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



Second Sunday of

Advent

December 5, 2021

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday/Wednesday: 12:10 PM

Tuesday: 7:30 AM

Thursday/Friday: No Masses at OLOV,
but at neighboring parishes

Saturday: 8 AM Mass followed by Adoration

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available on Saturdays from 3-4 PM in the Church.

Masks must be worn.

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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. 7.

SATURDAY, December 4 — Weekday; Vigil

4:30 PM: **Anna Wideman and Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Jones**,
Req. by the Family

SUNDAY, December 5 — **2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C**

8:00 AM: **Michael and Jeanette Holyst**, Req. by their
Daughter

9:30 AM: **Henry Talevi**, Req. by Ann

11:00 AM: **Niccolo Carlino**, Req. by Jessie Terrasi

MONDAY, December 6

12:10 PM: **The Gentile and Piscatelli Family**, Req. by Ann
Piscatelli

TUESDAY, December 7— **St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church**

7:30 AM: **Peter and Judy Florio**, Req. by Karen Wyskiel

WEDNESDAY, December 8 — **THE IMMACULATE**

CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:10 PM: **Marie Castracane**, Req. by Caesar

6:00 PM: **Lynn and Michael Cayer**, Req. by Douglas Wrenn

THURSDAY, December 9

No Mass

FRIDAY, December 10

No Mass

SATURDAY, December 11 — Weekday; Vigil

8:00 AM: **Natividad McCart**, Req. by Ed and Dolly Ramos

4:30 PM: **Nicholas Aleo**, Req. by the Family

SUNDAY, December 12— **3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C**

8:00 AM: **Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jones and
Anna Wideman**, Req. by Family

9:30 AM: **Clement Piscatelli**, Req. by Ann

11:00 AM: **Leopold and Carmella D'Amato, Lawrence and
Joseph Stacy, Ed and John Hackett**, Req. by Jackie

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

this week honors
GERRY GENTILE,
*Requested by her
daughter, Ann.*

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the consecrated host. It takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, following the 8:00 AM Mass.



“Prepare the Way!”

A Note from Fr. Landback, Administrator

Today's Gospel reading jumps over the birth and childhood of Jesus and focuses on John the Baptist, the “precursor.” John was called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. John administered a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and performed this ministry in the wilderness of the Jordan River Valley. There is much symbolism here, since the Israelites had been saved by God from slavery in Egypt through the wilderness and a miraculous crossing of the Jordan River. Clearly, God was again doing something important at the Jordan River!

Today's Gospel reading begins with a recitation of all the governmental and religious authorities who operated in Palestine at the time. The Roman Empire tolerated different religious faiths so long as they remained private, and no group claimed to have the Truth. That would disturb the peace. In Palestine, and other remote provinces, there were intermittent local armed insurgencies. Into this situation there arose a Voice – John the Baptist – who cried, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight,” quoting Isaiah the prophet.

It was the custom of people in those times to repair the roads in preparation for the visit of someone powerful. So too, the path for God in our lives often involves straightening what is

crooked, leveling what is uneven, and smoothing what is rough! John invited people to reconnect to God through a baptism of repentance; to change their minds and accept the mercy of God.

In the Advent season each year, God's Church makes the same kind of invitation to you and to me. We, too, live in a time in which God has been pushed to the margins. The very idea of being accountable to God is considered outrageous by many. Ideologies of a political variety have taken God's place in many peoples' lives. There is a yawning spiritual emptiness – similar to the times in which John the Baptist preached. In John's day, people who hungered for more made the trek out into the desert. There, John helped them to reconnect with God and His wisdom, as the basis for a common life of connection to each other.

Let us make our own “desert” pilgrimage this Advent, taking time to pray, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to attend a weekday Mass. Ask God to remove everything that gets in the way and slows down our path to Him and His to us. To paraphrase St. John Paul II, to know God is to become fully human and to live life as it was meant to be lived.

