

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 27, 2009**

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2009**  
 4:00 PM TOMMASO DISABATO REQ. BY FAMILY
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009**  
 7:30 AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
 9:00 AM LLOYD MAKARA REQ. BY MOTHER, BROTHER & FAMILY  
 10:30 AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DIDSBURY-COTE FAMILIES  
 12 NOON SPANISH MASS ~ ALICIA FLORES REQ. BY GRACIELA SANCHEZ  
 1:30 PM PARISH CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2009 ~ HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**  
 9:00 AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROBBINS-LEVINS FAMILY
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009 ~ THOMAS A BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR**  
 9:00 AM FOR THE MEN & WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILIES
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2009**  
 9:00 AM  
 7:00 PM SPANISH MASS
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009**  
 9:00 AM SUZANNE ROY REQ. BY HUSBAND & FAMILY  
 7:00 PM SPANISH MASS
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010 ~ SOLEMNITY OF MARY ~ MASS IN CHURCH**  
 9:00 AM ALICE CUSHNER
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2010 ~ ST. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS & DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**  
 8:00 AM  
 4:00 PM STEPHEN MCCORMICK REQ. BY FAMILY
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009**  
 7:30 AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
 9:00 AM  
 10:30 AM ROBERT A. NELSON REQ. BY ELLIOT & PAT NELSON  
 12 NOON SPANISH MASS ~ FABIAN MELENDEZ & PAULA BERRIOS REQ. BY ANTONIA FELIX



**SUNDAY/DOMINGO READINGS/LECTURAS**  
**SUNDAY/DOMINGO, DECEMBER 27**  
 1 Samuel/ Samuel 1:2022, 24-28  
 Colossians/Colosenses 3:12-21;  
 Luke/Lucas 2:41-52  
**SUNDAY/DOMINGO, JANUARY 3**  
 Isaiah/Isaias 60:1-6  
 Ephesians/Efesios 3:2-3a,5-6  
 Matthew/Mateo 2:1-12



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<http://www.stjosephbristol.org>

**NUESTRA MISIÓN**

La Iglesia San José es una comunidad cristiana católica acogedora, llamada por Dios, bautizada en Cristo, y guiada por el Espíritu Santo a proclamar el amor incondicional de Dios .

Como Parroquia en la Archidiócesis de Hartford, compartimos la Misión de la Iglesia universal, sostenida por la gracia de Dios, nos esforzamos por reflejar la continua presencia de Jesús en el mundo. Por lo tanto, bajo la orientación del Espíritu y dependencia de la gracia de Dios, nos proponemos:

Ser un pueblo santificado y **animado por el poder de Cristo** en la liturgia y culto de la Iglesia, especialmente en la semanal Comida Eucarística, la Misa;

Ser **Cristianos responsables** en todos los aspectos de la vida;

Reconocer y afirmar los dones de cada miembro fomentando un **Ministerio compartido** reconociendo que el liderazgo de la parroquia es responsabilidad de toda la comunidad de fe;

Crear una **Comunidad de Caridad** según el imperativo del evangelio del amor y la atención de los unos por los otros;

Alimentar en los **jóvenes** de nuestra comunidad el don de la fe;

Buscar y promover **la justicia y la paz** en todos los ámbitos de la vida;

Traba jarcon otras iglesias cristianas para **promover un espíritu de unidad** en la oración y el servicio.



Do you have a FAMILY MEMBER who has been hospitalized? Is someone homebound or in an area nursing home? **PLEASE CALL** THE PARISH OFFICE – (583-1369)

\*\*\*\*\* Tienes algún miembro de la familia enfermo en casa en el hospital o en un ancianato? **POR FAVOR LLAME** Oficina de la Parroquia – (583-1369)

**~ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE~  
~ORACIÓN EN LÍNEA~**



To activate the prayer line or to join the prayer line, please call the numbers below:

**Para activar la oración o unirse a la oración en línea, por favor llame a los números siguientes:**

**SANDI- 585-1028 ~ DAYS/~ DÍAS**  
**BARBARA – 589-3239 ~ ANYTIME/EN CUALQUIER MOMENTO**

- How many other areas can you see our mission statement working within our own parish?

