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From the Desk of the Executive Director...

■ Greetings!

On March 17th we celebrate the Feast day St Patrick and on March 19th the solemnity of St Joseph two beloved Saints in our Church history, one for bringing Christianity to Ireland, the other for bringing our Lord and Savior to



manhood. He was and is the perfect fatherly example for all men to follow.

The hint of Spring starts to appear during March and with that the CCA prepares for another season of beautification and maintenance at our 30 cemeteries. We have started a green program of fertilization and grass maintenance as well as pest control in order to protect our environment and still provide the best care for those entrusted to eternal rest within our gates. We strive continuously to provide you a garden and park like environment to spend time with your loved ones and enjoy the area.

Wednesday March 2nd is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. I wish you and your families a deep spiritually rewarding Lent as we inch our way closer to the Resurrection. As part of the three catholic traditions of Lent, Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving, let us remember those suffering in the Ukraine pray and for the return to peace as swiftly as possible.

I wish you all a Blessed Lent.

Peace,

John Pinone



Special Promotion:

Offer Valid from
Feb. 14th until March 31st. Please
bring this Ad with you to
Save \$750.00 on a Tandem Crypt,
\$500.00 on a Single Crypt, and \$150.00
on 2 Graves.

A Family Service Advisor is standing by
to assist you and answer any of your
questions.
Inquire today!

[Reach out to a Cemetery](#)

Catch us on the Radio!

Join us every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC the Talk of CT



Tune in at 1360 AM, 103.3 FM, 1470 AM (Meriden), and 610 AM (Torrington) to hear Chris Radlicz, our Family Service Director, at CCA and President of Catholic Family Services Association speak about the importance of Pre-Planning issues facing Catholic Families as well as a host of other timely subjects important to Catholics. Tune in every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC the Talk of CT

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Want to join our team?



***We are hiring...
Family Service Advisors
(FSA's)***

FSA's serve families with care and compassion, while educating and guiding them through the process of making informed decisions for Advanced Planning of Cemetery needs, sudden loss of a loved one's Cemetery needs, and Memorialization products and services. [Read more here...](#)

Pictured left: Lydia Cassarino is our Family Service Advisor serving the Bloomfield, New Britain and Glastonbury markets.

*Dignity of Life Seminars!
It makes good sense to Pre-plan for
your Cemetery and Funeral needs
Learn why...register today!*



■ This Archdiocesan approved program is successfully assisting parishioners with elder care and end-of-life planning. The goal of the session is to provide

- educational and resource information in the areas of burial, estate planning and information about the Catholic Funeral Plan. Let the experts assist you.

**For your convenience and safety, we will be offering small-sized in-person seminars on the following days and evenings:
All interested must register. Seating is limited.**

2022 Schedule:

**Tuesday, March 8th
Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel
Meriden, CT
Time: 4:30 PM**

**Wednesday, April 6th, 2022
Milford Senior Center
9 Jepson Drive
Milford, CT
Time: 1:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 28th
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Naugatuck, CT
Times: 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**

For more information about our Seminars and to register,
please visit

our website www.ccacem.org or call

our Outreach Coordinator,

Barbara Gode to ask questions (203) 780-8418 or
email her at bgode@ccacem.org

To register for a seminar...

**Visit our
website**

Introducing...
The Catholic Funeral Plan ®
Enroll Today!

Catholic Funeral Plan ® (CFP) is a faith-based, pre-

need plan for those age 50 and over. The plan allows Catholics to make their funeral arrangements in advance.

This plan guarantees that, at the time of your passing, the funeral arrangement's you've selected will be executed in accordance with your wishes and the liturgical traditions of the Church.

The plan provides a practical planning tool to ensure that the faithful will receive the funeral they desire, in the fullest Tradition of the Church.

For more information, please visit our website to contact the Cemetery office nearest you. Also, you may register for one of our Dignity of Life Seminars to learn more about the CFP as well. You must register as seating is limited. A Family Service Advisor is ready to answer your questions. Call today at (475) 227-0211

[Read more...](#)

Words to Ponder...

St. Joseph, a Persecuted and Courageous Migrant

by Pope Francis

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

Pope Francis General Audience Address December 29, 2021

DESCRIPTION

Pope Francis continued his catechesis series on St. Joseph at the weekly General Audience of December 29, 2021, focusing on his role as “a persecuted and courageous migrant.” Following the depiction of Jesus’ foster father in the Gospel of Matthew (2:13-23), the Pope explored the massacre of all children under the age of 2 in Bethlehem, ordered by King Herod after the visit of

the Magi.

