

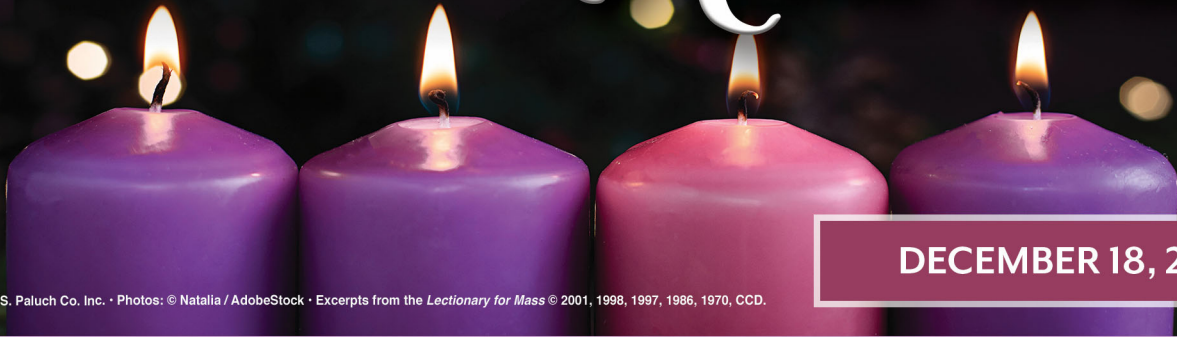
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“Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another.” (Romans 14:19)

FOURTH
SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

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*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”*

MATTHEW 1:23

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday:

12 PM at St. Louis Church,
89 Bull Hill Lane.

Saturday Vigil, OLOV: 4:30 PM

Sunday at OLOV:

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

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

**For the Staff Listing and Directory,
see page 2.**

The Music For Today's Mass Appears on Page 8.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Weekend Masses at Our Lady of Victory;
Daily Masses at St. Louis, 89 Bull Hill Lane.

SATURDAY, December 17 — Vigil, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
4:30 PM: **Andrew Cafiero**, Req. by Family

SUNDAY, December 18 — **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:30 AM: **Bob Fortuna**, Req. by Barbara, Kate, and Lisa
10:30 AM: **Jane Jarvie**, Req. by the Chiarelli and Emmerich Families

MONDAY, December 19
12:00 PM: **Joseph Aloysius Weber**, Req. by Family

TUESDAY, December 20
12:00 PM: **Carmine Sarno**, Req. by May

WEDNESDAY, December 21
12:00 PM: **Francis Blanchetle**, Req. by Family

THURSDAY, December 22
12:00 PM: **Mass Intention of St. Louis Church**

FRIDAY, December 23
12:00 PM: **Mass Intention of St. Louis Church**

SATURDAY, December 24 — Vigil, **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
4:30 PM: **James D. Halligan, Jr.**, Req. by Family
11:00 PM: **Gil Cunha**, Req. by Family

SUNDAY, December 25 — **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
10:00 AM: **Antonio Calosso**, Req. by Barbara

"The daybreak from on high will visit us...to guide our feet into the paths of peace."

— Luke 1:78-79

This Advent, may our journey be a way toward peace. Peace in our homes, churches, communities, country and our world. It is the Prince of Peace, the Christ Child, whom we await during these weeks. It is Christ who brings peace into our hearts.

May we do our best during this season to be PEACE. As the banner on the altar reminds us, let us:

Pray Everyday And Cherish Everyone.

THE SANCTUARY

LAMP

this week burns in
memory of

CLEM VACCINO,

requested by

Joanne Cavallaro.

The Anointed From God Arrives

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

The excitement of Christmas is upon us as we enter the final week of Advent. The music and sights of the season are everywhere, along with the words of Peace and Joy. As Christians, we anticipate the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. The coolness of the winter air allows for a freshness that welcomes the excitement of a new year. As with the anticipation of the birth of any baby, we welcome the event with a feeling of new beginnings. It is a birth yet untouched by the challenges of life on Earth. Perfection, beauty, and serenity all come together to welcome the joy and hope of a new day. It is an opportunity to dispose of the old and welcome the new.

