

ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH

St. John Vianney Church, 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 1, 2023 | SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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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

CONFESIONS

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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this week burns
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ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH.

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

SATURDAY, December 31 — Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

4:30 PM: **All Clergy Who Have Served at Our Lady of Victory**

SUNDAY, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM: **The Deceased Members of Our Lady of Victory Church, Req. by a Parishioner**

10:30 AM: **Kelly Armour, Req. by Crystal Sacco**

MONDAY, January 2 — Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

12:00 PM: **Ralph Conelli**

TUESDAY, January 3

12:00 PM: **Intentions of Our Parishioners**

WEDNESDAY, January 4 — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

12:00 PM: **Joe Schmidt**

THURSDAY, January 5 — St. John Neumann, Bishop

12:00 PM: **Cesar Carmona**

FIRST FRIDAY, January 6

12:00 PM: **Families, Friends, CND Associates, and Sisters**

FIRST SATURDAY, January 7 — Vigil, The Epiphany of Lord

4:30 PM: **Rob Prior, Req. by Sandra Grace**

SUNDAY, January 8 — The Epiphany of Lord

8:30 AM: **Catherine McKeon, Req. by George**

10:30 AM: **Elizabeth Curtiss, Req. by Barbara**

Today's Readings: January 1, 2023

First Reading: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Second Reading: God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel: The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).



Mary and The Holy Family

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

We celebrate holidays with open arms and smiling faces as we welcome family members and friends. We relish being able to relax and socialize. Our families and friends are the core of our relationships. They allow us to be who we are, to share common interests, and to find comfort and understanding in the difficulties and challenges we are experiencing. They are the foundation of who we are and what we have become. Families and friends share, challenge, and embrace each of our unique personalities. They create an oasis of comfort and repose from the weariness of everyday work and its complexities.

Our scripture readings, during Advent and Christmas, focus on proclaiming the coming of the Messiah. The season celebrates birth and the joy and happiness which the gift of a child brings. Birth is a humbling experience for parents; they are trusted by God with the care and upbringing of a child. It is one of the greatest of all gifts given by God: the ability to be co-creators with Him.

We hear about Mary and Joseph as they each hear the news from God. With great humility they prepare for the impending birth. Together, they create a tree of love which binds them together. They share that love with family members and friends. Many of these family members and friends will celebrate for generations the love and joy that brings people together.

Our gospel for this Sunday speaks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, a family of believers. They are brought together in faith to celebrate God's many gifts. The scene takes place just after The Holy Family celebrates the Feast of Passover in the Temple. This is the same gospel we heard at dawn on Christmas Day with the addition of the verse naming their child "Jesus" as directed by the angel. Mary, as many mothers do, kept to herself all that she hears as told to her and

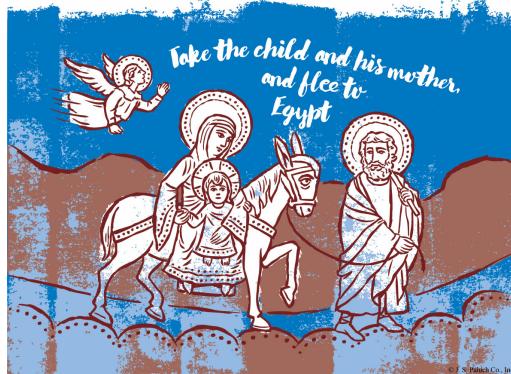
Joseph by the shepherds. Keeping true to their faith, Jesus is circumcised and this Holy Family are now part of a people of faith in God.

We are part of that community in the Christian tradition. During the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, I remind the people gathered that this child was welcomed into their related family when they were born. In Baptism they are welcomed into the Christian family worldwide; a people who worship together and journey in faith with each other.

On the Feast of the Holy Family (Jan. 6), let us not forget our worshiping

community of St. John the XXIII and all our brothers and sisters worldwide. With joy and happiness, many of us have memories of times past and present when together in prayer we celebrate the life-giving birth of Peace and Love. People of all faiths and cultures are God's children. As a worldwide family, we celebrate the opportunity of being a family in Christ.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Weekly Offertory: December 12-18: \$7,792

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*Thank
You*

In Our Prayers

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:

Telephone: (203) 934-6357
E-Mail: olovrectory@yahoo.com

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

For Healing and Support:

Danielle Boros; **Fred Grether**; Anthony Scalesse; The families and friends of those touched by suicide.

