

Our Lady of Victory Parish

600 Jones Hill Road West Haven, CT 06516

Ministering to the people of West Haven, Connecticut

“Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another (Romans 14:19).”

December 29, 2019 The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

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“How good it is, how pleasant, where the people dwell as one!” (Psalm 133:1)



Mass Schedule

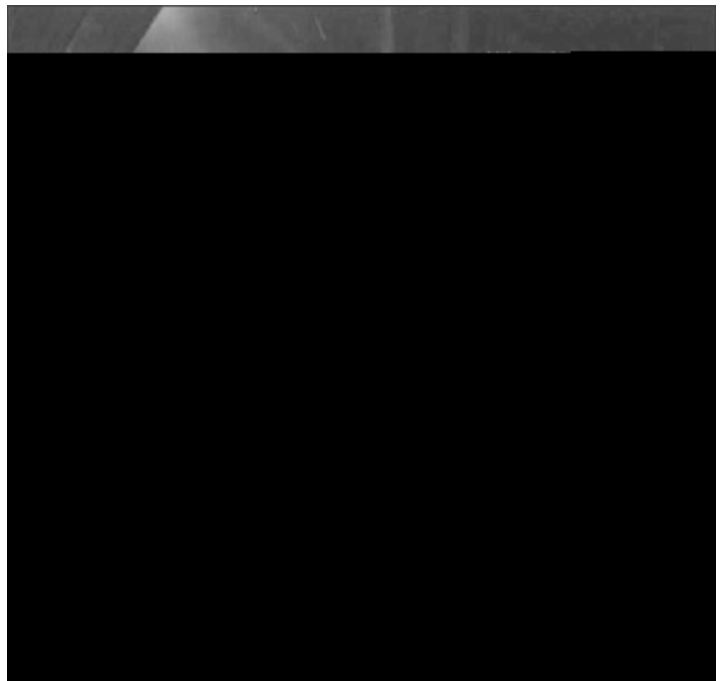
Weekend Masses

Sat. 4:30PM; Sun.: 8:00AM, 9:30AM 11:00AM

Weekday Masses

7:30AM Masses: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat.

THERE IS NO MORNING MASS THURSDAY



PARISH STAFF

Priest:

Rev. Kevin Dillon, Pastor

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Deacons:

Deacon Frank Bevino

Deacon Dean Macchio

Deacon Paul Sabo (*senior status*)

Music Ministry:

Eduardo Perez, Director

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Betty Pergolotti, Afternoon Manager

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Nick Corso, OLOV Custodian

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LoriAnn Ruiz, Director of Religious Education

January 1, 2020, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation.



Mass Schedule
12/31 Vigil-4:30PM
1/1- 9:30AM

Eucharistic Adoration

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28) Every Saturday morning for one hour immediately following the 7:30am Mass.



Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

✠ 7:30AM: **Julio & Irene Machado** Req by Scott

✠ 4:30PM: **James T. Halligan, Jr.** Req by Tom & Marilyn Halligan

SUNDAY, December 29 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

✠ **Carol Colt**

✠ **: Helen Poulos**

✠ **Stanley, Sue & Joseph Criscuolo; Jean Curzi**

MONDAY, December 30– Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

✠ 7:30AM: **Mafalda Cervoni** Req by Porto Funeral Home

TUESDAY, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

✠ 7:30AM: **Madeleine N. Dillon**

✠ 4:30AM **Thaddeus Chmiel** Req by Patty & Tony Fusco

WEDNESDAY, January 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

✠ 9:30AM: **Marie Castracane** Req by Caesar

THURSDAY, January 2 - St. Basil the Great

✠ 7:30AM **No Mass**

FRIDAY, January 3 - Christmas Weekday

✠ 7:30AM: **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, January 4 - Sister Elizabeth Ann Seton

✠ 7:30AM: **Parishioners of OLOV**

✠ 4:30PM: **Robert A. Keefe** Req by Family

SUNDAY, January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord

✠ 8:00 AM **Anna Wideman** Req by Family

✠ 9:30 AM: **Eugenio Anania** Req by Anania & Gianfredi Fam.

✠ 11:00AM **Michael Messina** Req by Family



The Sanctuary lamp is lit this week in
Memory of
Helen Poulos
Requested by
Daughters and Family

Staying Informed: Our Future

Staying Informed: The Ministries of the Beacon on the Hill

“We are not living in an era of change, but a change of era.” – Pope Francis

In an effort to keep us all knowledgeable and up-to-date with the latest information about our future, this column will appear each week.

THE PROCESS OF SELLING THE PROPERTY AS OF NOV. 19: The 10-acres of the Our Lady of Victory property, including the rectory, church, school and convent, has been listed for sale at \$1.85 million. According to Fr. Dillon, there have been multiple showings by our realtor.

