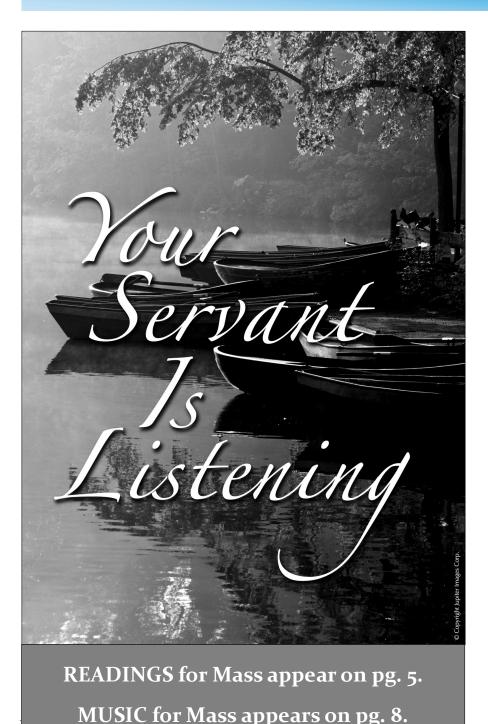
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"Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another." (Romans 14:19)

January 17, 2021 | Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



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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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 16 — Weekday; Vigil Rocco Gaeta, Req. by his Wife 7:30 PM:

Greg Giaquinto and the Deceased Members of the 4:30 PM:

Faughnan Family, *Req. by the Family*

SUNDAY, January 17 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: **Marie Cullen**, *Reg. by the Group* 9:30 AM: **George Sherman**, *Reg. by his Family*

11:00 AM: **Gil Cunha**, *Reg. by his Family*

MONDAY, January 18

Intentions of our Parishioners 7:30 AM:

TUESDAY, January 19

Intentions of our Parishioners 7:30 AM:

WEDNESDAY, January 20

Donald McGaffigan, Req. by Gloria 7:30 AM:

THURSDAY, January 21 — St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 AM: No Mass

FRIDAY, January 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection

of the Unborn

7:30 AM: **Karen Pannage**, Req. by Luanne Eminger

SATURDAY, January 23 — Weekday; Vigil **Intentions of our Parishioners** 7:30 PM: **Intentions of our Parishioners** 4:30 PM:

SUNDAY, January 24 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM: Marie and Leo Castracane, Req. by Caesar

9:30 AM: Intentions of our Parishioners 11:00 AM: Intentions of our Parishioners

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**

Sophia Isabelle D'Amato

Pray for the Preservation of Peace and Justice

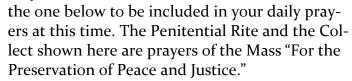
A letter from Fr. Dillon

As we know, we are facing heightened tensions in our country right now. Many of us have serious concerns about what will happen next. It is during times like these that we are called to unite in one thing -- prayer.

We all know the power of prayer. Our parish name, "Our Lady of Victory," is a title that was given to the Blessed Mother after Pope Pius V asked for prayers in 1571, so that the Papal Naval Forces would be victorious in a battle with the Ottoman Army who were seeking to sack Rome. The Holy Father asked that the faithful recite the rosary so Rome would be spared. They did and the Papal forces were victorious, saving the city. Prayer brought the victory and kept Rome safe. Prayer has power. There is no prayer too small or insignificant: just pray.

During Ordinary Time, on days that do not have a specific celebration attached to them, the priest-celebrant may choose from many different Mass themes. With the return to Ordinary Time on January 11, I've decided to use the prayers of the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice." As we know, the highest prayer that the Church has is the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. It is from this celebration that the highest forms of grace flow. Every Mass begins with a penitential rite. There

are various options that may be used and I offer



Pastor's XPost

May we all embrace the power of prayer to ease the tensions of the present time.

Penitential Rite III:

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord have mercy. Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ have mercy. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord have mercy.

Collect:

O God of peace, who are peace itself
And whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,
Nor a violent mind receive,
Grant that those who are one in heart
May persevere in what is good
And that those in conflict
May forget evil and so be healed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you
In unity with the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Website: Go to www.olov.org

- At top of page, click on "January Sign-ups"
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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, 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, 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, Jane Thomson, Jacques Veillette, Doris Worrell



In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of: Theresa Iovene, Anthony Ruggiero, Louis Spoldi, 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 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.



