

The Joyful Family

Mancini paints the realistic details that make this scene as ordinary as any family playing with their child in a park. Mary has a bowl of water in her hand, perhaps ready to offer a drink to Jesus after he tastes the strawberry or to clean his stained fingers. A silver bowl of food for the baby rests on a white baby blanket. Perhaps it was just placed there by Joseph, for Jesus has finished his vegetables and now Dad offers dessert! A traveling basket sits in front of a water jug. These instruments show that they are a pilgrim family, and the Egyptian obelisk in the background indicates their destination.

The circumstances are precarious yet joyful, even playful, in their following of God's path. This was just one of the trying times for the Holy Family, which would eventually include losing the Child Jesus in the temple. As their whole focus in this painting is on Jesus, imagine their fear when they can no longer find the heart of their family.

This is a fantastic image of the joys and challenges of family life. There is joy in having Jesus in our midst, and no sacrifice is too great when he is present. But when he is lost from the center, fears and anxieties enter.

The words of Colossians sum up this attitude, making one think that Paul had a good idea of what virtues family life require! Let's work in our families to have Jesus at the center, and once he is there, to "put on" all the virtues that his presence inspires.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



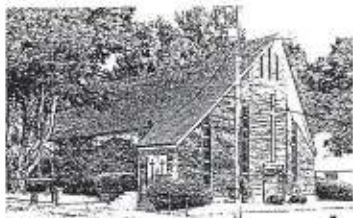
Piece: *Rest on the Flight into Egypt, The Holy Family*, 1725
Artist: Francesco Mancini
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Does one of the virtues mentioned by St. Paul catch my attention?

Should I pray for and practice that virtue a little more?

*And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.
Luke 2:52*



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) - 8:00 AM*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of December 31, 2018

Offered For

Monday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

New Years Day (Tues) St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:00am

Wednesday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

Thursday Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

Friday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Mary Jane Gorski

† Bernard Schwamberger

† No Mass

† No Mass

† No Mass

** Divine Mercy - Every Friday at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel)

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 5-6, 2019

Saturday Vigil: Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

Sunday: Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

† Alan Ring

† Virginia Lucas

† Purgatorial Society

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Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan & Brandon Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Scoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

January 2 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

January 21 - Mass Reparation Sins/ Rosary - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30pm

(St. Patrick's made over 10,000 lbs. of sausage this last year!) Outstanding!

(St. Thomas More RAVs Group made 2932 lbs. of RAVs in 2018, and 379 lbs. of Tortlasch.) Outstanding!

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$2380.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$15992.00)

St. Patrick - \$929.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4664.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1715.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5704.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

New Year's Day Mary, Mother Of God Mass

Holy Day Of Obligation

The Mass will be at St. Patrick's Church in Arlington at 10AM.

Three Church BCR Alert System

As Father mentioned last week, we are implementing an alert system for Mass cancellations or Church Event changes. It can either be by phone text or email alert. Go to bcrnews.com and click on bcrbriefs. Then sign up and scroll to Community Cancellations/Notices and click on HTSPSTM Parishes. And if you need help please let us know. Thank you!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, which is hard to plan on or prepare for, please be cautious. Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. If the roads are too icy or not plowed because of fresh snow, the immediate Mass to be celebrated will be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please us by putting into the collection the following week what you would have put in for the cancelled Mass. Unfortunately, the bills still keep coming in! A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. Check with WLPO (1220AM) for cancellations.

New Mass Intention Policy For 2019

One of the big problems is fitting in Saturday evening and Sunday Mass intentions for everybody. Also per Canon Law, Father has to offer one Mass a weekend for "The People", also known as a "Pro Populo" Mass, which we rotate between Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More. Starting January 1st, 2019, for all Masses scheduled after that date, we can only accept three (3) Masses per family for Sundays. If we have an opening on a Sunday, we will be keeping a special list to fill spots. All other Masses will have to be for weekday Masses.

Special Event In Area

None Scheduled

For The Week

Before we finish out this year, and we remember the greatest and holiest of families, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Father Pat would like to thank the following people for their time given to the three church properties. The thanks are in no particular order but with heartfelt thanks for all the contributions of time and talent.

At Holy Trinity, thank you to the Lauer's, Jim Pozzi, Terry Templeton, Nancy Floroplus, Kathy Bonucchi, Bob McCook, Barb Pinter, and Virginia McNally. At St. Patrick's, thank you to the Hunter's, the Schmidt's, Mike Hewitt, Lauren Koch, Lynne Bonnell and Richard Pommier. And St. Thomas More, thank you to Mary Jean Goodrick, the Schweickert's, the Micheli's, the Pozzi's, Tammy Keys, Gary Orlandi, the RAV Making Crew. And all three churches Decorating Crews did an outstanding job making the churches look beautiful for Christmas. Please continue to have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00

Pledges To Date \$5255 (32%)

St. Patrick - \$11,340.00

Pledges To Date \$5570 (49%)

St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00

Pledges To Date \$4520 (41%)

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21 • Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday

JANUARY 2

Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and
Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28

Jn 1:19-28

Thursday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6

Jn 1:29-34

Friday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10 • Jn 1:35-42

Saturday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,
Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21 • Jn 1:43-51

Sunday

JANUARY 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12



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Dear Padre,

The Church emphasizes the feast of the Holy Family. But Jesus does not seem to be much of a family person. Instances in Scripture when Jesus was a child show him ignoring, even rejecting, Mary and Joseph.

It becomes clear, as Jesus grows in age and wisdom, that he has not come to build his own little family, but to build a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the Father of all, with Jesus and others as brothers and sisters in the family. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father.

Mary's and Joseph's roles were not only to be Jesus' earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where it would lead. Mary calls herself the handmaid of the Lord, and Joseph follows God's instruction and marries Mary, even though it was contrary to all reason and caused him scandal.

In the family of God, we seek and follow God's purpose. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction, even though our actions may seem countercultural or even scandalous.

Jesus said plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). God's will becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love their blood family, but also teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—Amoris Laetitia, March 19, 2016



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