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Prince of Peace Parish strives to be a welcoming Catholic family that joyfully gathers to celebrate the sacraments and to live the Word of God as disciples of Christ. United with the Holy Spirit, we go forth to bear witness to our faith and to share our unique gifts in loving service of all God's people.

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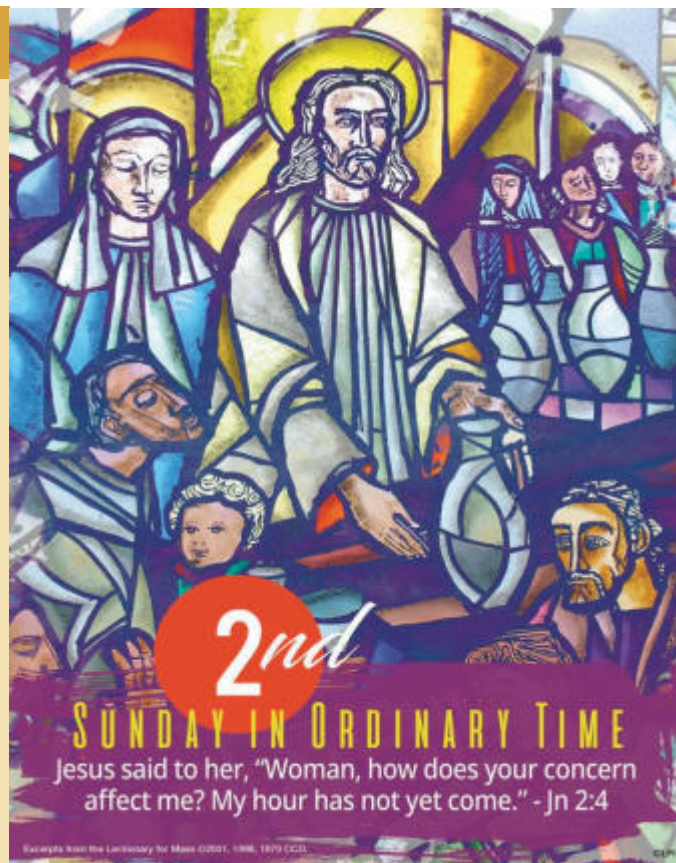
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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday
8:30 AM - St. Teresa
Tuesday & Friday
8:30 AM - Nativity

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:00 PM - St. Teresa

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM - St. Teresa

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - Nativity
10:00 AM - St. Teresa
12:00 PM - St. Teresa

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PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY JANUARY 15TH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish

SUNDAY JANUARY 16TH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Kenneth Meady
by Cathie & George Murdock
At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Nicole Vengalli
by Joan Duncan

At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Joseph O'Leary & Kathryn Romano
by Rosa Mystica Fraternity
At St. Teresa Church

MONDAY JANUARY 17TH SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

8:30 AM **At St. Teresa Church**

TUESDAY JANUARY 18TH WEEKDAY

8:30 AM **At Church of the Nativity**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 20TH WEEKDAY
NO MASS**

FRIDAY JANUARY 21ST SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:30 AM **At Church of the Nativity**

SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM For A Special Intention

SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

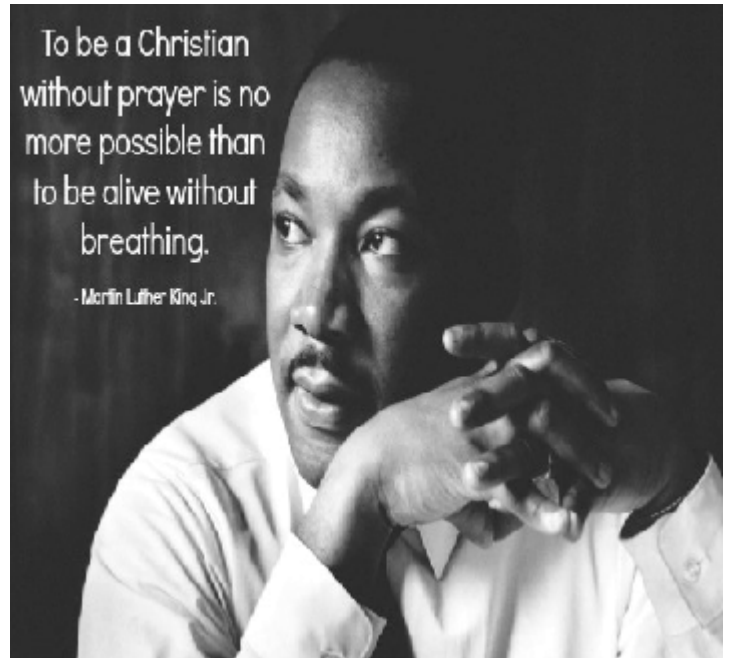
8:00 AM Barbara Paquin & Linda Posila
by Paul & Jackie LePine
At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Manuela Manalo
by Ed & Maura Foraker

At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY JANUARY 17TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY.



SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 22/23, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 23/24.



TO REQUEST YOUR 2021 TAX STATEMENT EMAIL MARY AT princeofpeace@aohct.org OR CALL MARY AT THE OFFICE 203-263-2008.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

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Knights of Columbus meet Thursday January 20th at 6:30 PM for Coffee And – meeting starts at 7:00 PM in Fr. Shellman Hall.



