



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY

كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

Sunday, December 17, 2017

الأحد، 17 كانون الأول 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: Office is Closed

Saturdays: By Appointment

LITURGIES

Daily Liturgies:

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday

Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

Sunday Liturgies:

8:30 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

Sacraments of

Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Sacrament of

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday &

Saturday Liturgies,

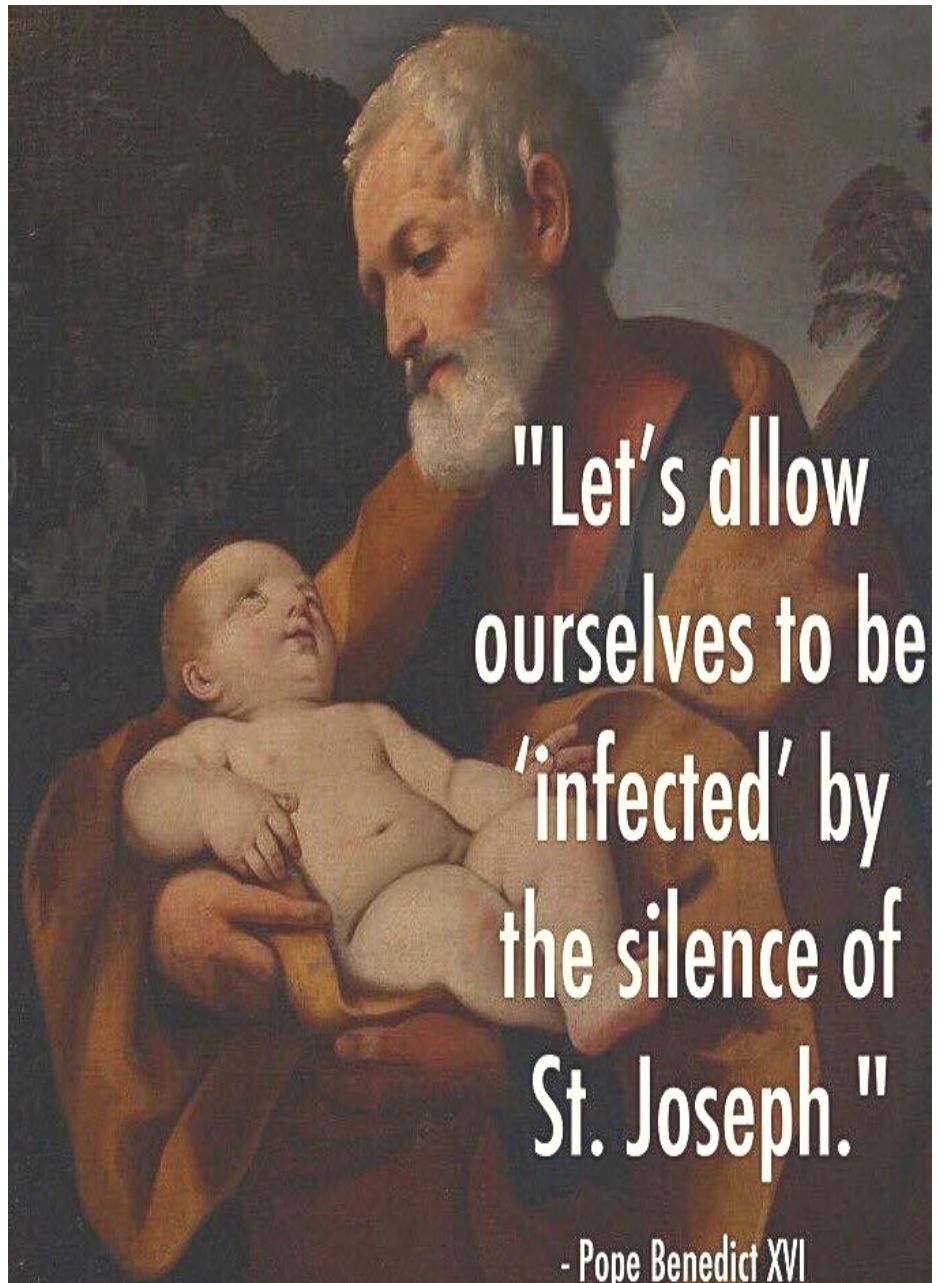
or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

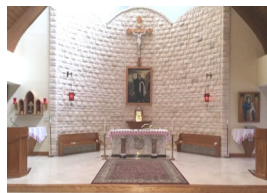
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Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

