

# 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).”

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Office for the Parish

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## POPE FRANCIS



"LENT IS GREAT TIME TO MAKE SPACE FOR THE WORD OF GOD. IT IS TIME TO TURN OFF THE TV AND OPEN THE BIBLE. IT IS A TIME TO PULL OURSELVES AWAY FROM CELL PHONES AND CONNECT OURSELVES TO THE GOSPEL."

LENT 2020

“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

### Music Ministry:

Eduardo Perez, Director

### Office Staff:

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Betty Pergolotti, Afternoon Manager

### Maintenance:

Nick Corso, OLOV Custodian  
Ernie Conte, SJV Custodian

### Office of Religious

#### Education:

LoriAnn Ruiz, Director of Religious  
Education



Please note: Family members or friends for whom a Mass is being offered are invited to bring up the Offertory gifts, please notify one of the ushers just before Mass.

### 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, March 21— Lenten Weekday**

† 7:30AM: **Henry Calosso** Req by Barbara

† 4:30PM: **Beverly J. Halligan** Req by Tom & Marilyn Halligan

**SUNDAY, March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

† 8:00AM: **Matthew & Bessie Jones** Req by Betty Pergolotti

† 9:30AM: **Theresa Dini** Req by Family

† 11:00AM **Robert Massaro** Req by Millie & Pat Merola; Gloria Murphy; Ken & Tina Wideman & Angela Russo

**MONDAY, March 23- Lenten Weekday**

† 7:30AM: **Parishioners of OLOV**

**TUESDAY, March 24- Lenten Weekday**

† 7:30AM: **Mary Bike** Req by Frank & Marilyn Torre

**WEDNESDAY, March 25 - Lenten Weekday**

† 7:30AM: **Mary Thuilot** - Req by Marla & Patty

**THURSDAY, March 26 - Lenten Weekday**

† 7:30AM **No Mass**

**FRIDAY, March 27 - Lenten Weekday**

† 7:30AM: **Parishioners of OLOV**

**SATURDAY, March 28 – Lenten Weekday**

† 7:30AM: **Rose Starno** Req by Barbara

† 4:30PM: **Gloria & Louis E. Capelli, Jr.** Req by Tom & Marilyn Halligan

**SUNDAY, March 29- Fifth Sunday of Lent**

† 8:00 AM **Mr. & Mrs. Vernancio Candida; Rodrigo & Elvira Pires** Req by Family

† 9:30 AM: **Sandra Debrigita** Req by Tim Ellis

† 11:00AM **Patrick McLaughlin** Req by Family



The Sanctuary lamp is lit this week  
In honor of  
All Medical Personnel & Emergency Workers

My Dear Parishioners,

I would like to keep you updated on what is happening at our parish as we face the severity of the Corona-virus. Many of us could never imagine that we would find ourselves at a time when all Masses and so many of our Church functions would be suspended indefinitely. We are asked to sacrifice for the good of the community and it is a time for all of us to work together and pray. I ask that you frequently check our website [olov.org](http://olov.org) or our Facebook page, as the situation is fluid with updates coming frequently from government offices and the Archdiocese of Hartford.

**Per the directive of the Archdiocese of Hartford:**

“Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through April 3, 2020 in the churches of the Archdiocese of Hartford, all weekend and weekday Masses have been cancelled. Priests will celebrate a daily Mass alone with no congregation, remembering in prayer all who are affected by the pandemic. “ Our Lady of Victory Church will be open daily from 8am to 5pm for those who would like to come by and pray.

You can attend Mass by watching CW20 or online at [www.ortv.com](http://www.ortv.com) every morning at 10am

**Effective 3/17/20 at Our Lady of Victory:**

The rectory office will be open from 9 – 12 to answer phone calls and emails. We strongly suggest that you refrain from visiting the office. You can call (203)934-6357, email [olovrectory@yahoo.com](mailto:olovrectory@yahoo.com) or visit our website [olov.org](http://olov.org) for any non-essential business.

Confessions are still available on Monday evening from 6pm –7pm and Saturday from 3pm-4pm. We will still be celebrating funerals, however we ask that attendance be limited.

Cancelled are: Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, Lenten Soup Suppers, Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner on 4/3, Adult and Children’s Choir rehearsals, Bible Study, and Lord of the Peace Charismatic Prayer Group. Religious Education is cancelled until April 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.

I realize how very challenging this time is for all of us and I ask that you keep our parish in your prayers. One of the harsh realities will be financial. Like many families that live week to week on a paycheck, our parish lives Sunday collection to Sunday collection. I humbly ask that if you are able to, please remember the importance of your financial support of Our Lady of Victory. To give online please go to: <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4218>. Donations can be mailed to the rectory as well. I am most grateful to our wonderful parish community for your support and continued understanding through this difficult time.

