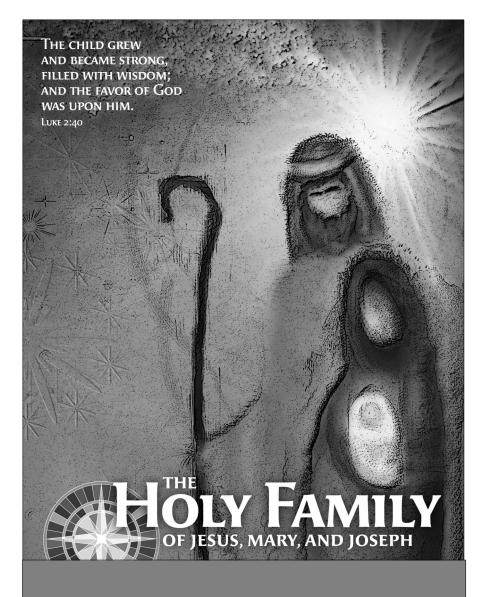
Our Lady of Victory Parish 300 Capt. Thomas Boulevard, West Haven CT 06516

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

December 27, 2020 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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Holy Day Mass Schedule appears on pg. 3.

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 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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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

this week honors **The Deceased Members of the Cappelli and Halligan Families**, requested by the Family. 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, December 26 — Viqil 4:30 PM: James D. Halligan, Jr., Req. by Tom & Marilyn Halligan SUNDAY, December 27 — THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 8:00 AM: Jerome and Marie Sagnella, Req. by John and Pat 9:30 AM: Helen Poulos, *Reg. by her Daughter and Family* 11:00 AM: John Hotchkiss and Carl and Louise Livi, Reg. by the Family MONDAY, December 28 — The Holy Innocents, Martyrs **Intentions of our Parishioners** 7:30 AM: **TUESDAY**, December 29 Father Dillon and Staff, Req. by Pat Miner 7:30 AM: WEDNESDAY, December 30 **Intentions of our Parishioners** 7:30 AM: THURSDAY, December 31 — *Vigil*, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, **MOTHER OF GOD Intentions of our Parishioners** 4:30 PM: FIRST FRIDAY, January 1 — SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER **OF GOD** 9:30 AM: **Intentions of our Parishioners** SATURDAY, January 2 — Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church; Vigil **Intentions of our Parishioners** 4:30 PM: SUNDAY, January 3 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:00 AM: Edward and Amelia Petrosemolo, Reg. by Clem and Kristina Vaccino 9:30 AM: Michael Messina, Req. by his Family

11:00 AM: **Joanne Mapes**, Reg. by Friends

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.



Celebrating 2020—Really!

A letter from Fr. Dillon

Dear Parishioners,

This week marks the end of the year and for many of us, it may be a time of reflection. The end of the year is sometimes met with sadness or melancholy when we realize that time is slipping away and we are getting older, and usually we may wish to relive the year all over again. I think I speak for all of us when I say: "Not this year!" Most likely the universal cry on Dec. 31 will be: "*Deo Gratias*! Amen! Alleluia!" Good-bye and good riddance to the miserable year that was.

Although we may rightfully feel this way, all was not miserable in 2020. Yes, 2020 will always be thought of first and foremost as the year of the pandemic -- a year in which everyone's life became defined and lived according to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. We can't deny that we've had to adapt to many new ways of doing things: some of which might even have been for the better. We may have had to make changes that were necessary but have been putting off or even denying that they needed to be made. Many people now have time for themselves and engage in more yard work, reading, other leisure activities, or home improvement that has been put off for quite some time. The pandemic, as awful as it is, has provided opportunities that may have never come about otherwise.

Here at the parish, I'm still amazed at what was accomplished in the midst of the pandemic. I think, first and foremost, about the move that occurred. Normally, we would have had numerous volunteers who would have made



Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation, Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God

> December 31 at 4:30 PM January 1 at 9:30 AM



the huge amount of work

go quickly. As we know, because of the pandemic protocols, we really couldn't have many volunteers involved with the process of sorting, packing and organizing the numerous items that we had. But, with a small group of very dedicated, hard-working people, we were able to accomplish something that many would have thought to be nearly, if not completely, impossible to do.

At Mass we've had to adapt to different ways of worship: sign-ups, masks, socialdistancing and the cleansing of the church after each liturgy. Again, due to the great spirit present in our community, we've been able to rather flawlessly, in my viewpoint, accomplish all of this. The first weekend we resumed public Masses we had about 20 people at each Mass. Over the summer we were at our "COVID capacity" for many Masses. In the last few weeks, as COVID numbers have begun to increase, our Mass attendance has declined, which is something I expected. The point, though, is that we have remained strong in the face of the pandemic.

So, as we prepare to say "good-bye" to 2020, I urge you to find one or two bright spots that helped to make this miserable year bearable. Let us look forward to 2021 with the hope that better days are ahead.

