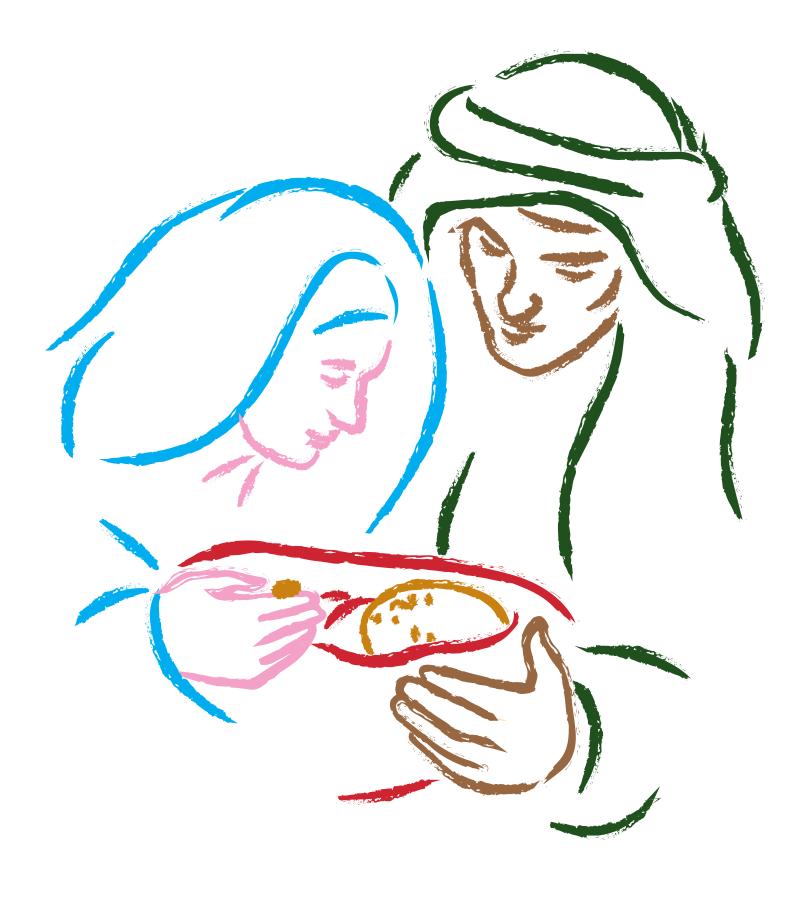


December 27, 2015 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



# Show Mercy to People Who Need It Most

The corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. The jubilee year of mercy offers a special opportunity to show these works of mercy to people around the world. Here are a few ways you can remember our brothers and sisters overseas this year as you pray, learn, act and give.

#### PRAY

Make a commitment to pray each day for poor and vulnerable people worldwide. Not sure where to start? Pray with the daily news headlines. Ask God to bless the people you read about in the paper or on social media.

#### **LEARN**

Take time to become more familiar with the challenges facing our brothers and sisters overseas. Choose an issue you feel moved to learn more about—like hunger, climate change or the refugee crisis—and commit to reading and reflecting on it throughout the year. To learn about how the Church is responding to these issues, visit crs.org.

#### ACT

It's easy to feel like there's not much we can do to support people we may never meet. These resources can help you show mercy to people in need overseas.

Support struggling artisans and farmers by purchasing fair trade coffee, chocolate and craft items.



When you purchase fair trade items, you ensure that the people who produce them earn a living wage and work in safe conditions. Visit crs.org/ fairtrade for more information.

Urge our nation to act on behalf of the poor through legislative advocacy. Ask your lawmakers to enact policies that help "these least ones" (Matthew 25:40). Catholics Confront Global Poverty represents the official voice of the Catholic Church in the United States on policy issues that improve the lives of poor and vulnerable people overseas. Text CCCP to 30644 or visit confrontglobalpoverty.org to learn more.

Catholic Relief Services lives out the corporal works of mercy on behalf of Catholics in the United States by serving the poor in more than 100 countries. You can help contribute to our efforts to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty by visiting gifts.crs.org.

# SAVE THE DATE!! March 6, 2016: St. Anne's Parish Auction

Our parish auction will take place once again in 2016 so mark your calendars for March 6. The doors will open at 12:00 noon. If you would like to donate some auction items, please bring all donations (including Gift Cards and Gift Certificates) to the rectory and label them "Parish Auction". We also welcome volunteers who are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Waddleton at 201-659-4641. Thank you, Merry Christmas and see you next year for this great parish event!



