# **Our Lady of Victory Parish** 300 Capt. Thomas Boulevard, West Haven CT 06516

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

October 11, 2020 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekdays at 7:30 AM (except Thursday) Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass with music can be viewed online each week by visiting our website. To attend in person, **please sign up by Friday** by visiting our Facebook page for more details (addresses listed below).

#### CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays, from 3-4 PM in the church. Masks must be worn; social distancing must be followed.

#### **RECTORY OFFICE:**

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#### Deacons:

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#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP this week honors ANNETTE LOVEGROVE and ANDREW VENTURA.



## **Eucharistic Adoration**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28)

Adoration takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass. Social distancing and masks are required as we strive to keep people safe.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

*If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.* 

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Welcome to our Parish Family: Jake Michael Madden Aria Jade Ortiz

## Social Distancing is Important

A letter from Fr. Dillon

Dear Parishioners,

Every week you hear me make the same announcements at Mass: mask wearing, bulletins, no singing, signing up for Mass. We have been blessed to have new people with us every week who haven't heard these announcements so thank you for your patience. Please understand that this repetition has a purpose: I'm concerned about everyone's well-being and this communication is key to keeping all of us safe.

I think that everyone is doing a great job following the protocols set forth by the Archdiocese, but there is one that we need to revisit: **social distancing in the pews**. I'm sure when you look around the church, you say to yourself: "it doesn't look like full-capacity to me, I see open places." I think the same thing but here are two reasons why it looks like we have room for more people: 1. People who live in the same house are permitted to sit together without having to have a six-foot space between them; 2. Families that are having a Mass offered for their loved ones are sitting in the same pew, without social distancing, even though they live in different homes. I certainly understand that family members want to sit together at these special Masses, and in normal times I would encourage it. Unfortunately, as long as we are living with the threat of



COVID-19, we have to live by the protocols established by the Archdiocese even though we don't like or enjoy them. I hope everyone understands I bring this up out of great concern for

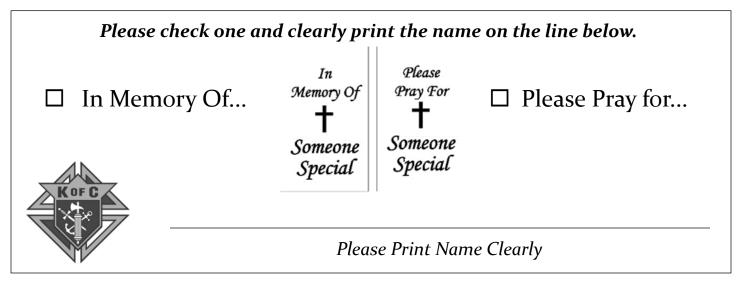
our parishioners and that you and your family will cooperate with this request.

Last weekend was a great one! On Sunday, we all got to enjoy the newly-installed brick cross at the Our Lady of Victory statue. I am so appreciative of Robbie Vets for choosing this as an Eagle Scout project and for the hard work done by his Boy Scout Troop to complete it. We also had the annual Blessing of Animals and had a great turnout. I was happy the religious education classes came over to participate, too.

Hopefully, I will have an announcement this weekend about a new project. Stay tuned!

## Luminaries for All Souls Day Services on Nov. 2

The Knights of Columbus will be offering Luminaries again this year to coincide with the All Souls Day services being held on Monday, November 2. Luminaries are \$5 each and can be purchased by either filling out the attached form and dropping it off with payment in a basket at church, dropping it off at the rectory, or visiting a Knight after Masses in the coming weeks. We appreciate your support and look forward to displaying your loved ones' names once again. Please select which Luminary you would like and print the name clearly, so we don't misspell any names. Thank you!



#### We pray for those who are sick.



Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

Jason Adams, Maureen and Peter Alonso, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Gerard Canadeo, Frank Consorte, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Karen Cronan, Howard Curtis, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Dawn DellaRocco, Albert DeLucia, Frank Dini Jr., DeNigris Family, Patti Dowling, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Geraldine, Patty Gigola, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Judy Florio, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Julianna, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Genevieve Mieczkowski, Theresa Montz, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Angelo Nista, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Joseph R., Marsha R., John Rakos, Jim Raymond, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Rose Santilli, Mark Scecina, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack and Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terasi Sr., Anthony Terrasi, Jr., Jessie Terrasi, **Doris Worrell** 

#### In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

Marie Cullen, Paul R. Faughnan, Sr.,

The Victims of the Coronavirus

# Please pray for those serving in our military.

Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the rectory office.

Jeffrey Batres, USMC Staff Sgt. Adam Dudek Staff Sgt. Danielle Luby 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 SPC Alexander Capuras E4 Raymond Mayberry, USMC Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton ıst Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse

#### Our Monthly Parish Devotion for October: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

More than ever, the Rosary is needed as a powerful weapon for peace and conversions. Please pray the Rosary all year long to honor Our Blessed Mother's plea for peace in our world and to bring all to her Son Jesus!