- Que otras áreas ve usted que podríamos trabajar de acuerdo a la Misión de nuestra parroquia?

## ✓ Mark Your Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

NO REL. ED. CLASSES  
NO ATRIUM

1:00 PM (SPANISH) RCIA, GH  
1:30 PM PARISH CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM, CH  
3:00 PM DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP, PC

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2009

SCHOOL VACATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009

SCHOOL VACATION

3:45 PM CHILDREN'S BELLS, CH  
4:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR, PC  
6:15 PM YOUTH CHOIR, PC

NO RCIA

7:15 PM ADULT CHOIR, PC  
8:30 PM ADULT HANDBELLS, CH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2009

SCHOOL VACATION

1:00 PM OUR LADY OF AMERICA HOLY HOUR,  
PC CHAPEL

6:45 PM BINGO, GH  
7:00 PM SPANISH MASS AND GROUPS, PC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009

SCHOOL VACATION

7:00 PM SPANISH MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010 ~ NEW YEAR'S DAY

SCHOOL VACATION  
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

9:00 AM MASS IN CHURCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2010

9:30 AM MENTOR COUPLES, PC

8:00 PM AA MTG., PC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010

MEALS FOR THE NEEDY  
NO REL. ED. CLASSES  
NO ATRIUM

1:00 PM (SPANISH) 3 KINGS CELEBRATION, GH

3:00 PM DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP, PC



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st

IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.  
OFFICE HOURS & SCHOOL CLASSES WILL  
RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>.

## Bingo Bingo

TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!!! THE "BEST BINGO  
IN BRISTOL" BENEFITTING ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GUILD HALL,  
ON WEDNESDAY, WITH DOORS OPENING AT  
5:00 PM AND GAMES STARTING AT 6:45 PM.  
COME AND JOIN THE FUN! BRING A FRIEND



## STEWARDSHIP

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

## CRISTIANOS RESPONSABLES

La primera lectura hoy ofrece una guía para un desafío en la buena administración de nuestras relaciones familiares. En que medida estoy?



## A Family Perspective

Because Jesus did not tell his parents His plans to stay in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were distraught and probably felt negligent and guilty. Like the Holy Family parents today operate with the same deficit because children don't disclose all their plans. Despite the centuries, the problems of parenting are the same.

## Una Familia Perspectiva

Porque Jesús no les dijo a sus padres los planes que tenia de permanecer en Jerusalén, María y José estaban angustiados y probablemente se sintieron negligentes y culpables. Al igual que la Sagrada Familia, los padres de hoy funcionan con el mismo déficit porque los niños no revelan todos sus planes. A pesar de los siglos, los problemas de la crianza de los hijos son los mismos



*Soar with the Falcons*

Discover why **St. Paul Catholic High School** has become the choice for more and more families! Attend their Open House on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 PM.

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The **Second Placement Exam** for St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol will be given on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM-12 N at St. Paul Catholic. Please call our Admissions Office (860-584-0911) for more information. Pre-registration for the exam is required. Visit the school web site at [www.spchs.net](http://www.spchs.net)



to Katherine Conlin and Elizabeth Lathrop, St. Joseph School graduates, who have made the honor roll for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter at Northwest Catholic High School.



**Meals for the Needy Drive**  
next weekend January 3, 2010.



**ADULT EDUCATION SERIES  
WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE  
2009-2010**

All are welcome to learn more about what we as Catholics believe. These sessions for those who are looking to learn more about various aspects of our religion. As we progress through these sessions they will be used as the basis of our **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**. Plan to come to all or just attend the topics that peak your interest.

This year we will be starting at 6:30 PM in the Religious Education Office with the sessions ending by 8:00 PM. Below are the dates and topics for the first couple of sessions.