During this time of great anxiety and uncertainty, may we all turn to our loving and compassionate God to help us face the challenges that are before us. May the Blessings of Almighty God be upon us all, especially upon all who suffer at his time.

In Christ,  
Father Dillon



# Staying Informed: School Library Contents Donated

*“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” — Corrie ten Boom*

In an effort to keep us all knowledgeable and up-to-date with the latest information about our parish future, this column appears when needed.

**THE PROCESS OF SELLING THE PROPERTY AS OF MARCH 16, 2020:** The Christian Fellowship Church of God, currently on Campbell Avenue, has offered our asking price of \$1.85 million and all approvals from the Archdiocese have been received.

**WHERE WE STAND:** The living quarters and offices at 300 Capt. Thomas Blvd. are still being worked on and will soon be completed. After all work is complete, a moving date will be set. “Again, we’ll be sure to give everyone plenty of notice of the actual closing date of our current location,” Fr. Dillon said.

**CELEBRATION OF THE MOVE:** “I hope to have an official closing celebration of our current location on the same day as an ‘arrival’ celebration at our new location,” he added. While that date is unknown, especially during the COVID-19 prevention period, it will be widely publicized so please watch our Facebook page and website for more information.

**HELPING WITH THE MOVE:** The carpeting in the new offices is scheduled to be completed the first week of April. After that is complete, parishioners with trucks and a willingness to help move furniture, file cabinets and other large and heavy items are asked to call the rectory office and leave their name and contact information. “Thank you to all who are working to make this move go smoothly,” Fr. Dillon said. “We have been blessed with many helpers and I am grateful.”

**CONTENTS OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY:** Most of the books, all library tables and chairs, and some school shelves have been donated to American Friends of Kenya (AFK), which helps to build libraries in Kenyan schools and communities. AFK representatives and volunteers were overjoyed to receive our books and furniture! Monetary donations of all amounts are always needed to purchase the large container which ships the items overseas. Visit [www.afkinc.org](http://www.afkinc.org) for more information

## Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

--krugthethinker@instagram



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for those 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*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



**Please keep in your prayers**  
**Janis Regan**  
**Our Lady of Victory Parish extends**  
**sincere sympathy to her family and**  
**friends.**

### Prayer Requests For Our Sick

**Jason Adams, Maureen Alonso, Augliera**  
**Family, Judy Alexander, Amanda, Valeria**  
**Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle**  
**Boros, Cecilia Cassell, Tony Castellano,**  
**Gerard Canadeo, Dorothy Cannon,**

**Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Howard**  
**Curtis, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Albert DeLucia,**  
**Frank Dini Jr. DeNigris Family, Monique Ek, Therese**  
**Gill, Dee Green, Judy Florio, Maureen Freeman, Patti**  
**Fusco, Ray Guarino, Karen Hodgdon, Pat Hebert,**  
**Connie Hubbard, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski,**  
**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, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Mark Scecina,**  
**Lisa 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.*

## Online Giving

There is another way for you to support your parish. If you do not like putting cash or checks in the collection, you may now make your donations online. Find the links on our parish website or go directly to this address.

**<https://osvonlinegiving.com/4218>**

Go to "**Create New Account**" and follow the instructions. You can make donations weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. It's easy. Once you set it, you can forget it; your donations come to the parish. Once you set it, you can forget it; your donations come to the parish regularly.

Thank You

### March 15, 2020 Collection

Weekly Collection : \$ 3,512.: Utilities: \$1,186. Online Giving : \$480

THANK YOU for your faithful stewardship to our parish

God Bless you

**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 Dillon 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 Charismatic 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. Meetings will resume 1/17/20

**Bible Study with Deacon Frank**

Wednesday's at SJV at 10:15am

**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](http://www.olv.org) We invite those who attend Mass regularly but are not officially registered to join. Please call the rectory at (203) 934-6357 for info.



# Liturgy, Prayer and Activities For the Lenten Season - 2020

*Lent is a time to prayerfully prepare for the Paschal Mysteries. Our parishes offer abundant opportunities to deepen our faith during this journey. We invite you to make the most of these.*



## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Every Saturday morning for one hour following the 7:30 am Mass (CANCELLED)

## **Stations of the Cross (CANCELLED)**

Every Friday at 7:00PM

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**Mondays from 6:00—7:00PM**

**Saturdays 3:00—4:00PM**

*(No Confessions Holy Saturday)*

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## **Palm Sunday Masses, April 4 & 5**

Vigil 4:30PM, Sunday 8AM, 9:30AM, 11:AM

## **Triduum (Holy Week)**

### **Holy Thursday, April 9**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM  
Altar of Repose after Mass until 10PM