THE CLOTHES CLOSET: In preparation for the sale of the property up on the hill at 634 Jones Hill Road, co-directors Roseann Gulisano and Barbara Messina have been working hard to relocate the individual services offered by the Beacon on the Hill, our community outreach center. “This is giving our parish the opportunity to do something with West Haven’s interfaith community,” said Roseann, “And we are so happy it is working out that way.”

The Clothes Closet, its clothing and racks are moving to The Vertical Church, 225 Meloy Road. “We are so pleased that they are taking this on in its entirety,” said Barbara. The Clothes Closet is expected to be closed by the end of the year. In 2020, please continue to support this ministry by bringing your clothing donations to The Vertical Church.

“Most importantly,” said Roseann, “we want to continue to serve the population we currently serve. We do not want these families to go without the things they need most. Having these other churches so close to us come forward helps the mission of the Beacon to continue.”

Fr. Dillon says that as a parish family we will continue to support those in need in our community. He said to watch for the Giving Tree during Advent, upcoming holiday food drives and diaper drives to continue throughout the year.

FOOD PANTRY AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CLOSET: Space restrictions at our new location on Captain Thomas Boulevard will also require us to discontinue our Food Pantry and Medical Equipment collections. W.H.E.A.T. will be the recipient of any food we have stored at the end of the year. We are currently reaching out to other area churches who have space available for storing medical equipment, which takes up a lot of room.

THE DIAPER BANK: Barbara Messina has been working with the New Life Evangelical Free Church to transition the Diaper Bank to their premises at 255 Jones Hill Road. This is the church located on the corner of South St. and Jones Hill Road.

“I’m really going to miss having all of these services under one roof,” said Roseann, “but I’m happy that our parishioners can continue to support those in need by donating to these nearby houses of faith. Our volunteers have done a phenomenal job over the years,” said Roseann. “And I’m happy to hear that some of these angels will continue to volunteer at the new locations.”



Sacraments

Baptism



Parents who wish to have their child baptized are asked to call the rectory at **(203) 934-6357** to prepare properly for this joyous celebration.

Attendance at a Baptismal Prep class is required. The Archdiocese of Hartford mandates this program prior to Baptism. Please call the rectory to register.

Marriage



Call the rectory to make arrangements to be married. The Archdiocese of Hartford requires a minimum of six months for marriage preparation..

Call **(203) 934-6357** for information.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:00-4:00PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. You may also call to make an appointment if needed.

Sacrament of the Sick

Should anyone need Anointing of the Sick, call Father at the rectory **(203) 934-6357** to make an appointment.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

This is an opportunity for those interested in learning what the Catholic Church teaches and wish to be baptized, or to complete their Sacraments of Initiation with the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes generally begin in the fall. Please call the Rectory at **(203) 934-6357** for further information.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

The Archdiocese of Hartford requires sponsorship forms in order to serve as a godparent or Confirmation sponsor. You must be an active parishioner, completed all your sacraments and be in a valid marriage. The use of envelopes help us verify your status. Please consider utilizing them. Sponsorship forms and registration forms are available at the Rectory.

Please call **(203)934-6357** with any questions you may have.

Ministry & Organizations

Homebound Ministry

Please, contact the rectory if you, a family member or a friend is unable to come to church. We have people to visit at home and our Eucharistic Ministers can bring Communion. Please, call us to make arrangements.



Knights of Columbus



Our parish Council #14326, meets the second Tuesday of every month in the hall at SJV at 7:00PM.

Choir



Rehearsals are in the church at OLOV. The children's/youth choir rehearse Tuesdays at 5PM. Adults rehearse Wednesdays from 7-9PM.

Prayer Groups

Rosary and Divine Mercy

OLOV: in the church at 4PM every weekday (except legal holidays) we recite the rosary.

Lord of Peace Prayer Group



The Lord of Peace Prayer Charismatic Prayer Group will meet at St. John Vianney Church, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd. on Fridays at 7.P.M. for silent meditation and followed at 7:30 for the Praise, Worship, Scripture Sharing and Fellowship. Please join us. Call (203) 937-8136 for more information. **Meeting will resume 1/17/20**

Bible Study with Deacon Frank

Wednesday's at SJV at 10:15am **Will resume 1/22/20**

Bereavement Support Group

OLOV offers A 9week Bereavement Support Group for people mourning the death of a loved one. It will begin in the Spring of 2020 For further information or to register please call the rectory (203)934-6357

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY

We are delighted to have you here at Our Lady of Victory Parish! If you are visiting or returning, we pray that the time you spend here enriches your faith; if you are looking for a new parish we would love for you to be a part of our parish family! Parish registration forms are available in the rectory., outside the sacristy and on our website www.olv.org We invite those who attend Mass regularly but are not officially registered to join. Please call the rectory at (203)





Challenges are what makes life interesting; Overcoming them is what makes it meaningful.