We all long for a new beginning; a chance to start again, a rebirth. In this season of the Nativity of our Lord, we can find that new beginning in welcoming the Christ Child into our lives. We can make it different from years past by showing our full commitment to the Good News Christ has brought into the world. As we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, the reality that Mary brings into the world the Son of God hits home. She could only do so without sin herself. We can only truly celebrate the birth of Christ by acknowledging Mary, the Mother of God, as the mother of us all.

Our first reading from Isaiah is the beautiful refrain frequently used during the Christmas season. Written nearly 700 years before the birth of Jesus, it announces to the Jewish people the coming of the Messiah. “[T]he Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.”

St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, emphasizes that Christ is the anointed from God for all people; Jew and Gentle. As people of faith, we are called by the “grace of apostleship” to actively proclaim the presence of God on earth and the good news proclaimed by Jesus.

Matthew retells the story of Mary and Joseph’s role in the birth of Jesus and the faith they had in God’s Words to bring the Christ Child into the world. We’ve heard this story many times in our lives, and each time it highlights the anxiety that Mary and Joseph must have felt with the news.

St. Matthew wrote his Gospel for the Jewish people about 40-50 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. His aim was to impress upon the Jewish people the significance of this man, Jesus. Matthew draws from the Hebrew scriptures and the words of the prophets of the Old Testament to bring emphasis that Jesus is the

“anointed one” as promised to them by God so often. Matthew concludes his Gospel today with the same words spoken by the prophet Isaiah in our first reading from the Old Testament:

“Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”



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Weekly Offertory:

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*Thank
You*



Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list. To include your prayer requests for healing, support, or gratitude for the next two weeks, contact the Parish Office:

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We remember all intentions previously brought before God in this space.

For Healing and Support:

Gwen Stiewing Petersen; Danielle Boros; Anthony Scalesse; **The families and friends of those touched by suicide.**

In Gratitude For:

Our Music Ministry; **Volunteers who delivered plants to the homebound.**

Bold = New additions this week.

Pope Francis' December Prayer Request for the Church

This prayer is presented by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network with the mission of mobilizing Catholics through prayer and action, in the face of the challenges confronting humanity and the mission of the Church.



Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

Julius Paecht, Aldea & Arthur Finnegan, Joseph Mut, Sr., Ray Conniff, Sr., Victims of the Pandemic, Victims of War and Gun Violence

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
- Staff Sgt. Danielle Luby | 2nd Lt. Jared Carlson
- Lance Cpl. Connor Davis USMC
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- Pvt. Christopher Miller | Sgt. Alexander Capuras
- Military Pvt. David Dayusik
- Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF
- 1st Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse
- Connor Quinn, 82nd Airborne
- Cpl Chase Davis, USMC
- Private Army Specialist Mark Russell
- Lance Cpl Jared Pliszka, USMC

When you cannot attend Mass, pray:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)



Our Lady of Victory Parish
**Many Blessings
to Our Confirmands**

The following parishioners of Our Lady of Victory Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation on December 4 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford:

Nana Abaidoo..... Josephine
Michael Caldarella Frederick
Tyler Ciarleglio..... Sebastian
Myles Cortes Sebastian
Ella Marie Corvino.....Michelle
Matthew D’AlberoPeter
Carmine DeAngelis, Jr.....Peter
Gavin Doherty Guido
Delvin Donniri..... Anthony
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Zia Durso..... Valentine
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Lucas Forgette..... Mark
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Matthew Loo..... Lorenzo
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Paige Molster Catherine
Annabelle Pasacreta.....Gemma
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Brandon Skerritt Sebastian
Alexander Stradowski.....Michael
Gabriel Suarez Bartholomew
Ashlynn Trenchard..... Cecilia
Thomas Vets..... Anthony
Mark Zabawar Michael



2022
**Advent Activities and
Christmas Mass Schedule**

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sat., December 24)
4:00 PM (English) St. Louis
4:30 PM (English) St. John Vianney
7:00 PM (Spanish) St. Louis
11:00 PM (English) St. John Vianney

CHRISTMAS DAY (Sun., December 25)
9:00 AM (English) St. Louis
10:00 AM (English) St. John Vianney
10:30 AM (Spanish) St. Louis

NEW YEAR’S EVE (Sat., December 31)
4:00 PM (English) St. Louis
4:30 PM (English) St. John Vianney
7:00 PM (Spanish) St. Louis

NEW YEAR’S DAY (Sun., January 1)
8:30 AM (English) St. John Vianney
9:00 AM (English) St. Louis
10:30 AM (English) St. John Vianney
10:30 AM (Spanish) St. Louis