In Gratitude For:

The new Parish community of St. John XXIII.

Bold = New additions this week.

Pope Francis' January 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.



A Prayer For Educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



**In loving memory,
we pray for these souls.**

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

Andrew "Bud" Giaquinto,
Edward Konareski, Joan Shattuck,
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
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Lance Cpl. Connor Davis USMC
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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)





A Fun Night for All!

Thank You to Those Who Volunteered

The Christmas Sing-Along held on Dec. 16, 2022, was a great event for all ages. Many thanks to Bert Siclari and the Knights of Columbus for organizing and bringing this event to the Parish family.

Thanks also go out to the Hospitality Committee: Annemarie Chuckrey, Danielle Toce, Monique Ek, and Sandy Kleemola for the delicious refreshments! Many thanks to Joan Reynolds and Amy Rogers for providing a craft for the

children. Special thanks to Mr. Jason Thomas and the choral students of West Haven High for leading us in Christmas song and to Amanda Grillo for taking the wonderful photos of the evening!!

Many thanks to all who attended the event and joined in the fun.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

*In preparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
for the salvation of souls and peace in the world*

1st Saturdays of the Month

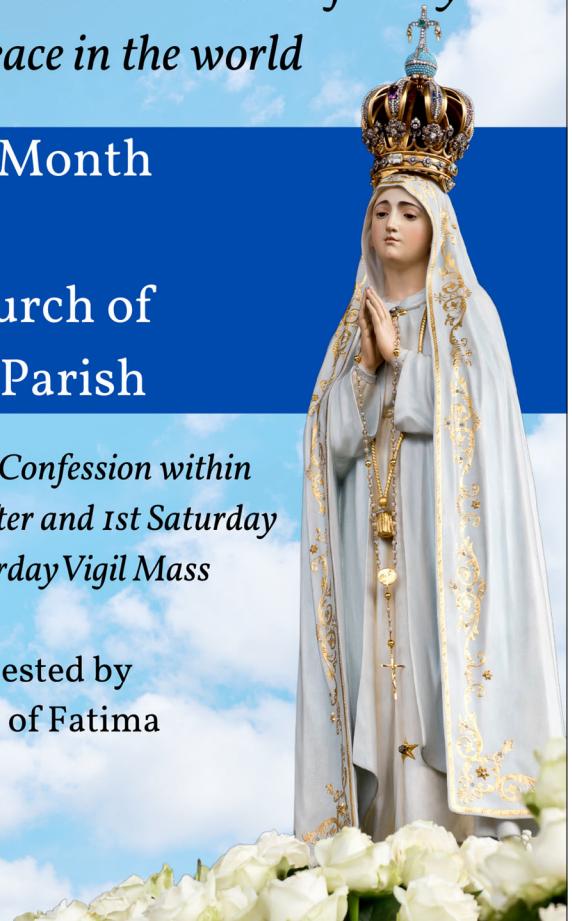
9:00 AM

St. John Vianney Church of
Our Lady of Victory Parish

- Praying the Holy Rosary -
- 15 Minute Meditation -
on a Mystery of the Holy Rosary
- Act of Consecration -
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

*Accompanied by Confession within
8 days before or after and 1st Saturday
Mass or Saturday Vigil Mass*

As requested by
Our Lady of Fatima



POWER IN PRAYER TOGETHER

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

St. Margaret Church Hall, Madison

This exhibit also features a 1st Class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and a live presentation of his life. St. Margaret's is located at 24 Academy St., Madison, and the dates of this exhibit are:

Saturday, Jan. 7: 3-8 PM

Sunday, Jan. 8: 7:30 AM-7:30 PM

Monday, Jan. 9: 3-7 PM

For information, please call Joanne Arrandale at (203) 318-8590.



A New Year Prayer

We Pray...

For healing...prepare us for surprises.

For strength...prepare us for surprises.

For vision...prepare us for surprises.

For transformation...prepare us for surprises.

For messengers and messages...

 prepare us for surprises.

For community...prepare us for surprises.

For acceptance, of ourselves and others...

 prepare us for surprises.