Without a doubt, the parish family of Our Lady of Victory has experienced numerous challenges in the last few years. In 2019, parishioners, Fr. Dillon and Archdiocesan contacts explored ways to move forward despite financial and building maintenance difficulties. It was decided the best course of action was to sell the Our Lady of Victory property and relocate the parish to 300 Captain Thomas Boulevard. The property was listed for sale and there have been multiple showings. The mission of the Beacon on the Hill will continue to help the population they serve in different locations. The Diaper Bank will transition over to the New Life Evangelical Free Church on Jones Hill Road; The Clothes Closet will be managed by the Vertical Church on 225 Meloy Road; W.H.E.A.T. will be the recipient of any food stored at the end of the year. The Beacon is currently reaching out to other area churches who have space for storing medical equipment. It has been a pleasure dealing with the West Haven inter-faith community.

However, the spirit was still alive and well at Our Lady of Victory in 2019

Parishioners continued to generously support the **Food Pantry, Diaper Bank, Clothes Closet, Giving Tree** and the **Annual Fund**. Many parishioners are helping Deacon Dean in the **Midnight Run**. **The Lenten Soup Supper Speaker series and Multi-Cultural Pot Luck Luncheon** were all very well attended and a great success. **In April**, our community gathered to offer incredible support and generosity to our dear parishioner, Kelly Armour. The usual good weather of the third week of July for the **62nd Annual Carnival** was anything but, with rain, stifling record heat, and off the charts humidity! However, the legions of many volunteers persevered. Although the carnival fell short of being the financial success, it was a reminder that much goodwill is alive in this community. Early October we had the annual **Blessings of the Animals** and on **October 6th**, we overwhelmingly showed our appreciation to the Ursuline Sisters' at a very successful fundraising Brunch to help defray relocation costs for the Sisters moving expenses. **The All Souls Mass** on November 4th remembered all our beloved dead especially those who died in 2019. Approximately 550 luminaries (thank you Kof C) dotted the perimeter of the Church. The beautiful liturgy and luminaries provided a powerful and prayerful reminder of our dearly departed. On November 30th, parishioners participated in a new enjoyable event, **Advent Wreath Making Workshop**. On December 5th our Knights of Columbus Council presented the annual parish **Sing-along**. It was a well attended fun filled event. Highlighting the year was the stellar performance by our Music Ministry (this year we were joined by the choir of St. John XXIII), at the **Annual Lessons & Carols** on December 8th. The Church was full with an appreciative crowd who enjoyed a gift of peaceful, prayerful and wonderful music during the busy holiday season. The year ended with a most valued ministry –**Plant delivery to the Homebound**. It is our parish community's way of thanking those who no longer can join us. Lilies are delivered at Easter and poinsettias during Christmas. **We are so very blessed by the time, treasure and talent given by OLOV parishioners. Their selflessness makes overcoming our challenges meaningful.**

As we journey into a new decade and into a new home, may we keep in mind that our parish family is not defined by a building but rather Our Lady of Victory's faith and generous spirit. Family is where we gather. "How good it is, how pleasant, where the people dwell as one (Psalm 133:1)

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. We are so grateful for the wonderful parish community at Our Lady of Victory.

Wishing all a Blessed, Happy & Healthy 2020!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Let's Pray for all people in the military especially:

Staff Sgt. Adam Dudek
Pfc Teagan Fransen, USMC
SPEC Giovanni Gigola
Airman Gabriella Gigola
Airman Aaron Butner



Airman Sean Hufcut
E3 Lexi Ronan, USN
E5 Ryan Ronan, USN
Pvt. Christopher Miller
PFC Alexander Capuras
E4 Raymond Mayberry, USMC
Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF
Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton
1st Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse

Parishioners are invited to add the names of any armed forces personnel on active duty. To include a name on this list call the rectory at (203)934-6357

Please keep in your prayers

Andrew Cafiero

Our Lady of Victory Parish extends sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



GET WELL WISHES FOR
DEACON DEAN

Please remember **Deacon Dean Macchio** in your daily prayers as he recovers from back surgery.

Please Note

Lord of the Peace Meetings will resume /17
Bible Study with Dcn. Frank will resume 1/22

Prayer Requests For Our Sick



Jason Adams, Maureen Alonso, Augliera Family, Judy Alexander, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, MG Cecilia Cassell, Gloria Capelli, Gerard Canadeo, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Howard Curtis, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Albert DeLucia, Jack, Dini, Frank Dini Jr. DeNigris Family, Monique Ek, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Judy Florio, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Ray Guarino, Karen Hodgdon, Paul Hotchkiss, Connie Hubbard, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Beverly Knowlton, Joe Jarry, Julianna Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Carmen Limauro, Maureen Lynn, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Genevieve Mieczkowski, Theresa Montz, Kate Moriarty, Gabby Murillo, Angelo Nista, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Lorita Patchell, Joseph Pekar, Regan, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Mark Scecina, Rose Santilli, Peter Schwickert, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack & Joan Shea, Richard Smallman, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terasi, Sr. Anthony Terrasi, Jr., Jessie Terrasi, Doris Worrrell

♦ For the sake of privacy, only family members may add someone to the prayer list.

