

# 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 31, 2021 | Fourth 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.*

## RECTORY OFFICE:

**Monday—Friday**

*on a limited basis;*

*presently, closed to public*

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*If today  
you hear God's voice,  
harden not  
your hearts*

READINGS for Mass appear on pg. 5.

MUSIC for Mass appears on pg. 8.

## PARISH STAFF

### Priest:

Rev. Kevin M. Dillon, Pastor  
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Deacon Frank Bevino  
Deacon Dean Macchio

### Music Ministry:

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### Religious Education:

LoriAnn Ruiz, Director of  
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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 30 — Weekday; Vigil

4:30 PM: **Intentions of our Parishioners**

**SUNDAY**, January 31 — **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM: **Annette Lovegrove**, *Req. by Don and Jodi Pealer*

9:30 AM: **Denise Nugent**, *Req. by her Family*

11:00 AM: **Patrick McLaughlin**, *Req. by his Family*

**MONDAY**, February 1

7:30 AM: **Fr. Dillon and Staff**, *Req. by a Parishioner*

**TUESDAY**, February 2 — **The Presentation of the Lord**

7:30 AM: **Intentions of our Parishioners**

**WEDNESDAY**, February 3

7:30 AM: **Stanley Mieczkowski**, *Req. by the Adam Family*

**THURSDAY**, February 4

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

**FIRST FRIDAY**, February 5 — **St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

7:30 AM: **Intentions of our Parishioners**

**SATURDAY**, February 6 — **St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs; Vigil**

7:30 PM: **Nancy Covari Virgulto**, *Req. by the Family*

4:30 PM: **Gloria Capelli**, *Req. by Tom and Marilyn Halligan*

**SUNDAY**, February 7 — **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM: **Annette Lovegrove**, *Req. by Don and Jodi Pealer*

9:30 AM: **Angelo Nisto**, *Req. by Dawn*

11:00 AM: **Peter Alonso**, *Req. by Mary and Maureen Coffey*

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

*this week honors*

**Stanley Mieczkowski**,  
*requested by his  
Family*



## 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.



# The Anointing of the Sick

A letter from Fr. Dillon



Dear Parishioners,

This week, let's explore the sacrament that we associate with the end of life: The Anointing of the Sick. This is really a three-part sacrament that consists of: The Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum and The Commendation of the Dying.

This sacrament is not reserved just for those who are dying. We used to refer to it as Extreme Unction or Last Rites and this helped establish a mind-set that this is the only time the anointing may occur. The Anointing of the Sick is also available to, as the wording says, those who are sick as a way to bring the presence of God to them in their suffering.

There are also prayers for those who are elderly. As we know, the elderly often face many health challenges so the sacrament, again, is there to bring the presence of God to this stage of their life.

A final provision for the Anointing of the Sick is for those who will be undergoing surgery. I received the Anointing of the Sick when I broke my ankle because I wanted the protection of the Lord with me while I was being treated.

Viaticum means "food for the journey."

The journey is the leaving of this life for the next. In this aspect of the sacrament, Holy Communion is brought to those who are in their last weeks or days here on Earth. The grace that comes from receiving Holy Communion is given to help usher the dying person to the presence of God in Heaven. I would hope that if there is one thing that we could choose to take with us to the glories of Heaven, it would be the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Commendation of the Dying are the final prayers that are said for the person who will soon die. These prayers involve readings from Sacred Scripture, the recitation of the Litany of Saints and a prayer to commend their soul to almighty God. This is the last act that the Church can do for her members who are leaving this life.

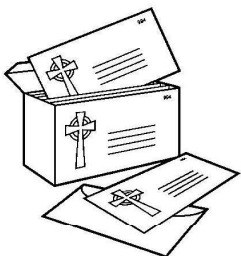
Hopefully, this has brought some clarity and insight into this sacrament. Now, I ask you to not wait until the "last minute" to request the sacrament. Sometimes, a priest may not be available. It is preferred that you call while the dying person is alert and can participate in the administration of the sacrament, this way they can have the peace of mind they need to enter into God's Kingdom.

## Weekly Offertory: January 18-24, 2020

**\$4,735.00**

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 [www.olv.org/OnlineGiving](http://www.olv.org/OnlineGiving) for information.**



## 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 "February 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, 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, 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, Martin Luth, Theresa Luth, 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 Seccina, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack and Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terassi Sr., Anthony Terassi, Jr., Jessie Terassi, 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:*  
**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.