### **Good Friday, April 10**

Passion of the Lord—3:00PM at OLOV

### **Holy Saturday, April 11**

Blessing of Food— 11am  
Easter Vigil—8:00PM

## **Easter Sunday Masses, April 12**

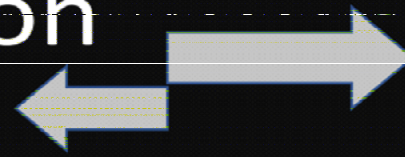
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**\*\* Please check our website [olov.org](http://olov.org) or our Facebook page for updates in light of the Corona virus.**



# Lenten Preparation

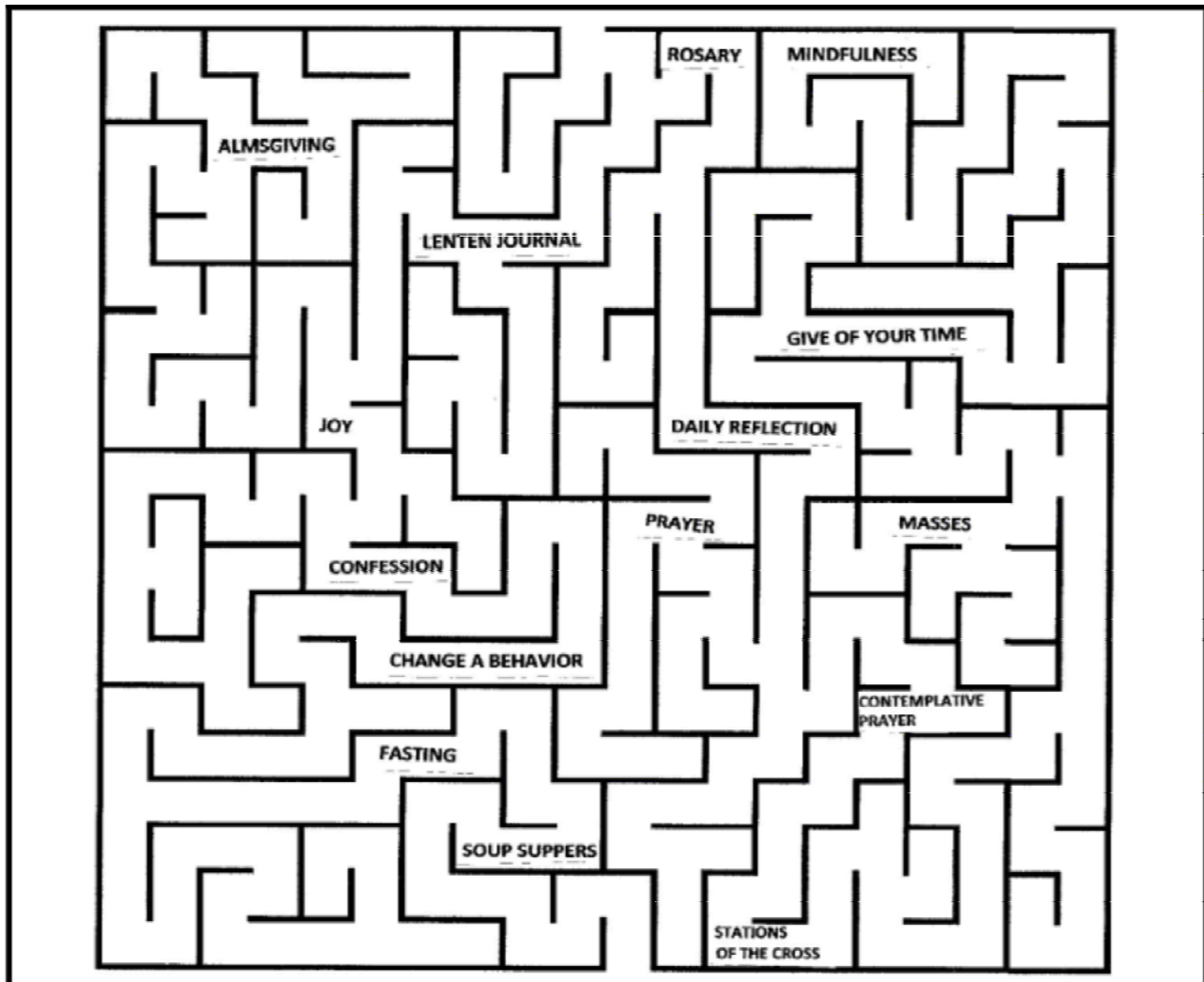
## *Joy in the Journey*



The journeys of Lent and life are seldom straight roads but can often be more like complicated mazes or labyrinths. This year while we may feel lost along the complex, twisting patterns of the labyrinth path, let us travel the maze, finding Joy in the Journey to that greatest of adventures; THE WAY!