Readings For the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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Weekly Collection : \$: Online Giving \$

THANK YOU for your faithful stewardship to our parish

God Bless you

Flowers to Shut-Ins—December 14

This event is such a beautiful ministry. The volunteers are touched by the simple gesture of delivering a plant to our homebound. Once again, we were joined by our neighboring parish, St. John XXIII to deliver over 300 plants. A big thank you to the children of the Religious Ed program for making so many wonderful Christmas cards and the many terrific volunteers who gave of their time on a very raining morning. Special gratitude to Lisa Pitoniak for once again organizing and chairing.



Thank You



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(Memorial will be continued in the next bulletin if needed)



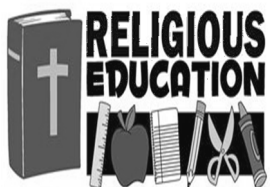
A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who made donations in honor of or in memory of their loved ones. Your generosity shows in the beautiful flowers enhancing our Church during the Christmas season. Your contribution also helped with in the purchase of plants for our many homebound parishioners and nursing home residents. You brought them Christmas joy!!

God Bless You!!



**The 2020 Mass Book is Open to
6/30/20**

We are now booking weekend intentions for **2020 until June 30, 2020 only.** Weekdays can be booked throughout 2020. You may either call or stop by the rectory during office hours. Weekend and holiday offering are \$25. and weekday offerings are \$15. Also available is the Sanctuary Vigil light for an offering of \$20.
Masses available in January, 2020:
**Weekdays: 7:30 Am—January
3,4,7,10,11,13,14,15,17,18,20,22,24,27,29,**



Unfortunately, we need to call off ALL Religious Education classes for the month of January due to the water situation in the OLOV School building. Students brought home a notice to this effect on Sunday and Monday. With God's help we will resume classes the first week of February. Any new developments to the contrary will be communicated to parents in January, but hopefully we will see everyone February 2&3. (9th Grade ONLY is on break until February 23&24)

Call the Office (203) 934-6357 or the Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Ruiz (203) 933-0044 with any questions.

A YEAR OF DEVOTIONS FOR 2020

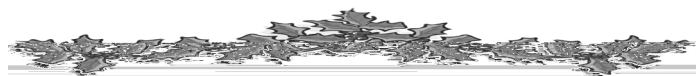
Each month of the year is dedicated to a particular devotion within the Catholic faith. Beginning with the month of January, the bulletin will feature a month long devotional prayer.

January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus.

This is a special way to grow closer to our Lord by honoring Him every day throughout the year!

The Golden Arrow

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.



The ABCs of Annulment” Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

The Rev. Daniel Keefe, pastor of St John Bosco Parish at 731 Main St, Branford, **in collaboration with V. Rev. George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar from the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield**, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Friday of January 10 from 7-9 PM in the St Mary's Church Hall. An updating of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as updates made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be discussed by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham who make up the Annulment Team. Team members also include two Spanish speaking members - Lisandra Martinez and Marian Guzman. They will help participants in writing their application in the follow-up workshop on Fridays -January 17, 24 from 7-9 P.M., also in the church hall.

The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at larlus300@sbcglobal.net



For the 15th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus Museum is displaying artistic representations of the birth of Jesus at the center of its Christmas exhibition. The

show, *Christmas in Europe*, will be on view to February 8, 8686. The exhibition features more than 80 items, some from the museum's own collection. Highlights include” Szopki from Krakow, a large Neoplolitan crèche to be viewed at 360 degrees and a German Christmas market..



The museum is also featuring its annual Christmas Tree Festival opening December 7th. This popular display of two dozen Christmas Tree showcases the imagination and talent of Connecticut elementary schoolchildren who create handmade ornaments in their classrooms then travel to the museum to tour the Christmas exhibit and decorate a tree.

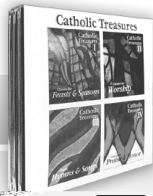
The Knights of Columbus Museum is located at 1 State St. New Haven and is open daily from 10am to 5pm with free admission and parking. For more information or to schedule a group visit:

kofcmuseum.org or call 203-865-0400



JANUARY 2020

NO Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Mass 4:30PM	Mass 9:30AM 		No Lord of Peace Meeting	
					No Lord of Peace Meeting	
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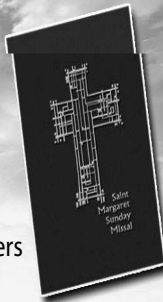
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