

# 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)*

January 10, 2021 | The Baptism of the Lord



READINGS for Mass appear on pg. 5.

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 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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Monday—Friday

on a limited basis;

presently, closed to public

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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, January 9** — Christmas Weekday; Vigil  
4:30 PM: **Intentions of our Parishioners**

**SUNDAY, January 10** — **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
8:00 AM: **Phillip Pilletere, Req. by the Pimer and Riordan Families**

9:30 AM: **Intentions of our Parishioners**

11:00 AM: **Thomas Bays, Req. by Family**

**MONDAY, January 11**  
7:30 AM: **Intentions of our Parishioners**

**TUESDAY, January 12**  
7:30 AM: **Ralph Julianelle, Req. by his wife Fern**

**WEDNESDAY, January 13**  
7:30 AM: **In Thanksgiving**

**THURSDAY, January 14**  
7:30 AM: **No Mass**

**FRIDAY, January 15**  
7:30 AM: **Winston Brown, Req. by Family**

**SATURDAY, January 16** — Weekday; Vigil  
7:30 PM: **Rocco Gaeta, Req. by his Wife**  
4:30 PM: **Greg Giaquinto and the Deceased Members of the Faughnan Family, Req. by the Family**

**SUNDAY, January 17** — **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM: **Marie Cullen, Req. by the Group**  
9:30 AM: **George Sherman, Req. by his Family**  
11:00 AM: **Gil Cunha, Req. by his Family**

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

*this week honors*  
**Those Who Tend to the Needs of the Sick or Dying.**



## 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.



# Baptism: Rich in Graces

*A letter from Fr. Dillon*



Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and every time I think about this celebration, it reminds me to be more aware of my own baptism and the sacramental life that is found in the Church. I believe that we all should know the date of our baptism; for me, it took place on August 5, exactly two weeks after I was born. Our baptismal anniversary is a day that should be celebrated for many wonderful things happened to us: we were set free from original sin, received the gift of the Holy Spirit, claimed by Christ as one of His own, became a new creation in Christ, received the gift of faith, became members of the Church and we received our call to live a life of holiness. All of that occurred through the words spoken and a few simple gestures: the pouring of water over our heads and the anointing with sacred oils of our chest and head.

Unfortunately, I think so much of this has been lost to many members of the Church. Too often the focus of baptism is not on what happens in church, but the party that occurs afterward. I've come to the conclusion that for many, Baptism — as well as First Holy Communion and Confirmation — are seen as “rites of passage” that Catholics do and not as an encounter with Christ, the living God, that transforms us and brings us into an intimate union with Jesus.

## Calling All Young Adults!

Crossroads 4 Christ (C4C) is a local lay apostolate working to develop and provide community for young adults. Their mission is to develop communities of young adult missionary disciples through Eucharistic adoration and Christ-centered friendship.

If you are a young adult, we invite you to come to a C4C night at any one of the six locations in CT. To find information on the meeting times and locations for our chapters, visit:

[www.crossroadsforchrist.org/chapters](http://www.crossroadsforchrist.org/chapters).

I offer all of this today not to be a “downer” or pessimistic, but as a challenge for all of us, myself included, to find ways to better teach and inform others in and outside the Church of the great “riches” and grace that God has in all of the sacramental moments in our lives: not just the sacraments that we receive once, but the sacraments that we receive frequently as well.

For many people, especially the homebound, the pandemic has been a time of great hunger for the Eucharist. The homebound miss not being able to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and feel incomplete in their relationship with the Lord. I have heard many times how our homebound have been asking those who visit them when they can receive Holy Communion again; unfortunately, the answer is when the wearing of masks is no longer necessary. We can't take the chance that one of our parishioners may contract COVID from someone they visit or bring it into someone's home.

I'm hoping that we do take up the “challenge” to increase our own knowledge about the sacraments, gain a deeper appreciation of them, and bring this knowledge and appreciation to others.

