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"* Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to *"expose [Mary] to shame."* Yet he was prepared to *"divorce her quietly"* all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Bernard Church extends a big **Thank You** to all those who donated to our Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, as well as those who participated in our Giving Tree program this year. We distributed 50 food baskets for each holiday as well as many Christmas gifts for people in need in Enfield. Your kindness and generosity are sincerely appreciated by us and the individuals whose lives you've touched. God Bless.



There will be NO Religious Education Classes for K-8 on **Saturday, December 28th** or **Sunday, December 29th**.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday/Sunday, December 21st/22nd - Regular Schedule.

Saturday/Sunday, December 28th/29th - No Religious Education Classes for K-8.

Thursday, January 2nd - No Religious Education Classes for Grades 7 and 8.

Saturday/Sunday, January 4th/5th - Regular Schedule.

Sunday January 5th - 9th Grade Confirmation class.

Please contact **Pat Keck, Coordinator of Religious Education** at **860-745-7770** or **860-749-2993** for any questions.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!
Pat Keck and Religious Education Staff

FROM FR. GOLAS AND FR. MATHEW

We celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas with so many wonderful customs. The sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of the season provide lasting memories that are carefully handed on. Fr. Mathew and I would like to thank you for the many ways you have shared your Christmas traditions with us. Your greetings, cards, special treats, gifts, and all of the ways you celebrate the Lord are a blessing to us. We pray for God's choicest blessings for you and your family. May the New Year be a time of God's peace and joy.

"THE ABCs OF ANNULMENT"

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

The Rev. Daniel Keefe, pastor of St. John Bosco Parish at 731 Main St, Branford, in collaboration with V. Rev. George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar from the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on **Friday, January 10th** from 7-9 pm in the St. Mary's Church Hall. An updating of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as updates made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be discussed by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham who make up the Annulment Team. Team members also include two Spanish speaking members, Lisandra Martinez and Marian Guzman. They will help participants in writing their application in the follow-up workshop on **Fridays, January 17th and 24th** from 7-9 pm, also in the Church Hall.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or email him at larlus300@sbcglobal.net.

St. Bernard School



Saturday, January 25, 2020

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

St. Bernard School Gymnasium

Bring your own bottle and snacks.

Tickets: \$35

Reserve a table for 10 and get 10 free bingo games!

Contact Caitlin D'Ambrosio at 860-573-6776.

Name: _____

Number of tickets: _____

Phone number: _____

Make checks payable to St. Bernard School



THIS WEEK

Location Key:
HF = Holy Family Church
SB = St. Bernard Church
SBS = St. Bernard School
LA = Little Angels PreSchool

BAPTISM

To register for the Parish's Baptism Prep Class, please call 860-973-1717 to speak with Kacey at the Holy Family Church rectory or Sally at the St. Bernard Church rectory. Baptism Prep Class occurs on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in classrooms 2 and 3 at Holy Family Church. Baptisms can be scheduled by calling Kacey or Sally once parents have completed the Baptism Prep class. Baptisms can be scheduled on any Sunday of the month except on major religious feasts or holidays.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4 - 4:30 pm at each church and by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

In the Hartford Archdiocese, students are confirmed in their sophomore year after a year of preparation. Please contact our Religious Education office for more information.

MATRIMONY

Arrange with pastor at least 6 months before wedding date.

HOLY ORDERS

Young men interested in the priesthood may speak with any priest for more information. Please visit hartfordpriest.com for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Priests are available for anointing either at home or in the hospital. Please contact the parish office to arrange.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

8:30 am . . . Daily Mass (HF)
 4 pm . . . Confessions (HF, SB)
 4:30 pm . . . Rosary with Legion of Mary (SB)
 5 pm . . . Vigil Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent) (HF, SB)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

7:30 am . . . Mass (HF)
 7:30 am . . . Rosary with Legion of Mary (SB)
 8 am . . . Mass (SB)
 9 am . . . Mass (HF)
 10:30 am . . . Mass (SB)
 11 am . . . Mass (HF)

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

7 am . . . Rosary (SB Chapel)
 7:30 am . . . Daily Mass (SB Chapel)
 8:30 am . . . Rosary (HF)
 9 am . . . Daily Mass (HF)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

7 am . . . Rosary (SB Chapel)
 7:30 am . . . Daily Mass (SB Chapel)
 8:30 am . . . Rosary (HF)
 9 am . . . Daily Mass (HF)
 10 am - 11 am . . . Confession (HF, SB)
 2 pm . . . Legion of Mary (HF Rooms 2 & 3)
 3 pm . . . Divine Mercy and Rosary (HF)
 4 pm . . . Christmas Vigil Mass (HF)
 4 pm . . . Children's Christmas Vigil Mass (SB)
 5:30 pm . . . Christmas Vigil Mass (SB)
 6 pm . . . Christmas Vigil Mass (HF)