### **Solemnity of Mary**

7:00 PM (antic. Mass for Holy Day) New Year's Day

9:00 AM Mass of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### The Archdiocese Acts to Protect Youth and Children

Archbishop Myers has stated categorically that the primary responsibilities of the Archdiocese are to protect children and young people, and to promote the healing of, and provide compassion to, victims of abuse.

The Archdiocese of Newark requires all staff and volunteers working with children and youth to undergo background checks and receive sexual abuse awareness training. More than 20,000 Clergy, Religious and Lay people have received this training and undergone criminal background checks.

Nearly 95,000 children annually receive safe environment training through our Catholic schools and through opportunities offered to public school students in our religious education programs.

The Archdiocese utilizes the services of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker as the first contact for individuals who allege that they were abused so that counseling and other support services can be offered immediately if appropriate – sometimes even before a determination is made regarding the credibility of an allegation.

A full-time Office of Child and Youth Protection dedicated to protecting children works with parishes and schools to ensure that safe environments are in place throughout the Archdiocese.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

# The search is underway for the longest married Couple in the U.S. Do you think you know who they are?

Maybe it's your parents... grandparents... That nice couple who live down the street... Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to: wwmelmc2015@gmail.com Nominations accepted until January 10. 2016.

Winners will be announced February 2016 to celebrate World Marriage Day. Nominate a couple you know today!

#### OUR CHURCH

# The Holy see at the UN The Holy See on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

#### By MATTHEW BORK, BA

In September of 2000, the United Nations held a Millennium Summit to discuss the role of the UN in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Following this summit, the UN adopted the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), ambitious targets that every country would focus on to increase prosperity and human rights around the world. The goals included eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/Aids (among other diseases like malaria), ensuring environmental sustainability, and developing a global partnership for development. These goals had more specific objectives, with each country having responsibilities to achieve and promote the goals within their own borders; all of these goals were intended to be accomplished by 2015.

While these goals are crucial for the future of our world, the success of the MDGs has been limited. While some nations have improved on, or accomplished their specific targets, many nations have been unable to meet any of the goals. As a result, the United Nations began discussing why some places were unable to meet the goals, and reassessed the way in which the goals would be addressed. These reassessments resulted in new, post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, which were adopted by the UN



Archbishop Paul Gallagher at the United Nations (Sept 29, 2015)

General Assembly on September 27<sup>th</sup> of this 2015.

These new goals have found favor in the international community, and drew many comments from representatives including the Holy See. Speaking on behalf of the Holy See was Archbishop Paul Gallagher. the Secretary for Relation with States — the Church's equivalent of the Deputy Secretary of State. In his speech before the General Assembly, Archbishop Gallagher stated that this common home of all men and women must also be built on the understanding of a certain sacredness of created nature. In this way, the pillars of integral human development: 'housing, dignified and properly remunerated employment, adequate food and drinking water...' have a common foundation - the right to life and... the right to existence of human nature itself.

Archbishop Gallagher continued by noting that for the 2030 Agenda for Development to be effective, it must [provide] immediate access, on the part of all, to essential material goods and respect for one's freedom to attain essential spiritual goods. That poverty has many forms means that sustainable development can neither be conceived nor measured in mere economic and statistical terms.

These statements by the Archbishop show an important perspective not necessarily addressed by other UN member states. The Holy See reminds the General Assembly, as the Catholic Church reminds us today, that every human deserves to be cared for, and that poverty is more than the lack of material goods. Indeed, poverty has social implications, often resulting in a crippling lack of political representation and exclusion from society. To combat poverty, and thus to promote the dignity of life as we are called to do, we must work with those suffering to eliminate both the economic and social causes of poverty.

# What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?

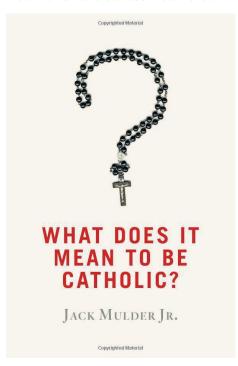
### By **JACH, JR MULDER**

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What does it mean to be Catholic? Many people, both non-Catholics and even Catholics themselves, really don't know. This accessible book by Jack Mulder is ideal for all who are curious to know more about Catholicism.

