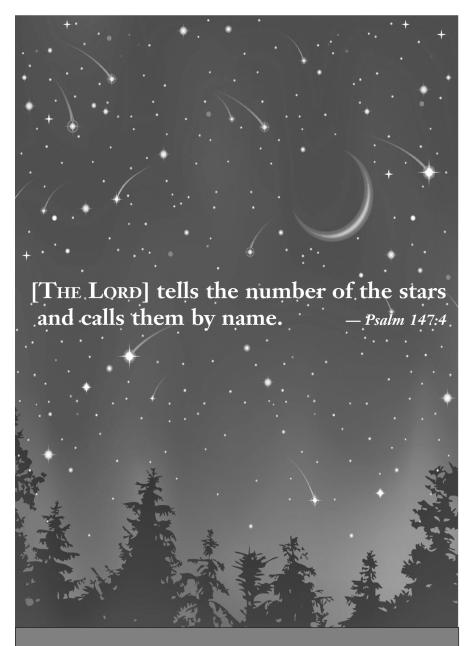
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"Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another." (Romans 14:19)

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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 Mondays 6-7 PM, and 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 **Marie B. Sagnella,** requested by Anthony and Phyllis Terassi.



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, February 6 — St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs; Vigil
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 Peeler
9:30 AM: Angelo Nisto, Req. by Dawn
11:00 AM: Peter Alonso, Req. by Mary and Maureen Coffey

MONDAY, February 8 7:30 AM: Lorraine Hoxie, *Req. by Porto Funeral Home*

TUESDAY, February 97:30 AM:Madeleine and Edward Dillon

WEDNESDAY, February 10 — St. Scholastica, Virgin 7:30 AM: Intentions of Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, February 11 7:30 AM: No Mass

FRIDAY, February 12 7:30 AM: **Ralph Julianelle**, *Req. by his Wife*

SATURDAY, February 13 — Vigil
7:30 AM: Deacon Paul Sabo, Req. by Parishioners at OLOV
4:30 PM: Ed and Jane McDermott, Req. by Family

SUNDAY, February 14 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM: Carol A. Colt, Req. by Angela Russo
9:30 AM: Elaine Tedesco, Req. by her Family
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.



New Additions from Pope Francis

A letter from Fr. Dillon

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, our Holy Father Pope Francis added new celebrations to the Church's calendar. This past Sunday, he decreed that the fourth Sunday in July is to honor Grandparents and the Elderly. In making this decree, the Holy Father said this would be a day to underscore their importance to society. The Pope has often called on society to cherish the elderly as a source of wisdom and experience, as opposed to the "throw away culture" that puts the elderly aside because they are no longer seen to be productive.

The first new memorial added to the calendar is to include the names of Mary and Lazarus to the memorial of St. Martha. I think this makes so much sense. When we think of St. Martha, how can we not think of Mary and Lazarus? Martha attentively served Jesus, Mary sat and listened intently to His words, and Lazarus was resurrected from the dead by Him. Martha and Mary show us how to live our lives of discipleship, while in Lazarus we see what we hope for: to be raised up to new life. The Gospel passage about Jesus coming to bring comfort to Martha and Mary when Lazarus died is my preferred Gospel to proclaim at funeral liturgies.

The other three new memorials are for

new memorials are for saints for which we may have little knowledge or recognition. If that's the case, then it's a great opportunity to do some research about them – I know I had to! The new, optional memorials are for St. Gregory Narek on February 27; St. John De Avila on May 10; and St. Hildegard of Bingen on September 17. All three of these saints had previously been declared Doctors of the Church, which meant they made significant contributions to theology or doctrine through their research, study or writings.

St. Gregory of Narek was an Armenian monk, mystic, lyrical poet and theologian who lived from circa 950 to 1003/1011. St. John De Avila was a Spanish priest, preacher, author, and mystic who lived from 1499 until 1569. St. Hildegard of Bingen was a German Benedictine Abbess, writer, composer, philosopher and mystic who lived from 1098 until 1179.

Hopefully, these new additions to the Church's calendar will cause each of us to reflect on why Pope Francis would make these decrees and how we can celebrate these new memorials in our own lives.

Weekly Offertory: January 25-31, 2020

Unavailable at press time.

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.

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 "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: @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 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 Scecina, 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: Joan Levi, Ann Livi, Stewart Mashtare, 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. Iared Carlson

February's Parish Devotion: *The Holy Family*

Praying this devotion is a special way to grow closer to our Lord by honoring His family every day throughout the month!

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. *Amen*



Taking Life As It Comes

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

How many mornings do we lay in bed and make a mental picture of what our day may be like? Taking comfort in planning everything we need to accomplish. We then go on our way almost semi-consciously performing those tasks, many of which are routine.

Then there are the days where everything is humming along and something happens to derail the plan and disrupt our day: A flat tire, dead battery in the car, or an accident on the way to work causing a traffic tie-up. Maybe it is something more serious, which we all dread; a phone call about a family member or a close friend. For most of us, these happen only occasionally but all of us have experienced them. Life is at best unpredictable. We certainly can attest to that this past year.

All three of our readings are stories of disruption. Job's story focuses on tragedy; the loss of his family and property. The very first line expresses the anguish of someone who has lost the most important things in their life. Depressed and stunned by the turn of events, he expresses that he will never be happy again. Job's story does have a happy ending, but the important part of this story is his acceptance of life and his faith that God would never abandon him.

Paul's story is quite different. He is a Pharisee who persecutes these new believers in Jesus. He appears to have no intention of changing until he encounters God on his journey to Demascus. Paul has been called by God to proclaim the Risen Christ and to preach the gospel of faith, hope and charity. As he states in our reading today, he has no choice but to preach the Word of God. Paul says he is "compelled" and "a



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. slave" to God's call. Our Gospel shows Jesus active in his ministry, healing the sick and attending to the needs of the people in the synagogue. He has now accumulated a large group of followers and believers who are constantly bringing their



needs and concerns to him. But yet, Jesus still finds time to go off on his own to pray to the Father.