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Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to present Saint Joseph to you as a persecuted and courageous migrant. This is how the Evangelist Matthew describes him. This particular event in the life of Jesus, which also involves Joseph and Mary, is traditionally known as “the flight into Egypt” (cf. Mt 2:13-23). The family of Nazareth suffered such humiliation and experienced first-hand the precariousness, fear and pain of having to leave their homeland. Today so many of our brothers and sisters are still forced to experience the same injustice and suffering. The cause is almost always the arrogance and violence of the powerful. This was also the case for Jesus.

King Herod learns from the Magi of the birth of the “King of the Jews”, and the news shocks him. He feels insecure, he feels that his power is threatened. So, he gathers together all the leaders of Jerusalem to find out the place of His birth, and begs the Magi to inform him of the precise details, so that - he says falsely - he too can go and worship him. But when he realised that the Magi had set out in another direction, he conceived a wicked plan: to kill all the children in Bethlehem under the age of two years, which was the period of time, according to the calculations of the Magi, in which Jesus was born.

In the meantime, an angel orders Joseph: “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him” (Mt 2:13). Think today of the many people who feel this impulse within: “Let’s flee, let’s flee, because there is danger here”. Herod’s plan calls to mind that of Pharaoh to throw all the male children of the people of Israel into the Nile (cf. Ex 1:22). The flight into Egypt evokes the whole history of Israel beginning with Abraham, who also

sojourned there (cf. Gen 12:10); to Joseph, son of Jacob, sold by his brothers (cf. Gen 37:36) before becoming "ruler of the land" (cf. Gen 41:37-57); and to Moses, who freed his people from the slavery of the Egyptians (cf. Ex 1:18). The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt saves Jesus, but unfortunately it does not prevent Herod from carrying out his massacre. We are thus faced with two opposing personalities: on the one hand, Herod with his ferocity, and on the other hand, Joseph with his care and courage. Herod wants to defend his power, his own skin, with ruthless cruelty, as attested to by the execution of one of his wives, some of his children and hundreds of opponents. He was a cruel man: to solve problems, he had just one answer: to kill. He is the symbol of many tyrants of yesteryear and of today. And for them, for these tyrants, people do not count; power is what counts, and if they need space for power, they do away with people. And this happens today: we do not need to look at ancient history, it happens today. He is the man who becomes a "wolf" for other men. History is full of figures who, living at the mercy of their fears, try to conquer them by exercising power despotically and carrying out inhuman acts of violence. But we must not think that we live according to Herod's outlook only if we become tyrants, no; in fact, it is an attitude to which we can all fall prey, every time we try to dispel our fears with arrogance, even if only verbal, or made up of small abuses intended to mortify those close to us. We too have in our heart the possibility of becoming little Herods. Joseph is the opposite of Herod: first of all, he is "a just man" (Mt 1:19), and Herod is a dictator. Furthermore, he proves he is courageous in following the Angel's command. One can imagine the vicissitudes he had to face during the long and dangerous journey and the difficulties involved in staying in a foreign country, with another language: many difficulties. His courage emerges also at the moment of his return, when, reassured by the Angel, he overcomes his understandable fears and settles with Mary and Jesus in Nazareth (cf. Mt 2:19-23). Herod and Joseph are two opposing characters,

reflecting the two ever-present faces of humanity. It is a common misconception to consider courage as the exclusive virtue of the hero. In reality, the daily life of every person requires courage. Our way of living – yours, mine, everyone's: one cannot live without courage, the courage to face each day's difficulties. In all times and cultures, we find courageous men and women who, in order to be consistent with their beliefs, have overcome all kinds of difficulties, and have endured injustice, condemnation and even death. Courage is synonymous with fortitude, which together with justice, prudence and temperance is part of the group of human virtues known as "cardinal virtues".

The lesson Joseph leaves us with today is this: life always holds adversities in store for us, this is true, in the face of which we may also feel threatened and afraid. But it is not by bringing out the worst in ourselves, as Herod does, that we can overcome certain moments, but rather by acting like Joseph, who reacts to fear with the courage to trust in God's Providence. Today I think we need a prayer for all migrants; migrants and all the persecuted, and all those who are victims of adverse circumstances: be they political, historical or personal circumstances. But, let us think of the many people who are victims of wars, who want to flee from their homeland but cannot; let us think of the migrants who set out on that road to be free, so many of whom end up on the street or in the sea; let us think of Jesus in the arms of Joseph and Mary, fleeing, and let us see in him each one of the migrants of today. Migration today is a reality to which we cannot close our eyes. It is a social scandal of humanity.

Saint Joseph,

you who have experienced the suffering of those who must flee

you who were forced to flee

to save the lives of those dearest to you,

protect all those who flee because of war,

hatred, hunger.

Support them in their difficulties,

Strengthen them in hope, and let them find welcome and solidarity.

Guide their steps and open the hearts of those who can help them. Amen.

Saviour who has come to dwell among us. May God bless you!

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St. Joseph...pray for us!



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