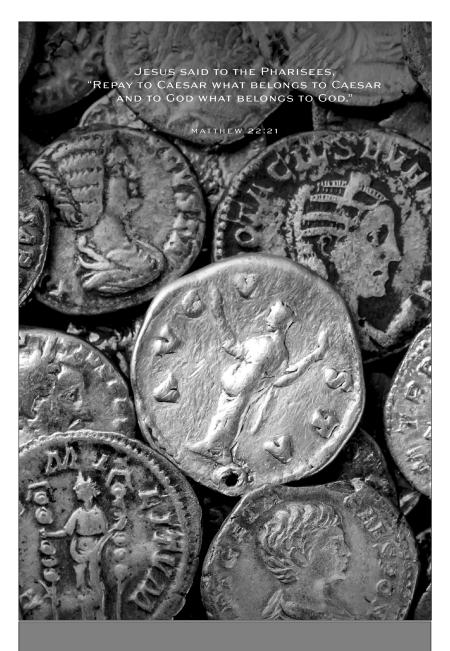
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"Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another." (Romans 14:19)

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READINGS for Mass appear on pg. 6.

MUSIC for Mass appears on pg. 8.

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.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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

SATURDAY, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

and Martyr; Vigil

4:30 PM: **James Mueller**, *Req. by her Family*

SUNDAY, October 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Kate Moriarty and Louise Mortimer, Reg. by

Marla

9:30 AM: **Edith Lyons**, *Req. by her Daughters*

11:00 AM: **Joseph L. Stacy**, *Reg. by Lisa Marlow and Ann*

Gionfriddo

MONDAY, October 19 - Sts. John de Breuf and Isaac

Jogues, Priests, Companions and Martyrs

7:30 AM: Intentions of Our Parishioners

TUESDAY, October 20 - Weekday

7:30 AM: Mary Gustina, Req. by LuAnne

WEDNESDAY, October 21 - Weekday

7:30 AM: **Alphonse Russo**, **Sr.**, *Req. by Eddie Delmonte*

THURSDAY, October 22 - Weekday

7:30 AM: No Mass

FRIDAY, October 23 - Weekday

7:30 AM: **JoAnne Robichaud**, Reg. by Her Friends

SATURDAY, October 24 - Weekday; Vigil

7:30 AM: Chelse Tarini and Mary Savarese, Req. by

Cathy Tarini

4:30 PM: **Special Intention**

SUNDAY, October 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: **Pamela Bellmore Gardner**, *Reg. by Sue and*

Mike Pimer

9:30 AM: **Anthony Castorina**, Req. by Sandy and Lorraine

11:00 AM: **Elena Week**, *Reg. by Roumeles*

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.



Welcome to our Parish Family:

Gabriel James Biggie

Modern-Day Inspirations

A letter from Fr. Dillon

Dear Parishioners,

A truly blessed and wonderful event will be taking place in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford on Saturday, October 31: The Beatification Ceremony and Mass for Fr. Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus and a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

You may know the story of Fr. McGivney who was born in Waterbury to Irish immigrant parents, worked in the brass mills and answered the call of Jesus to serve Him and His Church as a priest. Fr. McGivney lived in an era where people worked long, hard days in factories, received very little money and often times died young because of the poor working conditions that they had to endure. The era in which Fr. McGivney lived was also one in which anti-Catholicism was practiced in our society. This is why in many cities, the Catholic Church is located away from the center of town and the major roadways: We weren't wanted or accepted as loyal citizens.

Fr. McGivney didn't let this deter him in his ministry at St. Mary Parish in New Haven. He founded the Knights of Columbus as a frater-

nal organization to support and encourage its members in the faith and to provide insurance, primarily, so wid-



ows would have money to support themselves and their families should their husbands die.

As was all too common in his day, Fr. McGivney died young, at the age of 38, from pneumonia. His Holiness will be officially recognizing this when he confers the title "Blessed" to Fr. McGivney on October 31. I believe that ORTV and EWTN will both be broadcasting the Beatification Mass.

Recently, I read about the just-declared Blessed Carlo Acutis and was truly inspired by his story. Blessed Carlo lived from 1991 until his death from leukemia at the age of 15 in 2006. I will not go into his whole story here, but I encourage you to learn more about him, especially parents of children who are around the age of 15. He was most certainly an instrument of God in his very short life his story shows that God and holiness are active in the youth of the world and not something to be found in centuries past. This should bring us comfort and inspiration.

Don't forget the "drive-thru" food drive on Oct. 24 (pg. 6) or to order a luminary (below).

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!

Please check one and clearly print the name on the line below.				
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	Please Print Name Clearly			

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:

Thomas Knowlton,
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 1st 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.



Speech: A Missed Opportunity or Being Wise?