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## Sign Up to Attend Mass

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

**Website:** Go to [www.olv.org](http://www.olv.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:** @olv.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 Alonso, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Gerard Canadeo, Danny Caudell, Frank Consorte, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Karen Cronan, Howard Curtis, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Dawn DellaRocco, DeNigris Family, Frank Dini Jr., Patti Dowling, Michael Duffy, Susanne Duffy, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Joseph Galatie, Geraldine, Patty Gigola, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, 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:*

**Peter Alonso, Salvatore Carrano, Anna Consorte, Anthony Corrado, Maria Mattioli, 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  
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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  
2nd Lt. Jared Carlson

**Our Monthly Parish Devotion: *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.



*Holy and awesome is his name.*

PSALM 111:9

# The Baptism of Jesus

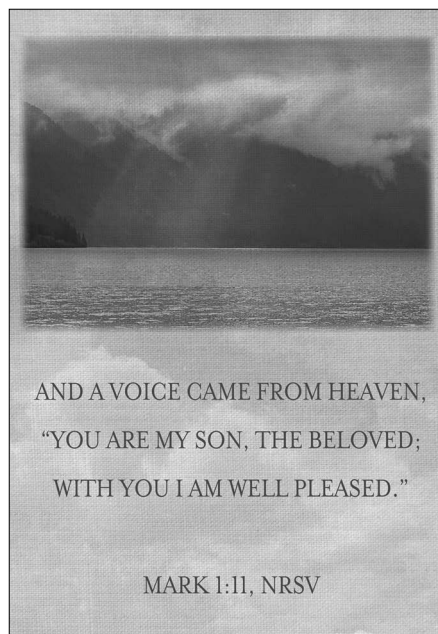
By Deacon Frank Bevvino

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were raised in the Jewish faith and we see in our Gospels that they followed Jewish Law. We hear of the Holy Family's encounter with Simeon as Jesus is brought to the Temple when he was 40 days old to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to *present* their firstborn son.

Purification and atonement for sins is important in the life of a Jewish person and they observe Yom Kippur to atone for their sins. Catholics have the Sacrament of Penance and our Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass. In fact, many religions have an observance or ritual for God's forgiveness of sins. For the Jewish people in the first century, in order to worship God in the Temple, purification was required to cleanse them from sin.

John the Baptist was a preacher and prophet. His message to the Jewish people was proclaiming the coming of the Messiah. He used the purification process as a central part of his message -- not only to prepare people for worship in the Temple, but also to announce God's coming as the prophets of the Old Testament foretold. However, John was determined to make it clear to people that "someone after him would come that was greater than he."

If Jesus was both human and divine, why did He need to be baptized? It is a question asked by many of us when we hear this Gospel. Tradition tells us that Jesus was approximately 30 years old when He began his public ministry. His entire life was to show obedience to the will of the Father. As with any person embarking on their adult life, there are choices to be made. Jesus was Son of God and Son of Man. As Son of God, He was to be an example of obedience to all people. As Son of Man, He was tempted and



suffered in the details of life on Earth, as all of us do. His need for Baptism was not only obedience to God's plan but to be an example for all humans; to seek God's forgiveness from the impurities of life; the things we do and fail to do.

Jesus also recognizes the power of the Holy Spirit in the purification process. As Jesus made His choice to be baptized by John and obedient to God's plan, the Holy Spirit descended, "like a dove," a sign of peace, and proclaims, "You are my Son. On you my favor rests."

Our Baptism is not just a purification and cleansing but a call to discipleship in proclaiming the Good News. In Jesus' divinity and humanity, He shows us an example of life. The Holy Spirit guides us through life to continue our journey of faith following Jesus' example.

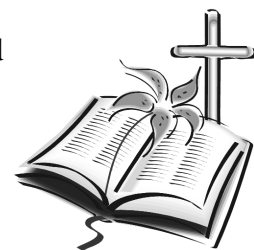
## Sunday's Readings: January 10

*"...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** — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 55:1-11.

**Second Reading** — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) *or* 1 John 5:1-9.

**Gospel** — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).





## Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation classes will be held on the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom. Please contact the Rectory office to register for the class.

## Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

*Now through Feb. 16, 2021*

Each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford has been dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair due to the potential danger of the coronavirus pandemic. In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the pandemic in the state of Connecticut, Archbishop Blair has now extended this dispensation from the Sunday obligation through Saturday, February 16, 2021.

The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.

## The Giving Tree Helped Many

We would like to thank all those who generously supported the Our Lady of Victory Giving Tree for the 2020 Christmas Season. There are so many families and children in need in our community and your gifts will surely be a reminder of God's love and mercy in the midst of the pandemic.



## The Catholic High School Collection

*Weekend of January 23/24*

This collection supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 23/24.

