

Family Peace

Federico Barocci captured the Holy Family escaping to Egypt. Although they are refugees in a dramatic, stressful situation, he chooses to show the delightful communion among them. Mary sits comfortably in the center of the family, busily

collecting water. Perhaps she will wash the cherries or the toddler's dirty hands. Her face, full of serenity and joy, is lost in thoughts that go beyond the work of the present. She is the model of so many mothers who, in spite of challenging circumstances, focus their energy on loving their children and creating an oasis of peace.

Saint Joseph stands behind the Madonna and reaches up into the tree to pull off a branch for the child Jesus. His strong arm and hand extend straight down toward the child as they both grasp the wood from opposite ends—one giving and the other receiving. This simple domestic gesture of providing for the son is strongly symbolic of what so many husbands and fathers do on a daily basis. Alongside their wives, they care for their families with hard work.

Jesus is next to Mary, and reaches out to Joseph. He receives love from both parents while returning that love with joy and gratitude.

The Holy Family reflects the divine family. One day the heavenly Father will also extend a piece of fruit—this time the bitter passion and the wood of the cross. Although it costs his human nature, Jesus accepts it, thanks in part to the strength he finds in Mary.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



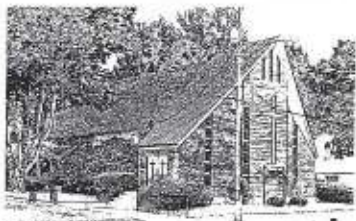
Piece: *Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, 1570
Artist: Federico Fiori (Barocci)
Location: Vatican Pinacoteca

For Reflection

Does my family know how to gracefully encounter trying times? What attitudes or actions allowed the Holy Family to have peace amidst the crosses?

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

(Luke 2:40)



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 & Thursday - 12:15 PM

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) 8:30 AM (Summer)

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 January 1, 2018

Offered For

<u>New Year's Day Monday</u>	St. Patrick's, Arlington - 10am	† For The Parishioners
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass

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Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 6-7, 2018

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Sr. Mary Luke Sondgeroth
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† For The Parishioners
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† Lucille Pinter
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Lois Anderson
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Madonna Mini

**Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend**

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Carter & Casen Cherry

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

January 3 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More - 5:30pm

January 5 - Mercy Prayers - St. Thomas More Chapel - 3pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$3925.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$959.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1449.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

**New Years Day
Mass Schedule**

St. Patrick (Arlington) - 10AM

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it can be hard to plan or prepare for them. So 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 cleared because of high snowfall, the immediate Mass in Dalzell will be celebrated but at Cherry and Arlington they will be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please put 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. And please check with WLPO (1220AM) for more about cancellations.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of January in Dalzell. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight the evil around us. As we pray through Our Lady of Fatima, the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend. With the evil in the world the church should be full, so where is everybody!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

This week we remember the Holy Family; Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They were the pattern for our families today. They lived to do the will of God. Jesus was given to us through God to guide us in a holy life to Our Father. Mary showed us how a human being could ignore the world and focus on helping people to see the need for Jesus in their lives through her dedication to him. And then Joseph, who may be the one who we can most identify our lives with, saw how much Mary loved God and her devotedness to Him, and wanted to participate and add to her Holy Life.

So it all comes down to us this year. Will we live for God, Jesus in all that we do? May God always be with us and bless us with His Presence!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00

Pledges To Date \$6,120.00 (36%)

St. Patrick - \$10,065.00

Pledges To Date \$7,476.00 (74%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00

Pledges To Date \$5,100.00 (54%)

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

January 1

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

January 2

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

1 Jn 2:22-28

Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday

January 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6

Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10

Jn 1:35-42

Friday

January 5

St. John Neumann,
Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21

Jn 1:43-51

Saturday

January 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday

January 7

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Dear Padre,

I worry that I'm cramming too much of my Catholic devotions down my children's throats. Should they have more freedom to choose the faith on their own?

Many of us can connect our faith to our mothers. It was most likely their constancy, love, and devotion that gave us the first hints that faith is important in one's life. When a woman chooses to be a mother, she commits to handing on to her children that which is most powerful and most profound in her own life. Over the years, the children will take what is given, sift through it, and finally add it in some way to their own personalities. But the gift first has to be given, and the commitment of motherhood is giving that gift.

Mary, the patron of the Church and of mothers around the world, is first represented in the Gospels as the one "who believed" (Luke 1:45). It was this deep capacity for faith that became the well that cradled and fed Jesus.

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2226).

The sincerity and reverence of a mother's faith can become a fountain of living water that will naturally overflow, and her children can choose to drink of it. Renew your commitment to handing on your faith to your children freely and without limits!

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A Word From Pope Francis

It is necessary to reaffirm the conviction that every family is the principal setting for the growth of each individual, since it is through the family that human beings become open to life and the natural need for relationships with others. Over and over again we see that family bonds are essential for the stability of relationships in society, for the work of education, and for integral human development, for they are inspired by love, responsible intergenerational solidarity, and mutual trust.

—Address, Food and Agricultural Organization, June 20, 2013