Our Lady of Victory Parish thanks all those honoring and remembering loved ones with

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Reis, Michael	Deceased Members Reis & Pereira Families, Gil Cunha, Deborah Reis, Mila Provensal
Reis, Dominick & Alzira	John & Elvira Pereira, Dominick & Maria Reis, Gil Cunha, Edward & Orinda Streeto, Manuel Tavares
Reiss, Margaret	Lawrence Reiss, Walter & Dolores Czabator
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Scafariello, Steve & Tracy	John Cirasuolo
Serrano, Robert & Livia	Effrain Serrano, Agripina Cos, Petra Flores, Pilar Santiago, Eualio Serrano Arzuaga
Shopis, Francis & Claudia	Madelyn, Claude & Anthony Lucia, Eleanor Shopis, Geraldine Giamo
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Stacy, Jaqueline.....	Leopold & Carmela D'Amato, Larry & Joseph Stacy, Ed & John Hackett
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Standish, Karen.....	Catherine and William Duke DeCarlo
Sullivan, Mark & Claire.....	Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Chasse
Talevi, Ann.....	Henry Talevi, Palmieri & Talevi Families
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Weber, Joan	The O'Connor & Weber Families
Wolofsky, Joseph& Susan	Joe & Mariann Wolofsky, Sr., Lou & Gloria Borrell

Las Posadas

December 16–24

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the 18th century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the “O Antiphons” of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced 2,000 years ago. When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?

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Interested in Joining Our Community?

If you would like to learn more about the Our Lady of Victory community and our beautiful church on the beach, please contact our **Parish Office: (203) 934-6357.**

Greeters Needed for Next Weekend

If you are a friendly, warm, and welcoming person of any age, please consider being a Greeter/Usher at one of our Christmas Masses. We need nine at each one so come share your Christmas Joy with others! Masses are:



Christmas Eve at 4:30 and 11 PM

Christmas Day at 10:00 AM

Sign up in the church or call the Parish Office, (203) 934-6357.

Recycle Your Christmas Cards

Please consider donating the front covers of your Christmas Cards to help us make "ornaments" for next year's Giving Tree. The basket will be located at the Main Entrance of the church during the months of December and January. God Bless You and Merry Christmas!



Senior Center: Donations Needed

The Medical Equipment Ministry that used to be housed at the Beacon on the Hill is still operating at the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St. Our contact, Claire Sullivan, has made known the need for adult incontinence products. If you can donate, please call Claire at (203) 430-7226.



Need a Walker or Wheelchair?

The Medical Equipment Ministry that used to be housed at the Beacon on the Hill is still operating at the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St., West Haven. Anyone needing wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, adult diapers, and other items can contact Claire Sullivan at (203) 430-7226.

Rosary Prayer Group

Will Resume in March 2023

We will resume on Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM, at Our Lady of Victory Church.



Sing along with us!

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

ENTRANCE:

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - ell

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 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.

KYRIE

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.

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PSALM 24: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

Ben Walther

♩. Let the Lord en - ter; he is king of glo - ry.

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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:

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
2. "For know a bless - ed Moth - er you shall be, All
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head; "To
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In

1. wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
2. gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
3. me be as it pleas - es God!" she said. "My
4. Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn; And

1. hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"
2. Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told."
3. soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name."
4. Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say: } "Most

1-4. high - ly fa - vored la - dy!" Glo - ri - a!

Text: 10 10 12 10; *Birjina gaztettobat zegoen*; trad. Basque carol; tr. by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924.
Music: Trad. Basque carol melody.

COMMUNION:

BREAD OF LIFE (ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SETTING)

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth-er:

feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

*Verses

1. Be with your peo-ple, Lord, send us your sav-ing Word: Je - sus
2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear: Je - sus
3. A child is born for us, a son is giv'n to us, In our
4. With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear The sal-
5. You are the hope of all, our prom-ise and our call, Ra-diant

to Refrain

1. Christ, light of glad - ness, come a-mong us now.
2. Christ, hope of a - ges, come to save us now.
3. midst, Christ, our Lord and God comes as one who serves.
4. va - tion of all the world, God's in - car - nate Word.
5. light in our dark - ness, truth to set us free.

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CLOSING SONG:

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5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
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