Writing in a conversational style, Mulder clearly portrays the main contours of the Catholic faith. For readers who have ever wondered what exactly the Roman Catholic Church teaches about predestination, original sin, the Virgin Mary, abortion, samesex marriage, and other issues, Mulder explains all that—and much more—in simple language.

Mulder, who was raised in the Protestant tradition and converted to Catholicism later in life, speaks from the perspective of having wrestled with his own beliefs over the years. With solid information and without proselytizing—Mulder's What Does It Mean to Be Catholic? presents a truly fresh perspective on the distinctive features of the Catholic faith.



# When Your Siblings are Disabled

Being the sibling of someone with a profound disability often asks much of the sibling. Though they feel great love for their brother or sister, much is also expected. They typically need to grow up more quickly from additional responsibilities and often their parents' attention is more widely cast with the additional needs in raising an individual with a profound disabil-

ity. There will be a gathering for teen and young adult aged siblings on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 PM at the St John the Evangelist Parish Life Center, 15 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield. This event is sponsored by SIBS NJ and Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Anne Masters 973-639-6536 or masteranrcan@gmail. com. Questions: info.sibsnj@gmail.com or Nancy Nasr at 973-851-0797

SIBS NJ, Supportive Initiatives for Brothers & Sisters, is a volunteer organization based in Northern New Jersey dedicated to providing the siblings of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health conditions with information and support.

#### OUR CHURCH

# 'Catholic' New Year's **Resolutions**

Time is a most precious gift. As we see time through the eyes of faith, it becomes an opportunity to grow in grace. May the year 2016 be a true year of grace for each of us at Saint Anne's. To aid us in holding the gift of Christmas throughout the year, may I suggest the following ideas for New Year's Resolutions:

- 1. Use our Parish Envelope System;
- 2. Attend daily Mass once or twice a month;
- 3. Participate in one of our novenas;
- 4. Set aside some time each day to read the Scriptures;
- Do not leave Mass right after Communion

   Pray the final song; Spend some time in meditation; Don't rush your prayer.
- 6. Begin your day with the Morning Offering;
- Join one of our Societies (Holy Name, Rosarians, Legion of Mary, Padre Pio, St. Joseph's Morning Prayer Group, etc) and share your faith in community;
- 8. Become a Eucharistic Minister to help bring Communion to our Homebound;
- 9. Pray for vocations in this time of need;
- 10. Ask a friend to church;
- 11. Evaluate your involvement in the parish and pledge a gift of time;
- 12. Join the choir;
- 13. Say the rosary;
- 14. Make time for an adult education class and grow in your knowledge of our faith;
- 15. Pick a corporal work of mercy and make our faith incarnate;
- 16. Make a joyful noise once a day;
- 17. Become a bingo worker;
- Become a coach and help our youth have real adult role models;
- Share a "cost of living" donation in your envelopes;
- 20. Set time aside at night to pray over your day and seek the Lord's presence;
- 21. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by developing a confessor. Take time to grow with this very unique and very Catholic Sacrament. One of the seven precious Sacramental ways the Lord reminds us of His tender love.

Pick one, two, or three resolutions and each month renew your pledge so that it becomes a habit or second nature to your person. This will let Christmas lead to Easter.

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# The Holy Family

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are here to offer all the members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing. The first reading is a commentary example of a life of obedience to the laws of God and their country, the children will in turn carry out their duties to God, to their parents and to their fellowman.



on the fourth commandment: Honor your father and your mother. Ben Sirach has many good things to say about living properly according to the Torah. Sirach reminds children of their duty to honor their parents – even when it becomes difficult. He also mentions the five-fold reward which God promises to those who honor their father and mother. The first reward is *riches*, and the second long life: Whoever reveres his father will live a long life. Forgiveness of sins and God's prompt answer to pravers are the fourth and fifth rewards. He reminds children that God blesses them if they obey revere and show compassion to their father. Paul, in the letter to the Colossians, advises us that we should put on love and remain thankful in our relationships with one another. Paul's advice is part of the Household code – the rules for members of the Christian family. Though its details date to Paul's time, the underlying message of being careful with one another being full of care – is timeless. Paul teaches that children should learn and practice noble qualities like compassion, kindness, forgiveness and sharing in the warmth of the family. In a truly holy family all members are respected, cherished, nurtured and supported, united in the bond of love. Today's Gospel describes how Joseph presented Mary and the Child Jesus in the Temple for the ritual of the mother's purification and the child's presentation.

