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The angel said to Joseph,
“Rise, take the child and
his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you.”

Matthew 2:13

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



Amazing what kinds of things we remember from our youth.

One of my best friends was Tim, and I was so jealous how close he lived to our grade school. He literally could leave home one minute before the bell and arrive on time. How cool! There was also something else about Tim's family that stood out. One of his grandmothers lived in their house.

Grandma Herron had a room right off the kitchen. This was foreign to me, but I'd learn this was rather common back in the day. We didn't see her much. She spent most of her time in that room, but occasionally she'd venture out.

This was part of what being family was all about. They could have put her in an old folk's home, but they didn't. She lived in the same home as her son's family until her death.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They give us an amazing model of family. We certainly need it in this day and age.

Family is so important. Of course, no human family is perfect. Imagine how Joseph must have felt living under the same roof with the Incarnate Son of God, and a woman who was immaculately conceived. And yet Joseph knew his role and lived in accordance with God's will.

If we're being honest, every family has some level of dysfunction. Some have it much tougher than others. At the end of the day,

however, family is family. It's important that the Holy Family be a part of EVERY family. A family that prays together stays together.

Be honest. Is prayer part of your family life? As I look back into my own childhood, I am not sure we even prayed before Christmas and Easter meals. Why didn't we? I don't know. There are some families that regularly pray the Rosary together.

Imagine a family in crisis. They certainly want to be able to use prayer to cope. Sadly, prayer is often mocked in our society, as if it has no purpose. We often see the reaction from some folks after another tragic shooting. They say things like, "We need better laws not more prayers." Um, well, yes, we might need better laws, but why mock prayer in the process?

For those who do not have much family anymore, please know you always have your Christian family, and you always have the Holy Family to walk with you and guide you. God could have come among us in some other way, but God chose to enter time and space through the human family. That's important to think about, especially when the model of family is under attack.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

New Year's Resolutions

If by some chance you are making a New Year's resolution, here is something to keep in mind. You cannot change a bad habit unless you replace it with a good habit.

Some folks just want a bad habit to go away. Unfortunately things don't work that way.

What needs to happen is that we file away a vice by embracing its corresponding virtue. For example, if you struggle in the area of lust, you want to begin living a chaste life. If you struggle with pride, you want to move toward humility. If your thing is greed, move toward generosity.

Very few of us can just stop a vice. We need to live into virtue.

In all things, pray for grace. Pray that you find the courage and strength to distance yourself from vice and walk more in the way of virtue.

Donor Recognition Plaque

A few years ago, a good number of St. Rene parishioners generously contributed to putting a new roof on the church building. We are grateful for the many donations.

Certain donors of a specified dollar amount were promised formal recognition – a plaque that will soon be mounted on one of the narthex walls.

The plaque is 99.9 percent complete and is currently on display on a table in the narthex.

Thank you for caring about your parish.

Quote of the Week:

**"Disorder in the society
is a result of
disorder in the family."
– St. Angela Merici.**

St. Rene New Years Schedule

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Vigil Mass, 4PM on December 31, 2019

Mass During the Day, 9PM on January 1, 2020



We invite everyone to join us for our next “Super Bingo/Raffle” on Sunday, January 19.

Doors will open at 12:30pm and games will begin at 1:30pm.

The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets will be sold in the narthex and at the door.

Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon!



The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

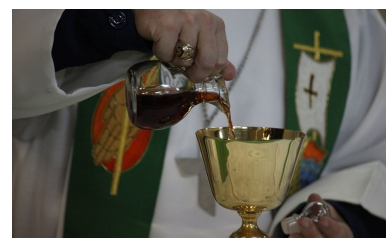
JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. AMEN.

Catholic Vocabulary - What Does it Mean?

Mixing of Water and Wine

Ancient liturgical practice still used at the Preparation of the Gifts at Mass. Water was customarily used in the Palestine of Christ's day to dilute wine, which tended to be heavy. When used in the Liturgy this utilitarian action came to be given a symbolic religious interpretation. In the West, the mixing represented our Lord's union with His faithful—as wine receives water, so Christ takes us and our sins to Himself. In the East, the wine and water represented Christ's human and Divine natures. The accompanying prayer reminds us that through the Eucharist we are to share in the Divine dignity of Christ, who became incarnate for us.