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8 am . . . Christmas Day Mass (SB)
 8:30 am . . . Rosary (HF)
 9 am . . . Christmas Day Mass (HF)
 10:30 am . . . Christmas Day Mass (SB)
 11 am . . . (HF)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26

8:30 am . . . Rosary (HF)
 9 am . . . Daily Mass (HF)
 7 pm . . . Choir Rehearsal (HF Rooms 2 & 3)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

7 am . . . Rosary (SB Chapel)
 7:30 am . . . Daily Mass (SB Chapel)
 8:30 am . . . Rosary (HF)
 9 am . . . Daily Mass (HF)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

8:30 am . . . Daily Mass (HF)
 4 pm . . . Confessions (HF, SB)
 5 pm . . . Vigil Mass (Sunday in Ordinary Time) (HF, SB)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29 (THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH)

7:30 am . . . Mass (HF)
 8 am . . . Mass (SB)
 9 am . . . Mass (HF)
 10:30 am . . . Mass (SB)
 11 am . . . Mass (HF)

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at St. Bernard Church welcomes you to join them for the rosary on the **third weekend of each month** at St. Bernard Church at 4:30 pm on Saturday and at 7:30 am on Sunday.

ADORATION CANCELED AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Adoration at Holy Family Church will be canceled on **Friday, December 27th** for Christmas week.

THE EMPTY STOCKING

During Advent and Christmas, it can be too easy to get caught up in the commercial aspect: the buying of gifts, the planning of parties. Let us not forget the true meaning of the season.

We would like to share with you the sermon given by the Episcopal Bishop on Christmas Eve in the 1947 movie "The Bishop's Wife".

"Tonight I want to tell you the story of an empty stocking. Once upon a midnight clear, there was a child's cry, a blazing star hung over a stable, and wise men came with birthday gifts. We haven't forgotten that night down the centuries. We celebrate it with stars on Christmas trees, with the sound of bells, and with gifts. But especially with gifts. You give me a book, I give you a tie. Aunt Martha has always wanted an orange squeezer and Uncle Henry can do with a new pipe. For we forget nobody, adult or child. All the stockings are filled, all that is, except one. And we have even forgotten to hang it up. The stocking for the child born in a manger. It's his birthday we're celebrating. Don't let us ever forget that. Let us ask ourselves what He would wish for most. And then, let each put in his share; loving kindness, warm hearts, and a stretched out hand of tolerance. All the shining gifts that make peace on earth."

At St. Bernard Church, the sanctuary candle burns in memory of Anna and Michael O'Connell, at the request of Barbara O'Connell; the chapel candle burns in memory of Bob Turmelle, at the request of his Family.



Contact the St. Bernard Church office for information about having the sanctuary or chapel candles burn for your intention.



OPLATKI WAFERS

The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times. This Christmas Custom began with a simple white wafer, baked from flour and water. The wafers are wonderfully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity.

Oplatki wafers are available at St. Jeanne Jugan Parish - St. Bernard Church rectory Monday through Friday during regular office hours for \$4.00 per package. Please the call St. Bernard rectory at 860-973-1717 should you have any questions.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

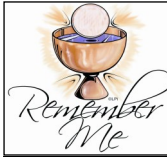
In accordance with the Archdiocese of Hartford 2019 Holiday Schedule, the Parish offices will be closed from **Monday, December 23rd - Friday, December 27th**. The offices will reopen on Monday, December 30th.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
4:00 pm (HF)	8:00 am (SB)
4:00 pm (SB)	9:00 am (HF)
5:30 pm (SB)	10:30 am (SB)
6:00 pm (HF)	11:00 am (HF)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

<u>December 31st</u>	<u>January 1st</u>
5:30 pm (SB)	8:00 am (SB)
7 pm (HF)	9:00 am (HF)
	10:30 am (SB)
	11:00 am (HF)



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

8:30 am. . . Ralph Ritacco, Jr.† (Barbara and Ed Vaghini) - HF
 5 pm. . . Deceased Members of the Ayotte, Quagliaroli, Gay, LaRoche, and Guillerault Families† (Requested by Stephen and Theresa LaRoche) - HF
 5 pm. . . Bertrand Grondin† (Requested by his Wife, Lisette and Family) - SB

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

7:30 am. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
 8 am. . . Lawrence Zavisza† (Requested by his Wife, Cecylia) - SB
 9 am. . . John DaSilva† (Requested by his Family) - HF
 10:30 am. . . Robert Marquist† and Patrick Sharron† (Requested by their Family) - SB
 11 am. . . Francis Gannuscio† (Requested by his Wife and Family) - HF

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

7:30 am. . . Ronald Kilger†, and the Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Ordination of Monsignor Francis Weldgen (Requested by Jim and Peg Lenegan and Family) - SB
 9 am. . . Charles R. Branchini, Jr.† (Requested by Pat and Family) - HF