For making room at our tables...

 prepare us for surprises.

For Truth-seeking...prepare us for surprises.

 For support...prepare us for surprises.

For common ground...prepare us for surprises.

Walk beside us, O Holy One,
as we question and welcome,
 as we challenge and invite,
as we discover and understand,
as we see, touch, taste, smell, and listen
 for the Newness awaiting us in 2023.

May we, Your Holy People,
walk forward together side by side.

Amen

*By Sister Mary Ann Barret, O.P.;
JesuitResources.org*

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace

Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins.

In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins!

As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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Celebrating Parishioners

Share Your Good News

If you are a parishioner experiencing God's joy with a notable family occasion, or a child's academic achievements/charitable activities, please send along a photo and a few sentences by Sunday at Noon. We'll try to highlight them in an upcoming bulletin. Please send your information to: olovRectory@yahoo.com

Social Group Meets January 10

The Social Group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in the Church Hall from 1:30-3:30 PM.



If you are interested in playing cards and board games, or having coffee, tea, and pastries, in the company of friends, old and new, please contact Carol Riordan or the Parish Office: (203) 934-6357



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Loan Closet: Donations Needed

The Medical Equipment Ministry that used to be housed at the Beacon on the Hill is still operating at the Noble St. Loan Closet. 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.

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.**



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!

Remember a Loved One; Reserve a Mass in His/Her Honor

You may book Mass intentions for weekday Masses which take place at St. Louis Church or weekend Masses which take place at St. John Vianney Church. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$20; weekend Masses, \$30.



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

To reserve **weekday** Masses at St. Louis:
Call (203) 934-5249.

For **weekend** Masses at St. John Vianney Church:
call (203) 934-6357.



Sing along with us!

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

ENTRANCE:

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH/ ÁNGELES CANTANDO ESTÁN

GLORIA

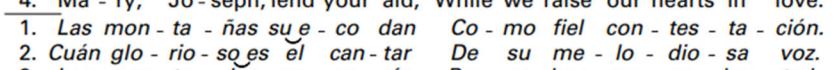
Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



1. Án - ge - les can - tan - do es - tán Tan dul - cí - si - ma can - ción;
2. Los pas - to - res sin ce - sar Sus can - ta - res dan a Dios;
3. Hoy a - nun - cian con fer - vor Que ha na - ci - do el Sal - va - dor;
4. Oh, ve - nid pron - to a Be - lén Pa - ra con - tem - plar con fe



1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.



1. Las mon - ta - ñas sue - co dan Co - mo fiel con - tes - ta - ción.

2. Cuán glo - rio - so es el can - tar De su me - lo - dio - sa voz.

3. Los mor - ta - les go - za - rán Paz y bue - na vo - lun - tad.

4. A Je - sús, Au - tor del bien, Al re - cién na - ci - do Rey.



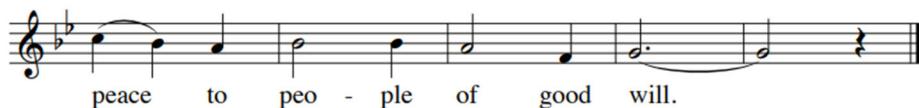
Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;
English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: trad. French Carol.

GLÓRIA

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and on earth



peac - to peo - ple of good will.

**PSALM 67: SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, ALL YEARS**

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

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

Francis Patrick O'Brien
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OFFERTORY: **Silent Night, Holy Night**

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863

COMMUNION:

HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

Carey Landry

Intro: Cantor

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and
blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain: All

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright, gentle mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Verses: All

1. You were cho - sen by the Fa-ther;
2. Bless-ed are you a-mong wom-en,

1. you were cho - sen for the Son. You were
2. blest in turn all wom-en, too. Bless-ed

1. cho - sen from all wom-en and for
2. they with peace - ful spir-its. Bless-ed

1. wom-an, shin-ing one.
2. they with gen - tie hearts.

to Refrain

CLOSING SONG:

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

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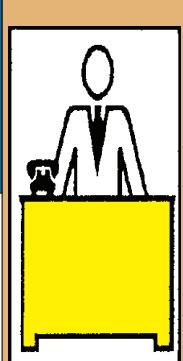
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