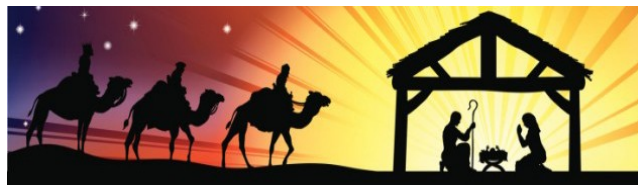
Season the Glorious Birth of Our Lord



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Liturgies Intentions



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- ◆ Publishing: Bulletin
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- ◆ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)
 - ◆ Kids Choir
 - ◆ Knights of the Altar
 - ◆ Knights of Mary
 - ◆ Maronite Youth : MYO
 - ◆ Maronite Young Adults
 (Coming Soon)
 - ◆ Bereavement Ministry
 - ◆ Cenacle of the Rosary
 (Thursdays @ 6PM)
 - ◆ Cenacle of Divine Mercy
 (Sundays Before the Liturgies)
 - ◆ Sacristan (s)

Revelation to Joseph

أحد ألبان ليوسف

Saturday, December 16	4:00 PM	For: +Thomas and Victoria Kattar, and their daughter, Frances Cocozza, By Donna and Christine Kattar.
Sunday, December 17	8:30AM	Special Intentions.
	9:30AM	Christmas Pageant. In Honor of CCD & Knights of Mary Children By The Pastor
	11:30 AM	For: 40 Days Anniversary - Madeleine Saliba Matta, By her son, Selim, his wife, Rita Matta, and Family.

Revelation to Joseph

أسبوع ألبان ليوسف

Monday, December 18 @ 9 AM <i>Prophet Daniel</i>	Private Intentions. Christmas Novena @ 7PM
Tuesday, December 19 @ 9AM	For : Souad, Hana & Andre Abi Awad By the Family Christmas Novena @ 7PM
Wednesday, December 20 @ 9AM	For: In Honor of Baby Lucas Levy, By The Pastor Christmas Novena @ 7PM
Thursday, December 21 @ 9AM <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	Private Intentions. Christmas Novena @ 7PM
Friday, December 22 @ 7PM	Christmas Novena.

Genealogy Sunday

أحد النسبة

Saturday, December 23	4:00 PM	For: + 1 st Anniversary-John G. (Lahoud) Thomas by His Wife, Phyllis Thomas, and Family.
Sunday, December 24	11:30 AM	For: + Marwan Ksaifi By His Sister Tania wife of Mr. Eddy Sfeir and Family



POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS ~ DECEMBER 2017

THE ELDERLY: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Saint Anthony's Maronite Church

كنيسة القديس أنطونيوس المارونية



برنامج الميلاد المجيد Christmas Calendar

Christmas Concert - Sing Along

St Anthony Choirs, The Children Choirs, St Augustine & St Bernard Bellarmine Choirs

Saturday, December 2 - 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 17, - 9:30 AM Liturgy

Christmas Weekend Liturgies

Day	Date	Time	Language
Saturday,	December 23rd	4 PM	English
Sunday	December 24th	11:30 AM	English - Arabic

Christmas Novena - تساعية الميلاد

Day	Date	Time	Language
	Dec 15- Dec 23	7:00 PM	

Christmas Liturgies - قدايس أعياد الميلاد

Occasion	Day	Date	Time	Language
Vigil Liturgy	Sunday	December 24th	4 PM,	English
MIDNIGHT Mass	Sunday	December 24th	12AM	English - Arabic
Christmas Day Mass	Monday	December 25th	10:00 AM	Arabic
Christmas Day Mass	Monday	December 25th	11:30 AM	English - Arabic

New Year's Week End - قدايس عيد رأس السنة

Occasion	Day	Date	Time	Language
Divine Liturgy	Saturday	December 30th	4 PM,	English
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	8:30 AM,	Arabic
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	9:30 AM,	English
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	11:30 AM,	English - Arabic
Ney Year's Liturgy	Monday	January 1, 2018	5 PM	English - Arabic

PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

Religious Education - Sunday School

Our CCD program is selling Christmas Ornaments. The cost is \$10.00. These ornaments are beautiful and, this year include new additions such as, St. Rafka, as well as some custom ornaments of our own church. Check them out after the liturgies this weekend.

Thank you !!! I would like to thank the children and their families that participated in The Knights of Columbus poster contest. The posters were picked up yesterday. The winners will be celebrated on December 31. Stay tuned for more details.

There will be **no CCD on December 24 or 31.**

Classes will resume in January.