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

7:30 am. . . Joseph Kiczuk†, 30th Anniversary (Requested by Chris and Ted Kiczuk) (SB)
 9 am. . . John and Angela Soucy† (Requested by the Flora Family) - HF
 4 pm. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
 4 pm. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB Children's Mass
 5:30 pm. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB
 6 pm. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8 am. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB
 9 am. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
 10:30 am. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB
 11 am. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26

9 am. . . Robert Suizdakt†, 10th Anniversary (Requested by Gloria Smole) - HF

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

7:30 am. . . Donna Coté Major† (Requested by Andrew Coté) - SB
 9 am. . . Denise Ambrosini† (Requested by her Husband) - HF

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

8:30 am. . . Ed, Mina, and Robert Megliola† (Requested by the Chenard Family) - HF
 5 pm. . . Betty and Jonathan O'Donnell† (Requested by their Daughters and Family) - HF

5 pm. . . Leon and Albina Falkowski† (Requested by their Family) - SB

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29 (THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH)

7:30 am. . . Susan Cleary (Requested by her Family) - HF
 8 am. . . Stephen Kolodziejczyk† (Requested by his Wife, Children, Grandchildren and Son-in-law) - SB
 9 am. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - HF
 10:30 am. . . Frank Wentworth, III† (Requested by the Wentworth Family) - SB
 11 am. . . Edward LaJoie, Sr.† (Requested by Joe and Lou Michaud) - HF

DAILY MASS READINGS

MONDAY DECEMBER 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24•Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14•Lk 1:57-66

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16•Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]•Lk 1:67-79

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25: Is 52:7-10•Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]•Heb 1:1-6•Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59•Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]•Mt 10:17-22

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4•Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]•Jn 20:1a, 2-8

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28: Jn 1:5—2:2•Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]•Mt 2:13-18

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14• Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]•Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17•Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

You can access the Daily Mass Readings via our parish app, at our parish Web site (www.sjjenfield.org) or by visiting the U.S. bishop's Web site (www.usccb.org).



EPIPHANY CONCERT

Please join the
St. Bernard Choir as
we bring the Christmas
Season to an end
and celebrate

The Epiphany

Sunday, January 5, 2020

4 pm

St. Bernard Church
426 Hazard Ave., Enfield

For more details, please contact Beth Surapine at 860-749-6801.

Christmas at
Enfield Loaves
& Fishes

28 Prospect
St., Enfield

Doors open at 3:30 pm • Dinner at 4 pm • Santa at 5 pm

Dec. 23, 2019
Free & Open to
All

I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances;
I know also how to live with abundance. In every
circumstance and in all things I have learned the
secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of
living in abundance and of being in need.

WINTER POLICY

The winter policy for St. Jeanne Jugan Parish is now in effect for daily Masses Monday – Friday.

The policy states that when Enfield Public Schools cancel or delay school on that day, the daily 7:30 am Mass at St. Bernard Church and the daily 9 am Mass at Holy Family Church will be cancelled for that day. The policy is for the safety of all. The intentions for the Masses will be rescheduled at a mutually agreeable time. You may call the rectory of the Church where your Mass intention was scheduled to discuss a new date.

LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, Joseph decides to listen to the angel's message and follow the divine plan. Should you listen to the message and consider becoming a priest or religious? Call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, at 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org, or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

GET IN TOUCH

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860-989-5448

For Michael Dunning (Organist, HF) or
Bridget Wcislo (Choir Director, HF)
contact the rectory at Holy Family Church



HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

Come away and rest awhile.

We spend our time and energy on the necessities of everyday life, which hold so many things that are beyond our control. But what is it that we are longing for in the deepest way? What is our passion in life? This year at Holy Family, we will explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God - a longing for peace, for wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and lift us up. *Come away and rest awhile* to find and pursue your deepest longing, and by doing so, may you experience how God is longing so deeply for you, too.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6 pm - 7:30 pm on Friday evening and concludes with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 am followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge.

Talk to your fellow parishioners who have experienced a retreat with us then visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call us at 860-521-0440 for retreat dates, offerings, or for more information.

ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH SUPPORT

"Happy House" is a free-will collection taken up at HF to fund construction of simple, sturdy houses in Haiti through the Haitian Health Foundation. Gift cards for Dunkin Donuts, Big Y, Stop and Shop, and Shop Rite are sold after Masses at St. Bernard Church with proceeds going to St. Bernard School.

Please note the weekly and online amounts represent the combined totals from Holy Family Church and St. Bernard Church.

WEEKLY: \$10,381

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: \$3,207 (12/8)

ONLINE: \$1,845

HAPPY HOUSE: \$150 (HF)

GROCERY CARDS WEEKLY SALES/PROFIT: Not available (SB)

YEAR-TO-DATE PROFIT: Not available (SB)



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