**Classes will resume on January 5th**



**THIS IS OUR FAITH**

THIS GROUP WILL MEET ONCE A MONTH IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Instructional discussion will be from 6:30-7:30 PM  
Gospel/prayer from 7:30-7:45 PM.

**Topics of discussion:**

- January 27, 2010 – The Creed
- February 24, 2010 – Sacred Scripture
- March 24, 2010 – Sacraments
- April 28, 2010 – Liturgy-Prayer
- May 26, 2010 – The Human Person
- June 23, 2010 – Social Justice



**Feast of the Holy Family**

Father,  
help us to live as the **Holy Family**,  
united in respect and love.  
Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.

The **Holy Family** feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? We can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

**NEEDED:** Companion needed for young adult while parents attend Mass. If you can help, please call Jim @860-589-0156. Thank you.



**Become a Literacy  
Volunteer  
Connect with Others**

Create a new opportunity for others and yourself, become a Literacy Volunteer Tutor. The need is great...the rewards are many! We currently have approximately 150 adult students waiting for tutors to help them learn to read, write and speak English. Training and support are provided. **January AM** training takes place on all of the following dates 12, 15, 19, 22 (9:30 AM-12:100 PM), **January PM** training takes place on all of the following dates 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, 2/1 (6-9 PM). For more information call 229-READ (7323) or e-mail [office@literacycentral.org](mailto:office@literacycentral.org)



**United Way of West Central Connecticut**

Volunteers are needed for its free tax preparation sites. These sites will be located in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth. Volunteers help to provide low-income workers and families, disabled, and elderly with free tax preparation and filing. Volunteers must be willing to commit four hours per week during tax season and positions include: Tax Preparer, Screener, Greeter and Quality Control. With your help, we can bring unclaimed tax credits to these individuals, and thus to the community! If you are interested, please call Colleen at (860) 582-9559.



**SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010**

Family fun and a chance to help support  
St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol

**What: Family Fun Night at Healthtrax**

**When: Saturday, January 23, 2010  
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

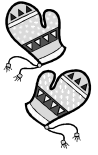
**Where: Healthtrax  
842 Clark Avenue**

**Cost: Adults \$6.00  
Children (under 12) \$3.00**

**ENJOY**

Bounce House, Basketball Court, Games, Prizes, Face Painting, Music, Raffles, Swimming, Food

**ALL PROCEEDS** go to St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol to support their work with the homeless and those in need in our community.



El Movimiento Juan XXIII estará colectando guantes, bufandas y gorras de invierno (todo el mes de Diciembre después de la Misa) para personas necesitadas en la comunidad. Por favor hablar con Janeffer @860-585-8164 para más información.

Juan XXIII we will collect gloves, scarves and winter hats (the entire month of December after Mass) to needy people in the community. Please talk to Janeffer @860-585-8164 for more information.

## CELEBRATION New Year

St. Casimir Church is holding a **New Year's Eve** Celebration at the Lyceum, 181 Main St. (Rt.6) Terryville on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8 PM-1 AM. Tickets are \$35 per person, and you will have a selection of hors d' oeuvres, hot buffet, dessert, champagne toast, and noisemakers. BYOB (set-ups provided) For reservations & tickets call Karen (860-583-4717), Beverly (860- 620-4340 or (860-583-4697)



### WISDOM HOUSE JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan. 6-10 – A Friendship Like No Other, facilitated by William A. Barry, S.J.
- Jan. 16 – Yoga: Renewing Body and Spirit, led by Suzanne Kukolla
- Jan. 23 – The Art of Listening, presented by Marguerite Mullee.

For more information  
call **Wisdom House (860)567-3163**  
or visit [www.wisdomhouse.org](http://www.wisdomhouse.org).