From the entire staff of the CCD program, we would like to wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Veilleux, ccd@stanthonylawrence.org



Children's Choir

December 16, January 13

Practices will be held from 5:00PM - 6:30PM

KNIGHTS OF MARY SCHEDULE



All Events run from

5PM - 7PM

After 4PM Liturgy

Dates are Subject to change

2017-2018

January 6

January 20

BE IN TOUCH!! STAY CONNECTED !!

Membership Registration:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>

Online Donation:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

Upcoming Events:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/>

Monthly Calendar:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

تساعية الميلاد:

تبدأ ليلة 15 كانون الأول و تنتهي في 23 كانون الأول

قدايس عيد الميلاد المجيد

الأحد 24 كانون الأول: 4 مساء باللغة الأنكليزية

قدايس نصف الليل: باللغة العربية و الأنكليزية

قدايس يوم العيد, الأثنين 25 كانون الأول:

10:00 صباحاً: باللغة العربية

11:30 صباحاً: باللغة العربية و الأنكليزية

قدايس عيد راس السنة المجيدة

الأثنين 1 كانون الثاني: الساعة 5 مساء

Banns of Marriage



2nd Banns of Marriage :

David Bechara and Emily Gaunuscio.



We share the happiness and rejoice with

Christa Rizkallah and Dean

Levy, on the birth of their

new baby boy, Lucas. Our

warm wishes are extended to their families and

loved ones. May the Heavenly Father keep these

precious gifts in His loving care.

Rosary Group Every Wednesday @ 6PM

صلاة المسبحة الوردية

الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة السادسة مساء

Bible Study

everyone is welcome

Bible Studies will resume on Tuesday January 9th

تعاود السهرات الأنجيلية نشاطها في 9 كانون الثاني

Will be reserved to the Christmas
Novena during the month of December

Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament



Christmas Liturgical & Social Celebrations

CCD FUNDRAISING Christmas Ornaments

St. Anthony CCD program will be selling beautiful religious Christmas ornaments. They would make a great addition to your tree or as a gift for someone special. The ornaments are \$10.00 each and will be sold after each Liturgy this weekend. Please stop by and show your support towards the CCD program at St Anthony Church!!



Hats, gloves, and socks are being collected in the Church Foyer. Please drop your donations in the designated bin.

Poinsettia Dedication

In Honor or

In Loving Memory



Saint Anthony's Church invites you to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas **"In Honor" or "In Memory" of special loved ones.**

Please complete this form and either place it in the offering plate, hand in at the rectory, or mail it to the church, along with your payment of \$15.00 per plant. **The deadline to order is Tuesday, December 19th.**

Given By: _____

In honor of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

In memory of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Christmas Charity Bake Sale

Proceeds will benefit
Heaven's Joy (Bonheur Du Ciel/Father Majdi Allawi) in LEBANON
 Dedicated to the protection of Orphans, Elderly, Homeless, Battered Women & to the elimination of Drug Addiction

DECEMBER 16&17
 After the scheduled Masses
 At Saint Anthony Maronite Church
 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA01841 USA

"If you can't feed a hundred of people, then feed just one"
 Mother Theresa

MYO CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
5:30PM-7:30PM

WEAR YOUR UGLY SWEATER!  BEST ONE WINS A PRIZE!

FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES!

YANKEE SWAP
 BRING A UNISEX GIFT (MAX. \$15 VALUE) TO JOIN THE SWAP!

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

أنا بولس، أسير المسيح يسوع من أجلكم، أيها الأمم... إن كنتم قد سمعتم بتدبير نعمة الله التي وهبت لي من أجلكم، وهو أني بوحي أطلعت على السر، كما كتبت لكم بإيجاز من قبل، حينئذ يُمَكِّنْكُمْ، إذا قرأتم ذلك، أن تُدْرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هذا السر الذي لم يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كما أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وهو أن الأمم هم، في المسيح يسوع، شركاء لنا في الميراث والجسد والوعد، بواسطة الإنجيل، الذي صرت خادماً له، بحسب هبة نعمة الله التي وهبت لي بفعل قدرته؛ لي أنا، أصغر القديسين جميعاً، وهبت هذه النعمة، وهي أن أبشّر الأمم بغنى المسيح الذي لا يُسْتَقْصَى، وأن أوضح للجميع ما هو تدبير السر المكتوم منذ الدهور في الله الذي خلق كل شيء، لكي تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لدى الرئاسات والسلطين في السموات، حكمة الله المتنوعة، بحسب قصده الأزلي الذي حققه في المسيح يسوع ربنا، الذي لنا فيه، أي بالإيمان به، الوصول بجرأة وثقة إلى الله. لذلك أسألكم أن لا تضعف عزيمتكم بسبب الضيقات التي أعانيها من أجلكم: إنها مجد لكم!