I'm Walking Into 2020

With a clear heart & mind. If you owe me, don't worry about it- your welcome. If you've wronged me, it's all good- lesson learned. If you're angry with me, you won- I've let it go. If we're not speaking, it's cool- I wish you well. If I've wronged you, I'm sorry- it wasn't intentional. I am grateful for every experience that I have received. Life is too short for pent up anger, grudges, extra stress or pain. Forgiveness is a gift to yourself. Make 2020 a year of forgiveness and a season of positivity.





Our Catholic Faith

By Fr. Bob Regan

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Sometimes you just need to step aside and allow a wise person to speak. That’s the case in this week’s Our Catholic Faith. St. Padre Pio was a wise and holy man, and so what follows are his words for our consumption and contemplation.

1. Today’s society does not pray, that is why it is falling apart.
2. Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God.
3. Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. Our merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.
4. Endeavor to unite the simplicity of children with the prudence of adults.
5. Do not be so given to the activity of Martha as to forget the silence of Mary. May the virgin who so well reconciled the one with the other be your sweet model of inspiration.
6. It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Mass.
7. A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
8. In the spiritual life he who does not advance goes backward. It happens as with a boat which always must go ahead. If it stands still the wind will blow it back.
9. You must speak to Jesus with all your heart, besides the lips; indeed, in certain cases you must speak to him only with your heart.
10. God loves man with an infinite love and when he pushes he does so with reverence, almost fearing to hurt.
11. Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God.
12. Thank and sweetly kiss the hand of God that strikes you, because it is always the hand of a Father who strikes you because he loves you.
13. Where there is no obedience, there is no virtue; there is neither goodness nor love. And where there is no love, there is no God. Without God, we cannot reach Heaven. These virtues form a ladder; if a step is missing, we fall down.
14. The field of battle between God and Satan is the human soul. It is in the soul that the battle rages every moment of life. The soul must give free access to the Lord so that it be fortified by him in every respect and will all kinds of weapons; that his light may enlighten it to combat the darkness of error; that it be clothed with Jesus Christ, with his justice, truth, the shield of faith, the word of God, in order to conquer such powerful enemies. To be clothed with Jesus Christ, it is necessary to die to oneself.
15. Do not fear. Jesus is more powerful than all hell. At the invocation of his name every knee in heaven, on earth and in hell must bend before Jesus; this is a consolation for the good and terror for evil.
16. To doubt is the greatest insult to Divinity.
17. He who attaches himself to the earth remains attached to it. It is by violence that we must leave it. It is better to detach oneself a little at a time, rather than all at once. Let us always think of heaven.
18. Time spent in honor of God and for the salvation of souls is never badly spent.
19. Do you not see the Madonna always beside the tabernacle?
20. You must have boundless faith in divine goodness, for the victory is absolutely certain.



Faith Formation Office

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**Coordinator:
Peg Siebenaler**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/29: Family Mass 9:30am.
- 1/1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 1/5: Family Mass 9:30am.
Special Belonging Mass for all our First Communion Students in Level Two.
- 1/8: Classes for All Levels.
- 1/12: Family Mass 9:30am.
- 1/15: Classes for Level 8 and Level 2 ONLY.
Level Two Students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 1/19: Family Mass 9:30am.



Belonging Service

On January 5th at the 9:30 a.m. mass, our Faith Formation Students in Level Two will be received as candidates for First Eucharist. The candidates are invited to join in the Entrance Procession in which they will carry a loaf of sandwich bread. The bread symbolizes Jesus, The Bread of Life. All the bread will be donating to our local food pantry. These First Eucharist candidates will receive their First Communion badge at this very special mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Level 2 Students in our Faith Formation Program, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday, January 15th. Please remember these young students in your prayers as they journey closer to Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us for our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We appreciate everyone who helped prepare for this celebration and to those who donated food / refreshments for this special event. A big shout-out to Manolo's Tamales for their delicious contributions. Also, hats off to the Velazco Family, from St. Agnes of Bohemia for providing the beautiful music for this liturgy. Finally, many thanks to Deacon Jesse Blanco from St. Frances of Rome for celebrating mass with us here at St. Rene.