PSALM 111:9

Here I Am Lord

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

The inspiring story of the call of Samuel begins not with the story from today's first reading, but from Chapter 1 of the book. Samuel's mother Hannah was advanced in age and had no

children. She prayed frequently in the Temple, asking God to bless her with a son. It is a story of unwavering faith despite criticism from family members. Her faith makes her more determined to seek God's blessing. She promises God that if He were to give her a male child, she would give him to the Lord.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

— Jeremiah 1:5

As we see in this reading, Samuel was given to Hannah as the result of her faith and commitment. As promised, Samuel is given to God in the Temple as a minister to the priest Eli. One night while sleeping, Samuel hears his name called. He responded to Eli the High Priest, thinking that it was him calling. Eli tells him to go back to sleep. Again, Samuel hears his name and Eli tells him to go back to sleep. The third time Samuel hears his name, he realizes it is the Lord calling him. Samuel obediently acknowledges God's call and speaks to the people of Israel. They acknowledge him as a prophet

Please Pray for Vocations

If two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Where only a few come together in Christ's name on earth, Christ is present with them.

Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate.

To discern a vocation, call Fr. Michael Casey,



Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. (860) 761-7456, E-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

proclaiming the words that God has given him.

Our Gospel today continues the theme of God's call to His people. Jesus begins His ministry after His Baptism and John the Baptist recognizes Jesus is God's Chosen One. John diminishes his ministry while Jesus' begins His.

> John's followers, realizing the truth in John's word, leave him to follow Jesus. As John's followers' approach Jesus, they call him Rabbi (teacher) and they seek to learn from Him. Jesus invites them listen and stay with Him for a time. Andrew, one of those new followers. searches out his brother Simon (Peter) and acknowledges that

"we have found the Messiah (Anointed)."

In the Sacrament of Baptism we are all called by God to grow in faith and be examples of Christ's love for all people. Some are called to the priesthood, the diaconate or religious life, but everyone is called by God to learn from Jesus as their teacher. Through the grace of Baptism, our call is to be examples of faith and charity.

The call of Samuel and the disciples of Jesus is the same call that we receive in our lives to become proclaimers of God's Word. We respond by the example we set by our actions. Our gift of life is a call to discipleship and our response is to be followers of Jesus' example and proclaim His words so others may hear God's call to them.

Sunday's Readings: January 17

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20). **Gospel** — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).



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.



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:

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Weekdays at 7:30 am

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Pray to End Human Trafficking

Join us as we pray together...

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month as declared by presidential proclamation since 2010. Pope Francis calls us to acknowledge that, "Modern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, and organ trafficking is a crime against humanity. Its victims...are among the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters."

Since we are unable to host a "Prayer Service to End Human Trafficking" as in the past, the Social Justice Committee of St. John XXIII/ Our Lady of Victory Parishes invites you to be-

come aware of this travesty and to pray for an end to it through the intercession of St.
Josephine Bakhita, whose Feast Day is February 8. Canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000, St. Josephine was enslaved in Africa and Italy. Upon gain-



ing her freedom, she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and became an advocate for those enslaved.

Please join us in prayer as we remember those enslaved and pray for their release from captivity:

O St. Bakhita,

Assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery.

Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Amen.



Prayer Vigil for Life

Friday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is sponsoring a nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life on January 28 and 29, 2021. The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford, together with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, will be offering Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Friday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. Father Glen J. Dmytryszyn, Director of the Pro-Life Office will concelebrate.

More information will follow on signing up for in-person attendance and for live-stream participation.

The Catholic H.S. Collection

Next Weekend: 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.

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.

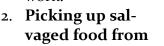
Social Justice Committee is Looking for Help!

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:**

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

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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. We'll be happy to connect with you:

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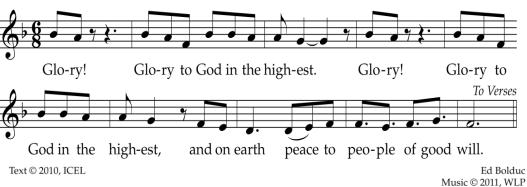
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