Matthew 1:18-25

أحد البیان ليوسف

متى 1:18-25

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

أما ميلاد يسوع المسيح فكان هكذا: لما كانت أمه مريم مخطوبة ليوسف، وقبل أن يسكننا معاً، وجدت حاملاً من الروح القدس. ولما كان يوسف رجلاً باراً، ولا يريد أن يشهر بها، قرّر أن يطلقها سراً. وما إن فكر في هذا حتى ترأى له ملاك الرب في الحلم قائلاً: «يا يوسف بن داود، لا تخف أن تأخذ مريم امرأتك، فالمولود فيها إنما هو من الروح القدس. وسوف تلد ابناً، فسمه يسوع، لأنه هو الذي يخلص شعبه من خطاياهم». وحدث هذا كله ليتم ما قاله الرب بالنبى: «ها إن العذراء تحمّل وتلد ابناً، ويدعى اسمه عمانوئيل، أي الله معنا». ولما قام يوسف من النوم، فعل كما أمره ملاك الرب وأخذ امرأته. ولم يعرفها، فولدت ابناً، وسماه يسوع.



December 10, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,360.00
Candles	\$ 68.00
Fuel	\$ 235.00
Immaculate Conception	\$123.00
Christmas Pastor Charities	\$70.00
Christmas Offering	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Christmas Decorations	\$937.00
Men's Christmas Party (Gross)	\$1,960.00
Total Deposit	\$ 5,828.00

ALTAR SERVERS

Date	Time	Altar Servers
Saturday, December 16	4:00 PM	Fadi Chaine Youssef Chahine
Sunday, December 17	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, December 17	9:30 AM	Michael Bejjani Noah Hassan
Sunday, December 17	11:30 AM	Anthony El Hachem, Elias Azzi Geryes Geha, Joseph Chahine

Date	Time	Altar Servers
Saturday, December 23	4:00 PM	Elias Saab Sharbel Saab
Sunday, December 24	11:30 AM	Charbel Sadek, George ElHachem Jonathan Merheb, Joseph Mansour



Lectors

Date	Time	Lectors
Saturday, December 16	4:00 PM	Nancy Bistany
Sunday, December 17	8:30 AM	Hitaf Nammour
Sunday, December 17	9:30 AM	CCD
Sunday, December 17	11:30 AM	English: George Saab Arabic: Selim Matta

Date	Time	Lectors
Saturday, December 23	4:00 PM	Volunteers
Sunday, December 24	11:30 AM	Volunteers

Date	Time	Lectors
Sunday, December 24	4:00 PM	Elizabeth Frias
Monday, December 25	12 AM Midnight	Nadine Daou Charbel Churfane
Monday, December 25	10 AM	Tony Nammour
Monday, December 25	11:30 AM	English: Michael Mouawad Arabic: Sleiman Ramey

Weekly Offering Envelopes

Weekly offering envelopes for 2018 will be mailed to your home on a quarterly basis.

For those who have signed up for online donations, you may disregard them or drop your empty envelope in the collection basket.

ترسل الرعية كل ثلاثة أشهر بواسطة البريد المغلفات للتبرعات الأسبوعية التي تساهم في نهضة و بنيان رعيّتنا. نرجو منكم المساهمة والتبرع لبقاء أبواب رعيّتنا مفتوحة للجميع.

Guidelines:

Baptismal Guidelines: (Check our Website)

- ◆ Guidelines & Registration Form

Marriage Guidelines: (Check our Website)

- ◆ Guidelines & Check List Forms

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

- ◆ Contract Form (Check our Website)
- ◆ Banquet Hall Usage Donations:
 1. \$500 (For 6 Hours)
 2. \$250 For Registered & Active parishioners (with contribution history)
 3. Security Deposit \$250 (Returned after the event, if no Damages)
 4. Cleaning Donations: \$100

Sanctuary Lamps

Left and Right Sanctuary Lamp

*In Loving Memory of Thomas and Victoria Kattar,
And for their daughter, Frances Coccozza,
Offered by Donna and Christine Kattar.*