Each day throughout Lent provides us an opportunity to make this journey a Joy filled time of real renewal. Forty days is ample time to change a behavior.

We can make an effort each day to do **ONE THING**: to practice a more focused prayer life, to offer and to seek forgiveness, to abstain from gossip, jealousy, fear, to share with others; a smile, a kind word.







### **Find Joy in the Journey**

We are half way through our Lenten Season this year and it seems we couldn't have chosen a better theme than "**Find Joy in the Journey.**"

Our journey this Lent has been marked by uncertainty and concerns which have at times led us to feeling like there was no clear path through the mazes that life had become. It isn't always easy to **Find Joy in the Journey** when we are confronted by fears. And yet, this is the TIME to do just that. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can seek to bring joy to our own lives and the lives of others. May we continue in these next weeks, to seek ways to find joy in this Lenten journey. We can reach out to family, friends and neighbors through phone calls or social media. We can pray for one another and for peace and health. We can continue to support our parish through our financial donations, which are especially needed.

Find a joyful way through this maze of uncertain times. Rejoice!

### **Soup Supper and Speaker Series THANK YOU!**

On Thursday evening, March 12<sup>th</sup> about 40 parishioners came together to enjoy an evening of good soups, good conversation and an enthusiastic and faith filled presentation by Jim Messina, on "Choosing Joy this Lent." A stalwart group of dedicated volunteers came together to set up, clean up and organize this event.

We thank each and every one of you and special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 899 and their leaders for help with clean up.

We thank the **many parishioners** who shared their time and talent providing an abundance of delicious homemade soups.. We thank **Julia's Bakery** in Orange for once again this year providing us with a delectable assortment of breads and pastries.

Many thanks to **Jim Messina** for his encouragement and joy filled presentation.

Although this was our first and last Soup Supper and Speaker series this year, it was an evening filled with hope and joy. Thank you to all for supporting this event, we collected \$100.00 in donations for the parish. Stay well and keep joyful...remaining close to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving for all he has provided.

God Bless.





**In honor of St. Joseph, 2 prayers are being published. St. Joseph's intercession, in the Name of Jesus through Our Blessed Mother, is so powerful, and he will never disappoint!**

**An Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph**

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me.

**Prayer to St. Joseph for a difficult problem.**

O Glorious St. Joseph, thou who hast power to render possible even things which are considered impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under thy particular protection, that it may end happily. **(Name your request.)** O dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in thee. Let it not be said that we would invoke thee in vain; and since thou art so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that thy goodness equals thy power. Amen, St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford. Men's Retreat Theme: "Our Deepest Longing" - Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of reflection to explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God - a longing for peace, for wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and lifts us up. Come away and rest awhile to find and pursue your deepest longing, and by doing so, may you experience how God is longing so deeply for you, too.

The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon.

www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860.760.9705 or for additional questions contact Parish Chairman Tom Halligan 203-623-7430 or Vic Liuzzo 203-932-0343, leave a message

Men's Retreat Date: May 1-3  
Women's Retreat Date: June 5-7



**The 2020 Mass Book is Open for 2020**

We are now booking weekend intentions for 2020. \*\*\*\*Weekdays can be booked throughout 2020. You may either call or stop by the rectory during office hours. Weekend and holiday offerings are \$25. and weekday offerings are \$15. Also available is the **Sanctuary Vigil** light for an offering of \$20.

**Masses available for March, April & May 2020**

**March (Daily) 23, 27,**

**April (Daily) 3,6,7,8,15,17,27,**

**May (Daily) 1,2,5,6,8,9,11,12,15,16,18,19,20,22,27, 29,30**

**Weekend Masses: 8am 5/24, 5/31**

**Sanctuary Vigil Light:**

**March: 3/29 , 4/19, 5/3,5/24, 5/31,**

**Please call Rectory to book - (203) 934-6357**

\*\*\*\*Thank you parishioners , for your patience and understanding as we transition to a new location. Currently we will now take (2) Mass intentions for Sunday's from July 5 through December 27. Times have not yet been designated. If you wish to book, please be sure to leave your phone number when scheduling a Mass and we will notify you when the time schedule is confirmed.

**The 2020 Archbishops Annual Appeal .**



In a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$ for the 2020 Archbishops Annual Appeal which supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated toward religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese of Hartford.. Please pray fully consider making a pledge or giving a one time gift. Join u us Growing in **Faith, Giving in Love** by sharing your blessings. All funds contributed to the Archbishops Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature .

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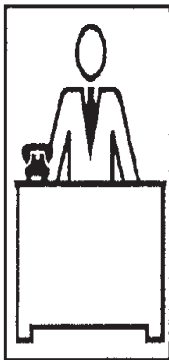
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