Our readings this weekend are just some examples of the unpredictability of life. All of us -- no matter how much we plan -- can never be confident that we can control our lives entirely. God ultimately gives us what we need to bring us to Him. Jesus sets the example of obedience in doing God's will. But he also shows us that finding time to be alone with God is essential in understanding the path marked out for us.

Sunday's Readings: February 7

"...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** — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians

9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).





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: Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm Sunday at 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 am

> > Weekdays at 7:30 am

Sanctuary Candle: *Now reserving for 2021.*

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.

Submit An Essay and Apply for the Brian G. Nugent Campership

Brian D. Nugent grew up in West Haven, and from a young age, divided his time between family, school and OLOV activities, and sports. These were the things that continued to define him in his adult years. Mr. Nugent was diagnosed with cancer in June of 2014 and passed away October 4, 2014. Throughout his illness, he was courageous and as best he could, continued to put others first. He touched many lives, making the world a better place.

Mr. Nugent graduated from UNH and opened Nugent's Pot Belly Luncheonette. He later chose to embark on a career as a West Haven police officer. When an injury forced him to retire, he began a long and successful career with United Technologies Corporation. At the time of his passing, he held the position of corporate ombudsman.

The Brian D. Nugent Campership, will award \$325 for one student in each category: (K-Gr 2) (Gr 3-5) (Gr 6-8) (Gr 9-12) to attend a camp or take lessons, in an effort to better themselves and ultimately better the world. Camps/lessons (not limited to summer time) can range from astronomy to sports to zoology! Students must reside in Cheshire or West Haven, CT, OR be a child living in CT with a parent employed by Raytheon Technologies (formerly UTC). Students who have submitted essays in the past, but have not won, may write again. (Due to the generosity of a co-worker, this year's amount has been increased from \$300 to 325!)

Essays are to be submitted INDIVIDUAL-LY and include **name**, **school**, **grade and topic chosen**. Kindergartners and 1st graders are welcome to submit illustrations with their essay. The deadline is whichever comes first: 3/17/21 or when 50 essays are received. Finished masterpieces can be emailed to:

briandnugentcampership@gmail.com Please choose a topic:

- An event or experience in which you appreciated the importance of family.
- An event or a sacrament received that brought you closer to God.
- An event or experience that gave you a better understanding of the role of a police officer.
- A teacher or coach that you are certain changed you as a person.
- An event in your community in which you and other residents came together for a greater good.

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 signup is not necessary unless communicated at a later date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Available on Mondays 6-7 PM and Satur-

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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 onto 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.

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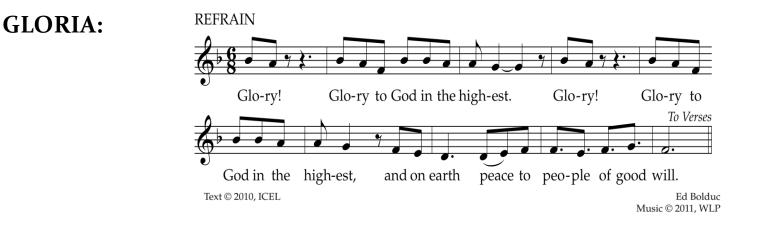
Verse 1: Blessed are they who are poor in spirit bless us, O Lord, our God.

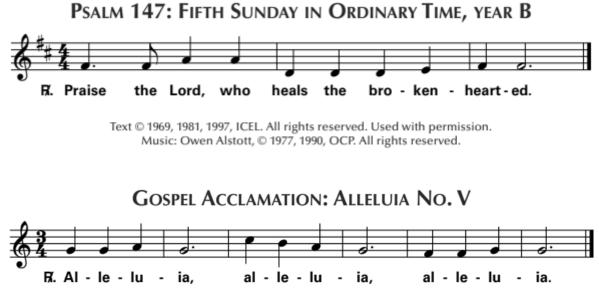
Chorus:

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.

Verse 5: Blessed are they who show others mercy...

Verse 7: Blessed are they who bring peace among us ...





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OFFERTORY: HEALING RIVER OF THE SPIRIT

[Verse 1]

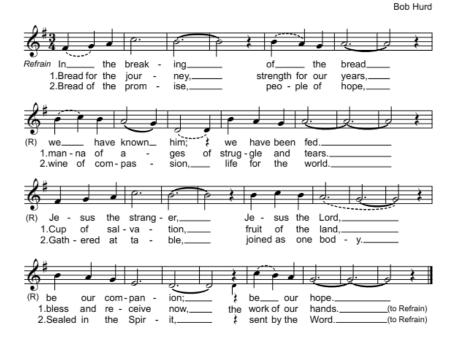
Healing river of the Spirit, Bathe the wounds that living brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness Deep beneath your sacred springs. Weary from the restless searching That has lured us from your side, We discover in your Presence Peace the world cannot provide.

[Verse 2]

Wellspring of the healing Spirit, Stream that flows to bring release, As we gain <u>our selves</u> our senses, May our lives reflect your <u>peace.</u> Grateful for the flood that heals us, May your church enact your <u>grace.</u> As we meet both friend and stranger, May we see our Savior's face.

[Verse 3]

Living stream that heals the nations, Make us channels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by <u>conflict;</u> Wars are raging at this hour. Saving Spirit, move among us, Guide our winding human course, Till we find our way together, Flowing homeward to our Source.



CLOSING SONG:

ALLELUIA! RAISE THE GOSPEL



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