#### Rights and duties of parents and children

Although more emphasis is given in the first two readings on the obligation of children to their parents, there is a profound lesson here for parents too. *Like father like son* is an old saying, and very often true. If the parents fail to do what is right and just in the sight of God, they can hardly complain if their children turn out disobedient to God and to them. The young learn more from example than from precept. If parents give their children the

#### Influence of the Holy Family on Jesus

We know that the family of Jesus was steeped in Scripture. Mary's prayer, the Magnificat, is rich in Old Testament quotations. We know that Jesus' family had a deep life of piety that included pilgrimages and prayer to the angels. Both Mary and Joseph were accustomed to receiving the guidance of Heaven's messengers. From Jesus' adulthood, we can also glimpse the prayer life He learned from His parents. He prayed the morning offering of pious Jews (MARK 12:29-30). He prayed spontaneously. He took time to pray alone. Yet, He also prayed with His friends. Jesus fasted and marked the holy days. All these habits He probably acguired from His home life in Nazareth. We know that work was important to Jesus' family. In adulthood, Jesus was called not just Joseph's son, but the carpenter's son. Joseph was skilled in a trade that was highly regarded in his day, and he trained Jesus in the same craft. We can conclude from Jesus' preaching that Mary was industrious and frugal in keeping a house. It was likely from her example that Jesus drew many of His favorite stories: a woman finding just the right cloth to patch a piece of clothing, a woman setting aside leaven for tomorrow's baking, a widow searching her house for a lost coin. Hard work, struggling to pay the bills, taking long road trips, praying simple devotions — all of this we learn from the real Gospels.

#### Lessons from the Holy Family

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family.



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Fr. Nigel	Parish Priest
Fr. J. Ranieri	Weekend Assistant
Msgr. L.J. Miller	Weekend Assistant
Fr. D.X.Stump, S.J.	Weekday Assistant
Mrs. J. Waddleton & Lt. J. C	arroll Trustee

#### Weekly Planner

Weekly Planner		
SUNDAY 12/27 ● Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph		
10 AM	CCD Families Attend Mass Church No Class	
MONDAY 12/28		
<b>TUESDAY 12/29</b>		
No Bingo		
3–4 PM	Holy Hour for Priests Convent Chapel	
WEDNESDAY 12/3	30	
6–8 PM	Daisy/Jr Mtg Cent Hall	
THURSDAY 12/31	<ul> <li>New Year's Eve</li> </ul>	
<b>Rectory Office Clos</b>	ed For New Year Holiday	
7 PM	Anticipated Mass for Holy Day Church	
FRIDAY 1/1 • Mary	, Mother of God • New Year's Day	
Rectory Office Clos	ed For New Year Holiday	
No Bingo		
9 AM	Mass Only	
SATURDAY 1/2		
7–11 PM	OLG Three Kings Celebration	
	Church/Cent Hall	
SUNDAY 1/3 • Epip	ohany	
10 AM	CCD Families Attend Mass Church/ Cent Hall	
10 AM & 12 PM	Baptism Church	

#### liturgies

7 P M

Liturg	ies	
Saturda	ay Evening Church	English 5:30 PM
(anticipo	ating Sunday)	Misa Español 7 PM
-		8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon
	y 🕨 Saturday: Mass Cl	
	sday: Mass Church	7 PM
Holy H	lour	
Tuesday	<b>ys</b> Convent Chapel	3–4 PM
Sacrai	ment of Penance	
Saturda	ays <mark>Church</mark> (Or by Appoi	ntment) 5 PM
Schedu	ule of Masses Dec 28 <sup>t</sup>	<sup>h</sup> ,2015–Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,2016
Monda	y, December 28	
9 AM	+ Alessandro Belfiore	Wife Toni
Tuesda	y, December 29	
9 AM	† John J. Musante	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary in Heav	en Ruth Cullen
Wedne	sday, December 30	
9 AM	Lawrence Shin	Family
7 PM	+ Special Intention	<b>OL Perpetual</b>
		Help Group
	ay, December 31	
9 AM	+ Philip Kidney	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary in Heave	
7PM	† Marie Maillie	St. Anne Rosary Scty
	January 1	
9 A M	For the People of t	he Parish
	ay, January 2	
9 A M	Novena	
5:30 PM	+ Marie Maillie	Mildred & JoAnne Baccile