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November 15-21, 2021

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November 22-28, 2021

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Daily Mass Times Change

Weekday Mass Times

Now in Effect

Monday/Wednesday: 12:10 PM

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Saturday: 8 AM Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday Mass Times

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 2

In keeping with direction from the Archbishop, in the new year we will have three weekend Masses:

Sat., 4:30 PM | Sun., 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Thank you for your understanding!



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, Peter Alonso, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Ann Carthy, Donald Cashman, Danny Caudell, Susan Civitelli, Kevin Colleran, Rhys Connors, Michael Cote, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Betty Cronk, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, DeNigris Family, Carena DiBello, Frank Dini Jr., Patti Dowling, Michael Duffy, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Joseph Galatie, Kathy Giaquinto, Therese Gill, Sr. Gertrude Goldman, Dee Green, Theresa Grillo, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Leroy Hoye, Lisa Indich, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Michael Landino, Ann Langlais, James Leone, Patricia Lesko, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Theresa Luth, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Pat Mihalyak, Theresa Montz, Edwin Morales, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Veronica Murteza, Art Nugent, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Michael Pimer, Cheryl Porto, Kristin Purdy, John Rakos, Andrew Tarbe Reeves, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Marc Seccina, Elizabeth Shamaly, Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terassi Sr., Anthony Terassi, Jr., Jessie Terassi, Tiernan, 1st Sgt. Joe Toscano, Frank Trombetta, Lynn and Jacques Veillette, Doris Worrell

In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Rita Gallagher Gaul,
Victims of COVID-19 Pandemic**

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 Parish office.

Jeffrey Batres, USMC | Staff Sgt. Adam Dudek
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Pvt. Connor Davis USMC
Cpl. Teagan Fransen, USMC
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Senior Airman Gabriella Gigola
Sr. Airman Aaron Butner | Airman Sean Hufcut
E3 Lexi Ronan, USN | E5 Ryan Ronan, USN
Pvt. Christopher Miller | SPC Alexander Capuras
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Connor Quinn, 82nd Airborne
Lance Cpl Chase Davis, USMC

Parish Devotion for December: *Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception*

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

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.



Proclaiming God's Coming

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

In the first reading on this 2nd Sunday of Advent, the Prophet Baruch proclaims the coming of the Lord. Baruch speaks of God bringing “comfort” to the Jewish people and relieving their responsibility of solely adhering to the law. A “new” covenant of love and charity will be given to them. Baruch promises that the Lord will make “straight the paths” of life and will reveal that “every lofty mountain will be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground...”

St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, expresses a deep love and affection for the people of Philippi. He writes from prison and longs for the affection and love he received from these people when he was with them. He likens this longing to the sufferings that Jesus endured for us. Paul urges the people grow in love for others and expect nothing in return.

Baruch's proclamation of God sending a messenger is fulfilled in the appearance of John the Baptist in our Gospel this weekend. Quoting from the Prophet Isaiah, John proclaims, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.” John proclaims a renewal of our life through the repentance of sin -- a release from the bondage of past acts that keeps us from God. In the Jewish faith, “baptism” was a process of purification. It was a ritual to cleanse people from the impurities of life (their sins) before they were able to worship God. Similar to Christian Baptism, water was the dominant symbol in the rite. However, this ritual was repeated many times in the lifetime of a Jew to cleanse them from impurities that they encountered.

As the prophet of the New Testament, John proclaims not a Baptism of Purification, but a Baptism of Repentance and Forgiveness of sins. It is a Baptism filled with the Spirit of God, given to us by the one, as proclaimed by John, to come and show us the way to the Father in Word and example. Amidst the throngs of people seeking this purification from John, John announces that one more powerful than he is to come after him.

John's proclamation is a continuation of Baruch's proclamation announcing the coming of God into the world to bring comfort and joy; to make straight the paths of life. John the Baptist and Baruch are the prophets who link the Covenant God made with the Jewish people to the New Covenant given to us by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



As recipients of this Baptism and unlike the Jewish people who needed to be purified many times, our Baptism is a life born into a life of repentance and forgiveness by the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Our continuing responsibility for this great sacrament of Baptism is to continue to proclaim God's mercy and forgiveness by how we conduct our lives.