MYO Schedule of Events 2018

Friday, January 19 th	Faith Formation
Friday, Feb. 2 nd – Saturday, Feb. 3 rd	Lock-In Retreat
Sunday, February 18 th	Community Service
Sunday, March 4 th	MYO Youth Liturgy Faith Formation
Saturday, March 17 th	Memimack Valley Catholic Youth Conference*
Friday, April 13 th	MYO Youth Liturgy Faith Formation
Saturday, April 28 th	Regional MYO/MYA Retreat*
Friday, May 11 th	Faith Formation
Saturday, May 26 th	Social Outing

www.facebook.com/stanthonysmyo

Faith Formation	5:15pm-7:30pm
Community Service	5:00pm-7:30pm
Special Events	Details To Be Provided

*These events may involve additional cost not included in the Registration Fee

JOSEPH AND CHRISTMAS

By: Ronald Rolheiser

There are countless persons, basilicas, churches, shrines, seminaries, convents, and even towns and cities named after St. Joseph. My native country, Canada, has him as its patron.

Who exactly is this Joseph? He is that quiet figure prominently named in the Christmas story as the husband of Mary and the stepfather of Jesus, and then basically is never mentioned again. The pious conception of him is that of an older man, a safe protector to Mary, a carpenter by trade, chaste and holy, humble and quiet, the perfect patron for manual laborers and anonymous virtue, humility incarnate.

But what do we really know about him?

In the Gospel of Matthew the announcement of Jesus' conception is given to Joseph rather than to Mary: Before they came together, Mary was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, being an upright man and unwilling to shame her, had decided to divorce her quietly, when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, that the child in her had been conceived through the Holy Spirit.

What can we learn from this text?

Partly it is symbolic: The Joseph of the Christmas story is clearly reminiscent of the Joseph of the Exodus story, he too has a dream, he too goes to Egypt, and he too saves the family. Likewise King Herod is clearly the counterpart of the Egyptian Pharaoh; both feel threatened and both kill the Hebrew male children only to have God protect the life of the one who is to save the people.

But, after that, the Joseph of the




Save the date
FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Hafli Celebrating:
THE FEASTS OF SAINT MARON
& SAINT VALENTINE

Tickets will be on sale soon
\$50.00 per person

****Purchases made after January 22nd
will be \$75.00 per person****

Christmas story writes his own history: He is presented to us as an “upright” man, a designation that scholars say implies that he has conformed himself to the Law of God, the supreme Jewish standard of holiness. In every way he is blameless, a paradigm of goodness, which he demonstrates in the Christmas story by refusing to expose Mary to shame, even as he decides to divorce her quietly.

What actually happened here?

The background, in so far as we can reconstruct it, to the relationship between Joseph and Mary would have been this: The marriage custom at the time was that a young woman, essentially at the age of puberty, would be given to a man, usually several years her senior, in an arranged marriage by her parents. They would be betrothed, technically married, but would not yet live together or begin sexual relations for several more years. The Jewish law was especially strict as to the couple remaining celibate while in the betrothal period. During this time, the young woman would continue to live with her parents and the young man would go about setting up a house and an occupation so as to be able to support his wife once they began to live together.

Joseph and Mary were at this stage of their relationship, legally married but not yet living together, when Mary became pregnant. Joseph, knowing that the child was not his, had a dilemma: If he wasn't the father, who was? In order to save his own reputation, he could have demanded a public inquiry and, indeed, had Mary been accused of adultery, it might have meant her death. However, he decided to “divorce her quietly”, that is, to avoid a public inquiry which would leave her in an awkward and vulnerable situation.

Then, after receiving revelation in a dream, he agrees to take her home as his wife and to name the child as his own. Partly we understand the significance of that, he spares Mary embarrassment, he names the child as his own, and he provides an accepted physical, social, and religious place for the child to be born and raised. But he does something else that is not so evident: He shows how a person can be a pious believer, deeply faithful to everything within his religious tradition, and yet at the same time be open to a mystery beyond both his human and religious understanding.

And this was exactly the problem for any Christians, including Matthew himself, at the time the Gospels were written: They were pious Jews who didn't know how to integrate Christ into their religious framework. What does one do when God breaks into one's life in new, previously unimaginable ways? How does one deal with an impossible conception? Here's how Raymond Brown puts it: The hero of Matthew's infancy story is Joseph, a very sensitive Jewish observer of the Law. ... In Joseph, the evangelist was portraying what he thought a Jew [a true pious believer] should be and probably what he himself was.

In essence what Joseph teaches us is how to live in loving fidelity to all that we cling to humanly and religiously, even as we are open to a mystery of God that takes us beyond all the categories of our religious practice and imagination.

Isn't that one of the ongoing challenges of Christmas?



FORMED

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King

Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

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