Teresa Pintado

& Enrique Sangurima Adolfo Sangurima

#### Sunday, January 3

Sunday Readings		
12 PM	† Carmella Costanza	Paige Aly
10 AM	† Christina Burke	
8 AM	† Novena	

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52

Psalm 128:1-2.3.4-5

First Reading: Psalm: Second Reading: Gospel:

#### **Weekday Readings**

Monday Feast of the Holy Innocents 1]n1:5—2:2/Ps124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8/Mt 2:13-18 Tuesday 1]n 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6/Lk 2:22-35 Wednesday 1]n 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Thursday 1]n 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18 Friday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Lk 2:16-21 Saturday Mem of Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen 1]n 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/Jn 1:19-28 Sanctuary Gifts for Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015–Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Gift	In Memory/Honor of	Requested By
Altar Wine	+ Frank Schweiger	Parish Intention
Altar Bread	+ Doris Richter	Parish Intention
Sanct. Lamp	np + Most Rev. Thomas A.	
	Donato, D.D.	Parish Intention
Altar Candles + Most Rev. Thomas A.		
Sick List	Donato, D.D.	Parish Intention

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Dolores McNamara David Cicchine Marie Portelli Portelli Niece & Nephew Jennifer O'Connor Donna Tuzzo Matt Bolger Dennis Mallon Marie Carlson Lawrence Shin Lupe Pena, Frances Kearns Josephine Cermak Rowan Steve & Rachel Mastin Diane Shea Joseph Callandrillo Humberto Quintana Julia Annicchiarico Javier Vega Jennifer Moloughney Antoinette Maddi Carol Jordan Anthony Biggio Sammy DeLeon Shane Quinne Alice Daly Sadie Krieger Dolores DelMonte Dianne O'Sullivan Carl Carlson Larry Bello Miyuki Campbell Diane Albert Meghan Connaughton

#### **Ministry to the Sick**

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call **St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email: info@sahjerseycity.com** 

#### **December Papal Prayer Intentions**

**Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

#### **Religious Education News**

Our Religious Ed Office is located inside St. Anne's Rectory. Office Hours: M-T-W 9 am to 5 PM, TR & F, 10 am to 5 pm.

#### Novena – January 2016

Requested for † Charles Kaufman Gemma Silva Requested by Mary Kaufman Mother

#### **Social Media**

Please follow the official Twitter channels of the parish:

🔰 sah_promise	Faith Formation Grade K—1
🔰 sah_goodnews	Faith Formation Grade 2—3
🔰 sah_venture	Faith Formation Grade 4—6
🎔 sah_visions	Faith Formation Grade 7—8
🎔 stah_nation	General parish feed
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#### Website & Online Services

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# How much should I give in the collection basket each Sunday?

We ask **each person working** in the household to gift **one hour's wage** to the parish **every week**. **How much is one hour?** Below you can find the recommended contribution based on your annual combined income:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly
	donation)
\$100,000	\$50
\$75,000	\$38
\$50,000	\$25
\$40,000	\$20
\$35,000	\$17
\$30,000	\$15
\$25,000	\$12
\$20,000	\$10
\$15,000	\$7

We are grateful for your contribution!

#### **Baptism Information**

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every Month: 2 Baptisms per Mass at 10 AM & 12 Noon (English). Because they will be promising to help raise your child in the practice of the Faith, the church requires that at least one of your child's godparents be a 'fully initiated Roman Catholic;' i.e., one who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the time of registering your child for Baptism, we ask that one of your chosen godparents provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate or some documentation from their church of Baptism or Confirmation indicating the month and year of their Confirmation. GODPARENTS & PARENTS are also required to attend a "baptism instruction" session on Saturday (the day before the Baptism) @ 4:00 PM in CHURCH (English & Spanish). A donation to the church for Baptism is always appreciated: please place your offering in an envelope marked 'BAPTISM' with your child's name and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Contact the office with any questions. Thank You.



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