We are successors to John the Baptist. We, the prophets of God, proclaim Jesus' promise to return a second time to take us to God His Father and to be with Him for all eternity. As we prepare for this celebration of Christ's life, let us renew our Baptismal commitment of living our faith in God and the promise of Jesus Christ by word and example. God's mercy and love is everlasting. Our gratitude and love are returned in our never-ending faith in loving others as His Son loves us.

Sunday's Readings: Dec. 5

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).



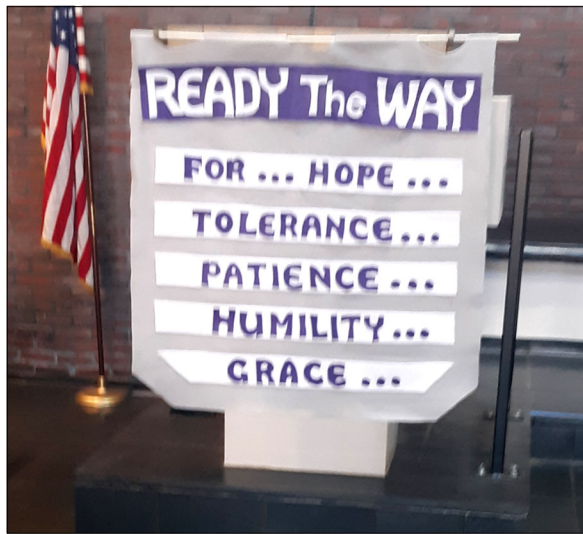
ADVENT

A Season of Preparation

A Reflection As We Begin Our Journey to Christmas

Getting back to normal as we emerge from the pandemic for Christmas this year, we might become so busy “getting ready” for this holiday, that we may forget we are in the **Season of Advent**, a time of preparation and waiting in **joyful hope**, for Christmas, “the HOLY DAY.”

As we hear the readings these first two weeks of Advent, let us reflect on making **Ready the Way for the Christ**, to come into our lives that we may have:
HOPE... in our hearts and minds
TOLERANCE... in our words and actions
PATIENCE... with others and ourselves
HUMILITY... to accept the challenges we face all through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior.



A Prayer to St. Nicholas

His Feast Day is Monday, Dec. 6

Celebrating Christmas, we sometimes focus too much on the secular "Santa Claus" who brings presents and fills stockings on Christmas Eve. This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Mon., December 6. St. Nicholas is our model for a generous faithful servant who "served God by serving His people."

Good St. Nicholas, your endearing spirit and love for children especially the poor and orphaned, are known and celebrated throughout the ages.

May we be inspired by your love and generosity, especially to those in need.

Intercede for us, bless us and protect us. In this season of Advent, may we be enriched by your benevolence and loving example, that we may have generous hearts towards all God's children.

*In Jesus' name we pray,
AMEN*

Have You Reserved a Mass Intention?

Please call our Parish Office to confirm the date and time. With the new daily Mass times and upcoming changes in January, we want to be sure you have the correct date. Thank you!

Remember a Loved One; Reserve a Mass in His/Her Honor Call for 2022 Availability

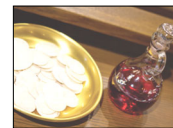
You may book Mass intentions for 2022 by calling the Parish Office at (203) 934-6357.

Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

**Weekend Masses through
the end of 2021 are filled.
Daily Masses are still available:**

Weekdays at 7:30 AM or 12:10 PM
Saturdays at 8:00 AM

**The Sanctuary Candle is also available;
donation is \$20.**



**BAPTISM
CLASSES**

Baptism Preparation classes will be held on the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom.