Sign Up to Attend Mass

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 "January 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



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, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Gerard Canadeo, Donald Cashman, Danny Caudell, Frank Consorte, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Karen Cronan, Howard Curtis, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Dawn DellaRocco, Albert DeLucia, DeNigris Family, Joe DiGioia, Frank Dini Jr., Patti Dowling, Michael Duffy, Susanne Duffy, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Joseph Galatie, 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, Edwin Morales, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Joseph R., Marsha R., John Rakos, 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, Jacques Veillette, Doris Worrell

In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

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

Joan English, Mario Iadonisi, Ruth Piskura, and

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 Cpl. 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 2nd Lt. Jared Carlson

Our Monthly Parish Devotion: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

May we strive in holiness and purity, that we may better imitate Our Blessed Mother always!

Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. (*state your intentions here*)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.



The Feast of the Holy Family

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

On this, the Sunday between Christmas and New Year, we are usually very happy the Christmas holiday is now past. In years past, we were often pleased family events have come to an end, but this year we are most likely yearning for the company of family and look forward to a time when we are able to see them again. We will welcome that opportunity with smiling faces.

Our scripture readings during Advent focused on the prophets proclaiming the coming of the Messiah. They focused on birth and the joy and happiness which that brings. Birth is a humbling experience for parents and is one of the greatest of all gifts given by God to people: the ability to be co-creator with Him. We heard about Elizabeth and Mary as they shared their news from God. With great humility, they prepare for their child's birth. With their spouses, they have created a tree of love which binds them together biologically. They share that love with other family members and friends. Through this, a family unit is created of not just biologically-associated people, but friends who share in the happiness of their new child. Many of these family members and friends will celebrate for generations the love and joy of bringing these people together.

Weekly Offertory: Dec. 7-13, 2020

\$11,355 (up \$104 from same time last year)

Your financial support is appreciated as we celebrate the new year and grow our community outreach. Your offering is gladly accepted by mail, at Mass in the donation basket,

or online. Visit ww.olov.org/ **OnlineGiving for** information.

Our gospel for this Sunday speaks to another family unit, a family of believers brought together in faith. Church, a community of people who together with their faith in God, form a bond of caring. Simeon and



Anna represent the family that we meet in weekly worship. Although not related to us, they are the people who pray for us and the entire worshipping community. We are part of that community. When I serve at a Baptism, I remind the people gathered that this child was welcomed into his/her related family when born. In Baptism, they are welcomed into the Christian family worldwide — people who worship and journey together in faith.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us not forget our worshipping community of Our Lady of Victory. This year, more than ever, pray for those that have departed this Earth and those who are homebound due to the virus. This is our family, also.

With joy and happiness, many of us have memories of times past when we could gather together, not only in prayer, but for carnivals and special events. The Holy Spirit keeps us all together in our hearts. We are always grateful to the Simeons and Annas of every parish that constantly pray for us. Let us remember each other during the coming year, knowing that they too, are members of a family that share God's everlasting love.

Sunday's Readings: Dec. 27

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3. Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in

the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19. **Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).





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2021 Mass Book Accepting Memorials

You may book Mass intentions for 2021 through June by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

Weekends:

Vigil, 4:30 pm – 2021 only 8:00 am – 2021 only 9:30 am – 2021 only 11:00 am – 2021 only

Weekdays at 7:30 am: Dec.: 28, 29, 30

Sanctuary Candle: Now reserving for 2021.

Send a Holiday "Hello" to Our Sisters!



At this time of year, it is nice to let others know we are

thinking of them. If you would like to send a card to Sr. Denise, Sr. Gertrude, Sr. Ellen, or Sr. Margaret, their addresses are included here:

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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.

OPENING SONG:

GLORIA:

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



To Verses



PSALM:

PSALM 105: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR B



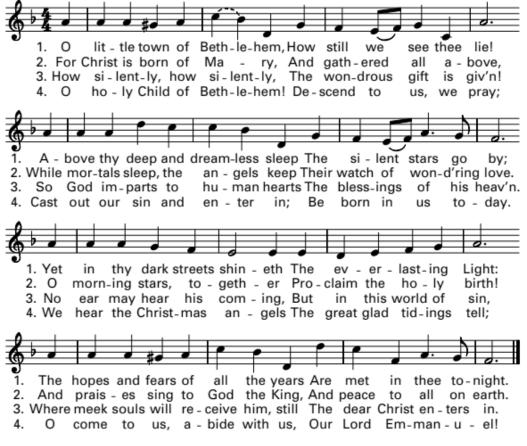
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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

COMMUNION:



CLOSING SONG:

Angels We Have Heard on High/ Ángeles Cantando Están

GLORIA

 An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains, Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long? Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing; See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove; Án - ge - les can - tan - do es - tán Tan dul - cí - si - ma can - ción;
 Los pas - to - res sin ce - sar Sus can - ta - res dan a Dios; Hoy a - nun-cian con fer - vor Que ha na - ci - do el Sal - va - dor; Oh, ve - nid pron-to a Be - lén Pa - ra con - tem - plar con fe
 And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love. Las mon - ta - ñas su e - co dan Co - mo fiel con - tes - ta - ción. Cuán glo - rio - so es el can - tar De su me - lo - dio - sa voz. Los mor - ta - les go - za - rán Paz y bue - na vo - lun - tad. A Je - sús, Au - tor del bien, Al re - cién na - ci - do Rey.
<u>Glo</u> <u>Glo</u> <u>Glo</u> <u>-</u> ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o! ri-a a Dios en el cie-lo.
Glo Glo - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o! ri-a a Dios en el cie - lo.

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