## Rooted in Faith, Opening Wide Our Hearts

*"Trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of enslavement are a worldwide program that needs to be taken seriously by humanity as a whole." — Pope Francis, Message for the 2015 World Day of Peace*

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 7:00 PM, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will continue its conference series with the webinar: "Race and Human Trafficking." Yvette Young, Associate Vice President of Programs and Advocacy at the Village for Families & Children will be the speaker. The Webinar is free; advanced registration is required and available at:

[www.catholicsocialjustice.org/  
open-wide-our-hearts.html](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html)



## Reserve a Mass for a Loved One

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**

**Sanctuary Candle:**

*Now reserving for 2021.*



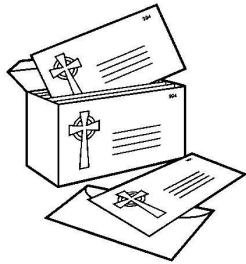
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## The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God.

The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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*Social Justice Committee is Looking for Help!*

## Drivers Needed

The Social Justice Committee would like to acknowledge the work of so many during this pandemic, specifically those who have been feeding the hungry in so many ways under the awesome direction of Deacon Dean.

Now, here's where you can help:

### DRIVERS ARE NEEDED FOR TWO ON-GOING EVENTS:

1. **Taking food to seniors** who cannot get out, every other Saturday morning at 10:00. You would sign up for the Saturday that you can do it. The more drivers, the less often you work.
2. **Picking up salvaged food from Cumberland Farms on Monday mornings**, or possibly other mornings. Again, the more drivers we have, the less often you are scheduled.



**Call Deacon Dean:  
(203) 521-0199**



## New to Our Parish?

*Thinking of Becoming a Parishioner?*

Welcome to Our Lady of Victory. If you'd like more information about registering with us, **complete this form** and return it the Rectory Office.

**Or, send an email message** to [OLOVRectory@yahoo.com](mailto:OLOVRectory@yahoo.com). We'll be happy to connect with you:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome!**



*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:**

**WHEN JESUS COMES TO BE BAPTIZED**

**111**

Acc #610

WINCHESTER NEW



1. When Je - sus comes to be bap - tized, He  
 2. The Spir - it of the Lord comes down, A -  
 3. He will not quench the dy - ing flame, And  
 4. O Spir - it help us be like Christ: To  
 5. We praise you, God, source of all life, We



1. leaves the hid - den years be - hind, The years of safe - ty  
 2. noints the Christ to suf - fer - ing, To preach the word, to  
 3. what is bruised he will not break, But heal the wound in -  
 4. live in love and char - i - ty, To walk in truth and  
 5. praise you, Christ, e - ter - nal Word, We praise you, Spir - it,



1. and of peace, To bear the sins of hu - man - kind.  
 2. free the bound, And to the mourn - er, com - fort bring.  
 3. jus - tice dealt, And out of death his tri - umph make.  
 4. jus - tice now, And grow in Chris - tian dig - ni - ty.  
 5. gra - cious gift; Your tri - une pres - ence fills our world.

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Music: Georg Wittwe's *Musikalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

**GLORIA:**

REFRAIN



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to



God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

*To Verses*



**PSALM:**

R. You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly  
from the springs of sal - va - tion.

**ALLELUIA:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Francis Patrick O'Brien  
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**OFFERTORY:**

**RAIN DOWN**

Jaime Cortez

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your  
love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

to Refrain

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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# COMMUNION:

## COME TO THE WATER

John Foley, S.J.

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the  
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the  
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the  
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the

1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth-ing,  
2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth-ing,  
3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,  
4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,

1. let them come to the Lord: with-out  
2. let them come to the Lord: with-out  
3. let them come to the Lord: all who  
4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the

1. mon-ey, with-out price. Why should you pay the  
2. mon-ey, with-out strife. Why should you spend your  
3. la - bor, with-out rest. How can your soul find  
4. chil-dren with-out might. Eas - y the load and

1. price, ex-cept for the Lord?  
2. life, ex-cept for the Lord?  
3. rest, ex-cept for the Lord?  
4. light: y come to the Lord.

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# CLOSING SONG:

## I SEND YOU OUT

Verse 1

*Cantor:*  
1. I bap-tize you in the name of the Fa-ther. I bap-tize  
you in the name of the Son. I bap-tize you  
with the Ho-ly Spir-it. Go out and spread Good News!

*All:* **Refrain**  
I send you out on a mis-sion of love. I send you out  
on a mis-sion of love. I send you out  
on a mis-sion of love, and know that I am with  
you al - ways un-til the end of the world.

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with ADVERTISED toothpaste  
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of ADVERTISED coffee  
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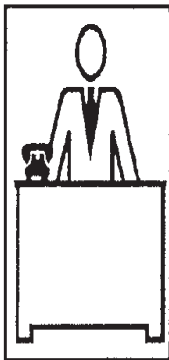
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