### Magnificat

A ministry to Catholic women, invites all women of the parish to a breakfast on **Saturday, January 16, 2010** from 9 AM to Noon at the Clarion Hotel – Bristol, CT. Our speaker for this breakfast will be Michelle Steck. The cost is \$20.00 and must be received no later than Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Payment can be mailed to: **Magnificat**, PO Box 1871, Bristol, CT 06010. Checks may be made payable to Magnificat. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information you may contact Gloria Brophy at (860-584-8803).

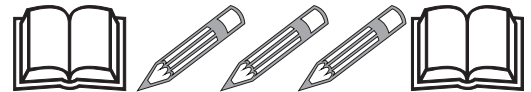


## Parish Finances – 2009

Figures will not be available for the next couple of weeks due to early bulletin deadlines and the close of the calendar year. A full report for 2009 will be mailed with your statement.

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We ask your cooperation in regard to your weekly offertory envelopes and special collection envelopes. All collections are counted and posted separately. For accounting purposes, it would be a **GREAT** help to us if you **do not combine** your contributions in one payment.



### Rev. David McDonald Scholarship Fund for St. Joseph School

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my contribution for the Rev. David McDonald Scholarship.  
 \$10.00  \$20.00  \$25.00  \$50.  other

**Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church/Fr. McDonald Scholarship.**



## Year for Priests June 2009 – June 2010

**Año de los Sacerdotes**  
Junio de 2009 – Junio de 2010

*At this Christmas season in the Year of for Priests Grant, O Light of the Nations, that your priests may be heralds of your love for all people.*



# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## DECEMBER 27, 2009

### Pastor's Corner

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family.

What a beautiful celebration following so close to Christmas. We look at the Holy Family and we see how different our own families may be. The family is one of the essential building blocks of society. The family is a unit that holds people in relationship with one another. The family is a unit that gives human beings a profound connection to one another that enhances growth, development and the power to influence society.

We do not live in a perfect world and we know that our families are not perfect. It can be uncomfortable to compare ourselves to the Holy Family. It would be unfair because we see Jesus, the Son of God and Mary who is without sin.



Yet, the Holy Family holds for us an ideal. The Holy Family shows us that our loving and good God enters all family life and touches each person deeply.

All families will experience divorce. All families will experience financial difficulties. Many families will know of the pain of alcoholism, disease, failure in school, job loss or bankruptcy. But God who is always present will be there.

No, there may not be an easy solution and the situation may not get better, but what does happen is the real understanding of how we help one another.

That is the hope of family life. We are connected. We are a unit. We desire to reach out to one another. We with the gift of faith in God believe and trust in his goodness no matter what may come.

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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 27, 2009

## Esquina del Pastor

Hoy es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia.

Que hermosa celebración sigue después de la Navidad. Miramos a la Sagrada Familia y vemos que diferentes pueden ser nuestras propias familias. La familia es uno de los pilares esenciales de la sociedad. La familia es una unidad de personas en relación con otras. La familia es una unidad que da a los seres humanos una profunda conexión entre sí que mejora el crecimiento, el desarrollo y el poder de influir en la sociedad.

No vivimos en un mundo perfecto, y sabemos que nuestras familias no son perfectas. Puede ser incómodo compararnos con la Sagrada Familia porque vemos a Jesús, el hijo de Dios y a María concebida sin pecado.

Sin embargo, la Sagrada Familia es para nosotros un ideal. La Sagrada Familia nos demuestra que nuestro Dios amoroso y bueno entra en toda vida familiar y toca a cada persona profundamente.

Todas las familias pueden experimentar el divorcio. Todas las familias pueden experimentar dificultades financieras. Muchas familias sabrán del dolor de alcoholismo, la enfermedad, el fracaso en la escuela, perder el trabajo o la quiebra. Pero Dios siempre también estará allí.

No, no hay una solución sencilla y la situación no puede ser peor, pero lo bueno que puede ocurrir es la comprensión y el deseo de cómo ayudarnos mutuamente.

Es la esperanza de vida familiar. Estamos conectados. Somos una unidad. Queremos encontrarnos los unos con los otros. Creemos por el don de la fe en Dios y confiamos en su bondad sin importar lo que venga.