#### Prayer Before the Rosary

Queen of the Holy Rosary, you have deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three shepherd children the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary. Inspire my heart with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption which are recalled in it, I may be enriched with its fruits and obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners and of Russia and the favor which I ask of you in this Rosary. (Here mention your request.) I ask it for the greater glory of God, for your own honor, and for the good of souls, especially for my own. Amen.



#### **Preparation for a Celebration**

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

One of the many disappointments of this pandemic is the inability of family and friends to celebrate important events together. Recently, my grandson received his Confirmation at his parish in Massachusetts. The Bishop of the diocese allowed the pastor to confer the sacrament and the ceremony was held in the church parking lot with provisions made for social distancing. Masks needed to be worn at all times. The post-Confirmation celebration was muted also, with only parents, siblings and me and my wife. All preparations for the Confirmation had to be adjusted and modified, including the party afterward. As it stands, the fast-approaching holidays will suffer the same fate.

There is nothing more enjoyable than being together with family and friends to celebrate an event. People joined together for food, fun and happiness. It provides an outlet to forget --for a short time-- all the many difficulties of life.

The prophet Isaiah in our first reading emphasizes the kind of celebrations for which we all long: "a feast of rich wines and choice foods" and the comfort of family and friends. The veil of our day-to-day personalities will be replaced by feelings of joy and relaxation. This is also how the Lord promises we will feel in Heaven; uninhibited, relaxed, peaceful and without concern.

#### Special Second Collection Next Weekend

World Mission Sunday this year takes place on the weekend of October 17-18. It is the annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and for the missionaries of the world. Pope Francis reminds us, especially in this year of crisis, that we are personally called to mission – as baptized Catholics – to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten, our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Please give as you can and support the work these missionaries do in the world. Thank you for your generosity! As with all celebrations, there needs to be adequate preparation. For those planning parties, essential preparations include determining the location, food, and those to be invited. For the guests, preparations include a new dress or a new suit, haircuts, etc. People want to have great celebrations and the quests want to be wellpresented to the host and hostess. Couples getting married in recent years, before the pandemic, would send out "save the date" notices. Essentially, they told the invited guests that they needed to be available for a particular date.

Our readings this weekend focus on our preparation for the greatest event of our existence: God welcoming us into Heaven. It is promised to be an event unparalleled, nothing we have ever experienced. As we live our lives, we can either reject the invitation or accept it. Acceptance requires preparation, however. From the receipt of the "save the date" notice (Baptism) to the time of the event (Death), we need to make sure we have made all the necessary preparations. Failure to be prepared means we will not be allowed to enter the celebration.

From our birth, we are preparing for our entry into Eternal life. We can ignore that invitation and never prepare or we can make preparations for this great event. It is our choice. The Lord is waiting with "juicy, rich food and pure, rich wines." Are you ready for the celebration?

## (down \$1,771 from the same time last year.) Your financial support is appreciated as we

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celebrate our coming together and reestablish our community outreach.



Your offering is gladly accepted by mail, at Mass in the donation basket, or online. Visit www.olov.org/ OnlineGiving for more information.



Next Saturday, October 17, will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Brother André Bessette. Saint Brother Andre was a Brother of Holy Cross and the founder of Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Canada.

Notre Dame High School as set up a website where you can submit a petition through the intercession of Saint Brother Andre or tell something about a favor received through his intercession or a visit to Saint Joseph's Oratory. www.notredamehs.com/stbrotherandre

#### 2020 Mass Memorials Available

You may book Mass intentions for the remainder of the year by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

> Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM Sunday AM Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

#### Weekends:

Vigil, 4:30 pm – None remaining in 2020 8:00 am – 12/27 9:30 am – 11/22, 11/29, 12/20, 12/27 11:00 am – 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

December 8, Holy Day: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 7:30 am, 12:10pm, 6:30pm

#### Weekdays at 7:30 am:

Oct.: 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 30,31 November: 2,4,6,7,9,10,13,14,16,18,21,24,25,28 Dec.: 2,4,5,7,12,14,15,16,18,19,21,22,23,28, 29,30

> **Sanctuary Candle:** Week of 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/22

## Drive-Through Food Drive for W.H.E.A.T.

Sat., Oct 24, 9 am – 1 pm OUR LADY of VICTORY CHURCH 300 Captain Thomas Blvd, West Haven

Social Distancing Observed —DRIVE UP— —POP TRUNK— —DRIVE OFF—	Drive- thru
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#### **MOST-NEEDED ITEMS**:

Peanut butter, Mac and Cheese, tomato sauce, soup, green beans, cold cereal.