Please contact the Parish Office to register: (203) 934-6357

Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending U.S. Poverty

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:00 PM, the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host a virtual conversation with the authors of *Broke in America*, Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox. We'll discuss what is needed to end poverty in the United States. Jered Bruzas, Director of Operations for St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury, will provide local insights to poverty within our state. Registration is required. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3yb588C>

Please Support Those in Need This Christmas

The Giving Tree is now set up in our church; please take a tag. With these gift cards, we will continue our support of some of the local agencies that spread God's kindness and love to others.

This includes the West Haven Family Resource Center, the West Haven Community House, IRIS, and the Beth El Shelter in Milford.

You may drop off cards to the Parish Office or bring them to Mass and deposit them in the collection baskets.

**Your kindness and generosity
are greatly appreciated!**



Christmas Multicultural Choirs Concert

December 19 at 4 PM | West Hartford

As the church moves forward to embrace the many cultures represented in our house, it is exciting to share that the Office of Faith and Culture of the Archdiocese — in conjunction with several parish choirs, lay movements, the Knights of Columbus and others — have organized the first “Christmas Multicultural Choirs Concert” on Sunday December 19 at 4:00 PM:

St. Andrew Dung Lac Parish
(*St. Mark's Church*)

467 South Quaker, West Hartford

Please join us to enjoy live voices and faces from around the world in one faith, one Christmas. Finger food will be served at this Advent/Christmas event.

Vocation Reflection

John the Baptizer appeared in the desert as the precursor proclaiming the way Lord. He embodies the characteristics of a true disciple. Who will proclaim Him in this generation? If you feel the call to proclaim the Word of the Lord as a priest, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

The Annual Sing-Along is Back!

This Thursday, December 9 | 6:30 - 7:30 in the Hall

A slightly different and shorter program this year but we will be singing those Christmas favorites! Also, Santa, Rudolph, and Frosty will be there to greet the kids and sing, too. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served and children will receive a gift card as they leave. Join us for this fun holiday tradition for families.



ADVENT music

The next few pages serve as your personal hymn book as we come together each week.

OPENING SONG:

ON JORDAN'S BANK

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
 4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
 2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
 3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
 4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
 3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
 4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
 Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

KYRE:

Mass XVI, Chant, Mode III

Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.

Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

PSALM 126: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



℟. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



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

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OFFERTORY:

WAITING IN SILENCE

Carey Landry



1-5. Wait-ing in si - lence, wait-ing in hope; we are your



1. peo-ple, we long for you, Lord. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u -
 2. peo-ple, we trust in your love. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of
 3. peo-ple, Lord, we seek your truth. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your
 4. peo-ple, we long for new life. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our
 5. peo-ple, our hearts thirst for you. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our



1. el, Come, Lord Je - sus,
 2. Peace, Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
 3. way; Show us the path of life,
 4. hearts. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
 5. midst. Make us your gar - den, Lord,

} Ma-ra-na - tha!

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COMMUNION:

READY THE WAY

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
and read-y the way of the Lord.

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-
2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace
and read-y the way for you, Lord.
as we

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CLOSING SONG:

LET THE KING OF GLORY COME

Michael Joncas

Refrain

Lift up, you gates, lift up your arch - es: let the
King of glo - ry come! Lift up your hearts and
sing, you peo - ple: let the King of glo - ry come!

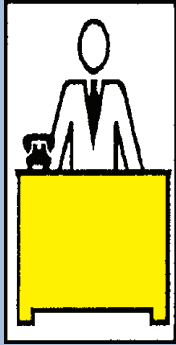
Verses

1. Who is the King of glo - ry? Our God,
2. Come, O come, Em - man - u - el: come and
3. Come, O come, bright Wis - dom: come and
4. Come, you Key of Da-vid, come: o - pen our
1. ho - ly and strong! Who is the Lord of
2. dwell with us! Come, O come, you
3. make us wise! Come, O come, you
4. heav - en - ly home! Come, De - sire of
1. ma - jes - ty? Our God, might-y and strong!
2. Lord of might: ban - ish death and fear!
3. Day - spring: love, un - close our eyes!
4. na - tions, come: bring us in - to your peace!

Coda

Let the King of glo - ry come!

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