*Holy and awesome is his name.*

PSALM 111:9

# Promises Made, Promises Kept

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

All too often promises are made, but not kept. Promises are broken for many reasons: because something more important gets in the way; or the ability to fulfill the promise was more difficult to complete than originally thought; or simply because the promisor had no intention of keeping the promise from the start.

Some promises are made with the intention of helping others and with great emotion. A parent will promise a child something to make them happy and grateful. An employee will promise to accomplish a task in order to demonstrate their ability to complete tasks.

Our first reading from Deuteronomy is a “promise made.” The Jewish people want to see God. He understands their request and tells Moses to tell the people He will do that. Speaking for God, Moses tells them that God will give them a prophet, one from among their own who will speak God’s word. No longer will the people only hear the word of God, but they will see God in this prophet... PROMISE MADE!

Our Gospel this weekend from Mark shows a continuation of Jesus’ ministry. In previous weeks, we have heard John the Baptist speaking of Jesus as “one greater than he.” That he, John, is not the Messiah. This is confirmed by the Holy Spirit as Jesus emerges from the baptismal

## Submissions to the Bulletin

*Deadline: Mondays at Noon*

If you are a ministry leader or member and would like to reconnect with our Parish Community, please send along:

- A prayer pertaining to the work of your ministry
- A story, update, or announcements
- Or a general “hello...”

Please send your submission to Patty in the Rectory Office: olovrectory@yahoo.com. All submissions are needed by **Monday at Noon** to be considered for the following weekend’s bulletin. Thank you!

waters. Jesus begins his ministry by choosing his followers and showing them signs. He shows these signs also as He teaches the people in the synagogue. The people are amazed at his ability, the fact He speaks with authority, and drives out an unclean spirit from a man possessed by a demon... PROMISE KEPT!

As Jesus continues His ministry, there are those who believe and those who deny that He is the Messiah. In Chapter 3 of Mark’s gospel, Jesus’ family even proclaims He is “out of His mind.” Jesus’ ministry is one of peril and persecution. Sometimes a promise made and fulfilled goes unbelieved and denied.

Our life is a journey of understanding God’s message of love and fulfillment. God’s promise to make Himself known still is not believed, even in our lifetime. Our relationship to Jesus through the sacraments and prayer gives us the understanding to accept that God does fulfill all His promises. The sacrifice of His Son’s life, death, and resurrection is the fulfillment of the promise of Eternal Life.

## Sunday’s Readings: January 31

*“...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** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).





## 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.

### Masses on the Weekend:

Vigil, 4:30 pm  
8:00 am  
9:30 am  
11:00 am

Weekdays at 7:30 am

### Sanctuary Candle:

Now reserving for 2021.



## 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 May 23, 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, May 23, 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.

## 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 become 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 gaining 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.**

## Preparing for Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross

While more details are to come regarding Lent during the pandemic in 2021, here is what we have planned so far:

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17:**

In-person Mass at 7:30 AM\*

Prayer Services at 12:10 PM\* and 6:30 PM\*

*\*Advance sign-ups are required; we cannot take any walk-ins. See page 3 for details. The Vatican has stated that ashes are to be sprinkled on the crown of the head. See article at right. This avoids any physical contact.*

**Stations of the Cross,  
Every Friday at 6:30 PM**

Stations will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. Please note the time change. Per COVID-19 prevention guidelines, booklets will not be distributed and there will be no singing by the congregation. Advance sign-up is not necessary unless communicated at a later date.

Thank you for your patience as we once again adjust our traditions practices during this unusual and historical time.

## Joining Jesus on the Walk to Redemption

*Stations of the Cross for Victims  
of Human Trafficking*

**Friday, February 19, 6:30 PM**

The walk to redemption for victims of human trafficking is like that of Jesus' walk to the cross: difficult, painful, with falls and stumbles along the way. We pray for a path to recovery and dignity for those who are struggling to break out of human slavery. Offered by the Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocesan Social Justice Office, in a virtual format. To register and find a copy of the prayer booklet visit:

<http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/human-trafficking.html>



## Vatican: No Ashes on Foreheads this Ash Wednesday

VATICAN CITY (Catholic News Services) -- The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments asked priests to take special anti-COVID-19 precautions this year when distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, including sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads rather than using them to make a cross on people's foreheads.



The congregation's note on the distribution of ashes in time of pandemic" was published on the congregation's website Jan. 12 and directs priests to say "the prayer for blessing the ashes" and then sprinkle "the ashes with holy water, without saying anything.

"Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent and believe in the Gospel' or 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.'

"The priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places," it said. "The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

The usual practice would be to repeat the formula -- "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" -- to each person as the ashes are sprinkled on the top of their head or rubbed on to their forehead.

Sprinkling ashes on the top of people's heads, rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is the customary practice at the Vatican and in Italy. Given the spread of the coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest to touch multiple people.





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

**OPENING**

**SONG:**

**THE GOD OF ALL GRACE**

Ricky Manalo, CSP

**Refrain**

The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of crea -  
 tion joins us in praise; lift-ing our voic - es, lift-ing our  
 hearts to the glo-ry of God for - ev - er!

**Verses**

1. God of pow-er and might,	come in - to our pres-ence this
2. God of mer-cy and truth,	who brings us from night in - to
3. God of won - drous love,	com - pas - sion and glo - ry are
4a. All the gifts of the Lord	shall flow from the glo - ry of
*4b. God of wa - ter and birth,	re - new - ing the face of the

1. day.	Strength-en us now with a spir - it of
2. day,	nour - ish our lives with a spir - it of
3. yours.	Come fill our hearts with a spir - it of
4a. God.	Let us pro - claim all the won - ders we've
4b. earth;	heal - ing us now with the Spir - it of

**to Refrain**

1. faith; we gath - er in your name.
2. hope and shield us from all fear.
3. love: the joy we find in you.
4a. seen: give thanks, re - jice and sing!
4b. Christ, you cleanse us from our sins.

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**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*

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# RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

IF TODAY YOU HEAR  
THE VOICE OF GOD

## REFRAIN

If to - day, — if to - day — you hear the voice of  
God, o - pen up — your heart and  
lis - ten to his Word. If to - day, — if to - day —  
— you hear the voice of God, hard - en not your  
hearts, hard - en not your hearts. —

## VERSES

1. Come, sing your joy to the Lord, give praise to the God who  
2. Come, let us wor - ship the Lord, come, bow to the God who  
1. saves us. O come, give — thanks to the Lord, come  
2. made us, for we are the sheep of his land, the  
1. sing be - fore our God. He is the Lord of our lives, —  
2. flock led by his hand. He is the Lord of our lives, —  
1-2. — he is the Lord of our lives and we pray. —

Ed Bolduc  
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# OFFERTORY:

## YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19)

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain  
Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than  
gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and  
life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing.

Verses  
1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -  
2. God's pre - cepts keep us; their pur - pose is right. They  
3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's  
4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth  
1. viv - ing the wea - ry spir - it. God's  
2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. God's com -  
3. pres - ence is ev - er - last - ing. God's  
4. more than we dare i - mag - ine and,  
1. rule can be trust - ed: bring - ing us wis - dom,  
2. mand is so clear: it brings us new vi - sion;  
3. truth is e - ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice;  
4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us,  
to Refrain  
1. bring - ing God's wis - dom to birth.  
2. bring - ing God's light to our eyes.  
3. bring - ing God's jus - tice to earth.  
4. bring - ing ful - fill - ment and joy.

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# COMMUNION:

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## IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bob Hurd



Refrain In \_\_\_\_\_ the break - ing \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the bread \_\_\_\_\_  
1. Bread for the jour - ney, \_\_\_\_\_ strength for our years, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Bread of the prom - ise, \_\_\_\_\_ peo - ple of hope, \_\_\_\_\_



(R) we \_\_\_\_\_ have known \_\_\_\_\_ him; \_\_\_\_\_ we have been fed. \_\_\_\_\_  
1. man - na of a - ges of strug - gle and tears. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. wine of com - pas - sion, \_\_\_\_\_ life for the world. \_\_\_\_\_



(R) Je - sus the strang - er, \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_  
1. Cup of sal - va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ fruit of the land, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Gath - ered at ta - ble, \_\_\_\_\_ joined as one bod - y. \_\_\_\_\_



(R) be our com - pan - ion; \_\_\_\_\_ be our hope. \_\_\_\_\_  
1. bless and re - ceive now, \_\_\_\_\_ the work of our hands. \_\_\_\_\_ (to Refrain)  
2. Sealed in the Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ sent by the Word. \_\_\_\_\_ (to Refrain)

# CLOSING SONG: We Are The Light Of The World

*Jean Anthony Greif- used with permission*

- 1) Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

### Refrain:

**We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do and give glory to God.**

- 2) Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth.  
Bless us, O Lord make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.