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

How many times in our lifetime have we said something to somebody and regretted it? Not that what we said was wrong, but we could have phrased it a better way. Perhaps we could have been kinder in our words or been more considerate. Words have different meanings to different people. Words take an entirely different meaning by the tone of voice used or our facial and eye expressions. What we say and how we say it is important so that the person to whom we speak understands what we are saying.

Sarcasm is an example: When someone tells you that you are the smartest person in the world, are they complimenting you or mocking or criticizing you for thinking you *are* the smartest person? The answer lies solely in the relationship of the two people, the context of the conversation and the facial expression of the speaker.

Email and text messages give the receiver no indication how words are to be perceived. Enter the emoji! Emojis are pictures which provide the context of what the speaker is trying to say. A picture of a smiley face, a frown, a face with a mouth and a heart. Until the use of the emoji, one seldom knew the context of written words. Thankfully, emojis have removed many doubts about words written in texts or emails.

Political correctness is a term that has crept into our language these past decades. The Oxford Dictionary defines it as "the principle of avoiding language and behavior that may offend particular groups of people." Most people, by nature, do not want to intentionally offend others. Kindness and consideration of our differences means we are prudent in our choice of words.

At one time or another we can all be accused of being politically correct, or "PC." When Jesus is confronted by those who oppose Him, is

He being honest with them in His words or is He just being politically correct? We can wonder why Jesus seemed to try to appease His opponents. Did He fear them? Was He being polite?



We know from the parables that Jesus' language was kind and consoling but direct. He was never rude, crude or demeaning to any of His

> opponents. He showed the same kindness and respect to all, even those with whom He differed. Jesus showed the wisdom to respect the opinion of others while still making sure His true feelings were made known. His respect for others never diminished His sense that the truth needed to be expressed in some way.

Words matter! How we express them takes on a whole new meaning in this 21st Century of social media and social distancing. Jesus understood that everyone He met was a brother or sister, created by the Father. In this complex world, the truth is still the truth and it matters. People read and hear things differently and draw conclusions from that. Jesus understood this in the 1st Century when communication was simpler.

In the 21st Century, we need to look to Jesus' example of respect and kindness for others in how we express our thoughts and opinions. Some would say it is being politically correct, others would agree that wisdom in our speech is Christian. In a phrase taken from that once-famous TV show *The X Files*, "The Truth is Out There."

We need to hold fast to the truth and live it in the example of Christ. We can still express our opinions, but respect and kindness must rule the day. Hate speech is NEVER okay.

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2020 Mass Memorials Still Available

You may book Mass intentions for the remainder of the year through June 2021 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 – 12/6, 12/13, 12/27

December 8, Holy Day: Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

7:30 am, 6:30pm

Weekdays at 7:30 am:

Oct.: 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 19, 26, 31 November: 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 11/1, 11/22

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

Next Weekend: Sat., Oct 24, 9 am – 1 pm

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Sunday's Readings: Oct. 18

"...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 — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you

(1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).



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We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives. This statement requires much prayer and discernment from each of us. We acknowledge the difficulty of this and the perceived alignment or misalignment of the candidates and issues with our Catholic faith. We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. We will be encouraging careful discernment, intentional prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion to inform your voting.

This week, we focus on Solidarity. We believe that every human person was created by the same God. Ultimately, we are all brothers and sisters. We are all connected. As one human family, we are deeply connected to people around the world—wherever they may be. Because we are one, we are affected by the joy and suffering of all. "If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice." (1 Cor. 12:12–26). Living in solidarity means that we take action to make sure that every member of our human family is living in conditions that honor human dignity. Under this principle fall issues such as immigration, refugees, homelessness, foreign aid, global policy and empowerment, and religious freedom. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.

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Due to the move to our new location, we have extra tables and chairs that we no longer need. If you would like some of these items, please call the Rectory Office. The following are available:

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- Metal folding chairs: Qty. 60

These items are available only to registered parishioners on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must pick up them up: we cannot deliver.

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

Social Justice Gathering

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will hold a *virtual* Social Justice Gathering and Awards celebration on Tuesday, October 20, 6:45 social, 7:00 – 8:30 program. Kimberly Mazyck, Catholic Charities USA, will present the keynote address: "Grab your knapsack, we have a house to build. Let us prepare for the inclusive Church of our dreams."

Space is limited, and advanced registration is required and available at http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org

Weekly Offertory: Oct. 5-11, 2020 \$7,596

(down \$871 from the same time last year.)

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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.



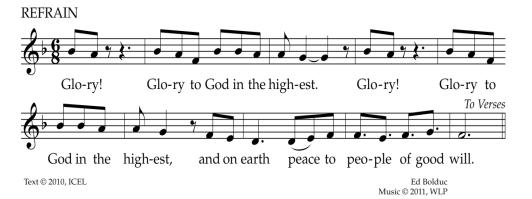
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