Prince of Peace Clothing Bank

Located in the lower level of the Church of the Nativity building in the rear and will be opened.

Will be open each month for people in need.

Masks should be worn if not vaccinated or if you feel more comfortable. Gloves are available for those who would like to wear them.

The Prince of Peace Clothing Bank has received an abundance of donations from caring parishioners and area residents. We are now well positioned to provide free clothing and footwear to area people in need.

WHAT WE ARE ACCEPTING AT THIS TIME

We are in need for

- Gently used washable coats/jackets for large and larger men and women? Donations are coming in but coats/jackets not so much.
- Men's' Jeans plus sweat shirts and bottoms for both sexes, are always in demand.
- We also have an urgent need for socks: Boy's size 6 – 14, Girl's size 6-14, Men's size S, M, L, Women's S, M, L
- Underwear is always in need, all sizes boys, girls and adults.

AND

- Gently used recently washed towels and/or sheet sets, preferably twin or full size, are needed. The towels and sheets will be given to the St Vincent DePaul shelter in Waterbury. Thank You for your generosity.

We will be open:

Fri, Jan 21 – 3-5 pm

Sat, Jan 22 – 10am-12pm



The next meeting of the St. Teresa's Men's Club will be held on Wednesday, **January 19th**. The theme of this month's meeting is Polish Night and will feature a full Polish feast. Social Hour will begin at 6:00 PM, The business meeting will be at 7:00, followed by the featured program and dinner at 7:30. All current members and other men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

**JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION MONTH**

PRAYER TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

God of Light, we pray for all the people – men, women and children – hidden in the darkness of modern day slavery. Help us shine Your light into the homes, streets, factories and brothels in our own neighborhoods and around the world where people are enslaved. The darkness is as light to you, O Lord. No person in any corner of the world is hidden from Your sight. Help us shine Your light. Amen.

(Source: Catholic Relief Services.)

JANUARY 22, 2022

Day of Prayer for the

**LEGAL PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

*A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.
Pope Saint John Paul II*

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS
FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 25-27, 2022 in Farmington, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

**NEW DAY
BEREAVEMENT**

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal.

We will be offering two sessions. Session A: Zoom Starts Thursday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:30pm. Session B: In Person Starts Friday, February 4th from 10:30am-12:30pm. Masks are required for the in person session. Sessions are free. Registration is required. Must RSVP by January 31st. If you would like to register, please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org

**Care for the Caregiver's
Support Group**

A caregiver support group can be a lifeline, providing a place to share feelings, confidentiality, make friends, get help navigating the Healthcare system and learn from others who have walked a similar path.

There will be an in-person monthly support group meeting on the first Sunday of each month from 2:30-4:00pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center. 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, CT Reservations are required. Please contact Maryjane at 203-888- 2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org to reserve a spot. Next in-person meeting is Sunday, November 7th from 2:30-4:00pm

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18-25**

Day 1, Raise us up and draw us to your perfect light: "We observed his star in the East."
(Matthew 2:2)

Day 2, Humble leadership breaks down walls and builds up with love: "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"
(Matthew 2:2)

Day 3, The presence of Christ, turning the world upside down: "When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him."
(Matthew 2:3)

Day 4, Though small and suffering, we lack nothing: "And you, Bethlehem... are by no means least"
(Matthew 2:6)

Day 5, Guided by the One Lord: "Ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising."
(Matthew 2:9)

Day 6, Gathered in worship around the One Lord: "They saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage."
(Matthew 2:11)

Day 7, The gifts of communion: "Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."
(Matthew 2:11)

Day 8, Beyond the familiar routes of separation to God's new paths: "They left for their own country by another road."
(Matthew 2:12)

Prayer

Lord God, illumine our path by the Light of Christ who moves us and leads us. Guide us to discover a small manger in our hearts where a great Light still sleeps. Creator of Light, we thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.

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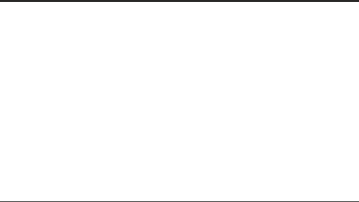
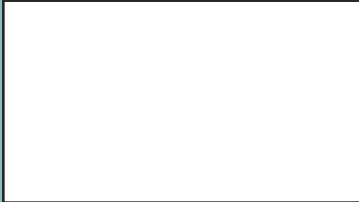
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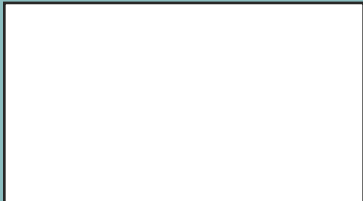
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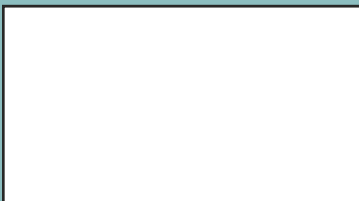


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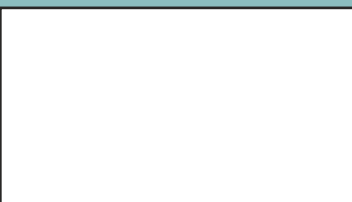
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