Deacon
Jesse Blanco



A special thank you to our Faith Formation Students who dressed up. Julian Hernandez was Juan Diego and Sophia Hernandez was Our Lady.



St. Rene Faith Formation Program - Emergency Closing Information

IMPORTANT REMINDER.....in the event of a heavy snowfall, or inclement weather you can access Emergency Closing information for our program by going to the St. Rene Website.....Strenegoupil.org (in the event of an emergency closing, this announcement would be the First Message to appear on the Web-Site at the top of your screen.)



Saturday, December 28, 2019

4:00pm—Casimir C. Wilczynski (Family)
4:00pm—Louis Rapacz (Family)

Sunday, December 29, 2019

7:30am—Zeneida Narea (Vince Narea)
7:30am—Daniel Rajewski (Jean Richards)

9:30am—Dawn Bodoki Denis (Mom & Dad)
9:30am—Ed Surges (Barb Grzenia)
9:30am—Lauren Vitrano (Connie, Dawn & Amanda)

11:30am—Raymond Sutkowski (Tammy & Jeff Sheffler)

Monday, December 30, 2019

8:00am—Debra Sutkowski (Sutkowski Family)

Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

8:00am—Joseph Shaughnessy (Family)
8:00am—Phillip O'Brien (Family)

4:00pm—Kathleen (Kitty) Mroz (Boudos Family)
4:00pm—Sam Principe (Family)

Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

9:00am—The Beloved Deceased of St. Rene

Thursday, January 2, 2020

8:00am—Phillip O'Brien (Family)

Friday, January 3, 2020

8:00am—Patricia Synowiecki (Family)

Saturday, January 4, 2020

8:00am—Rose Marie Zderad (Family)

4:00pm—Mary Amarino (Family)

Sunday, January 5, 2020

7:30am—Daniel Rajewski (Charlene Bruss)

9:30am—Ron Mroz (Cello Family)
9:30am—Margaret (Peggy) Wood (Wood Family)
9:30am—Ramon Perez (Wife—Socorro Perez)

11:30am—Raymond Ulrich (Family)



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St. Rene Devotional Candle

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December 14/15, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes	\$3,823.00
Total loose cash	\$ 693.40
Total Sunday Giving	\$4,516.40
Religious Education Fund	\$ 775.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 804.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The offerings for the weekend of Dec. 21/22 are not available at this time. They will be published in a future bulletin.

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Altar & Rosary Society

Cleaning Schedule—January 3/4

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Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00pm
(Confessions from 3:15 - 3:45pm)

Sunday
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Saturday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Parish Office

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Baptism

First Sunday of the month or during weekend Mass. Parent preparation class required. Contact the Parish Office at (773) 229-8523 to register.

Marriage

Saturday afternoons at 12:30pm or 2:00pm. Please call Fr. Bob at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays from 3:15—3:45pm or in the Parish Office by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at (773) 229-8523 for a family member who is seriously ill.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish without family consent. Please contact the Parish Office when you or a loved one would like a visit or to be added to the prayer list.

Faith Formation Classes



Classes for Grades 1-8 are offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm. They will meet during the school year. Please call Peg Siebenaler in the Parish Office with any questions.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This program is designed for adults who are not baptized, those who were baptized into a Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic and those Catholics who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. Classes begin in September with the Sacraments being received at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Bob for more information.

**New Parishioners are always welcome at St. Rene.
Our doors and hearts are open to you.
Please stop in the office to join our Parish family.**



Mass	4:00PM January 4, 2020	7:30AM January 5, 2020	9:30AM January 5, 2020	11:30AM January 5, 2020
	Diane Biondo Pat Gunnell Dan Bartusiak Frank Zalewski Linda Dobias	Alice Schaeer Arlene Capparelli Pat O'Brien-Kenney Jack Kenney	Jack Orsi Joan Orsi Kay Marks Teena Smith Debbie Rudar	Ben Shafer Kathy Przekwas Joanne Tishka Charlie Murphy Mark Dill
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