## Food for Thanksgiving celebrations is also welcome.

**Cash and Check Donations Also Accepted:** Checks made payable to "WHEAT"

Can't get out? Call Charlie at 203-934-9740 for a pick-up on that day.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committees of Our Lady of Victory and St John XXIII Parishes

## Sunday's Readings: Oct. 11

"...This Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. ... How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by **listening attentively** to that Word as it is proclaimed." -- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

**First Reading** — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

**Second Reading** — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

**Gospel** — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).



## Parishioner Eugene Onofrio Honored

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U.S. Army veteran Eugene Onofrio was honored in September with the Disabled American Veterans George H.

Seal Memorial Trophy. This award honors the top volunteer through the Dept. of Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service Program.

Gene has dedicated more than 26 years to volunteer work and is currently chaplain for the DAV Dept. of Connecticut, where he has been a member for 30 years. He has provided more than 15,000 hours of his time serving veterans in the VA Connecticut Health Care System and assists wherever he is most needed in other departments. **God Bless you, Gene, and all the lives you have touched with your service.** 

## Blessing of the Animals... Well, Mostly Dogs!

On October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, quite a few of our furry parishioners came on site to be blessed by Fr. Dillon. It was a beautiful afternoon to celebrate these special gifts from God.





Masses are reaching capacity and walkins may not be allowed to enter. The link to sign up can be found here:

#### Website: Go to www.olov.org

- At top of page, click on "October Sign-ups"
- At the far left, click on SignUpGenius.com
- Click on the Mass you want to attend
- Then, at the bottom, click on "Submit."
- Put in your name and email and click "Sign Up Now" then you're all set!



Facebook: @olov.westhavenct Or, call the rectory by Noon on Friday: (203) 934-6357



Because of health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are unable to sing from the pews. The next few pages will serve as your hymn book so you can follow along in silent, musical prayer.

#### **OPENING SONG:**

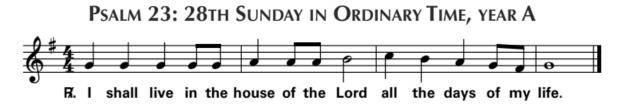
**GLORIA:** 

Sing praises to the LOC, to the LOC, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

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Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to *To Verses* God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. Text © 2010, ICEL *Ed Bolduc* Music © 2011, WLP

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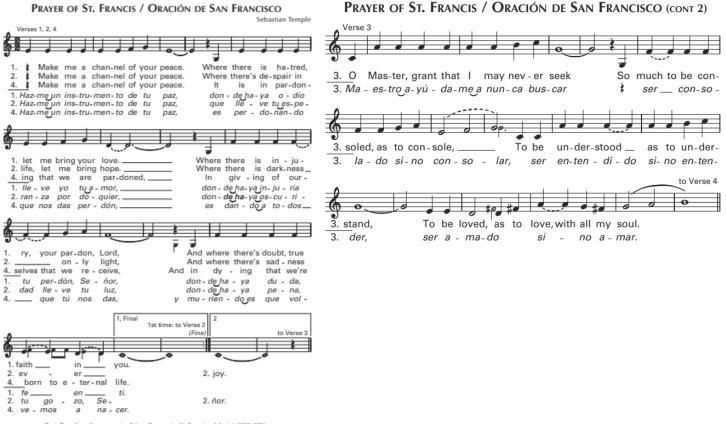


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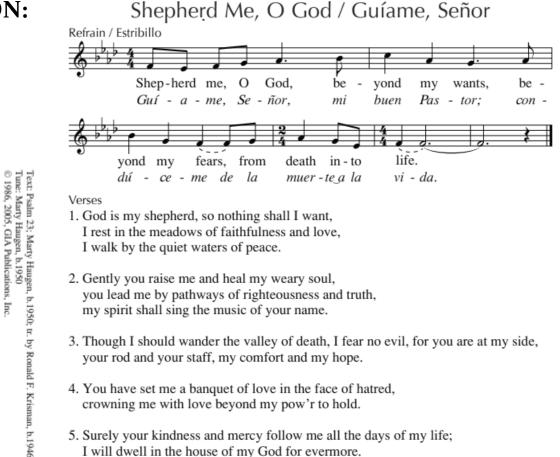
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#### **OFFERTORY:**



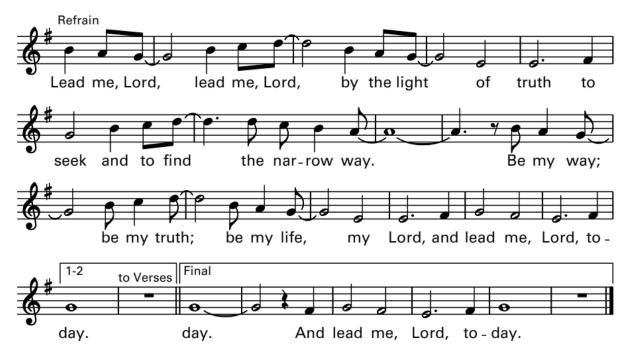
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#### **COMMUNION:**



5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

## **CLOSING SONG: Lead Me, Lord**



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