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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

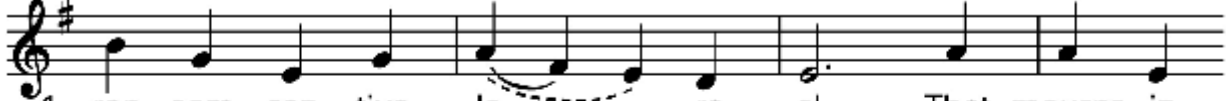


When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42


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

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3 6, para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.
 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,



1. Of Jes-se's lin - eage com - ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;



1. It came, a flow er bright, A mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and



1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.
 Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599.

CLOSING SONG

PEOPLE LOOK EAST

1. People, look East. The time is near
 Of the crowning of the year.
 Make your house fair as you are able,
 Trim the hearth and set the table.
 People, look East, and sing today:
 Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare.
 One more seed is planted there:
 Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
 That in course the flower may flourish.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim.
 One more light the bowl shall brim,
 Shining beyond the frosty weather,
 Bright as sun and moon together.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Star, is on the way.

4. Angels, announce on this great feast:
 Him who cometh from the East.
 Set every peak and valley humming
 With the word, the Lord is coming.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.



Today is the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We light all of the candles on our Advent wreath as a reminder that Christmas is almost here!

Let's pray and remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Help us to welcome Him into our hearts and into our homes. Show us how to care for Him by caring for all those around us. Help us to forgive one another and learn to live in peace. We give You thanks and praise for this holy and joyful season. We pray in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE**

This weekend **December 18th and 19th** the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 100 years. They are most grateful for your generosity.

Since the congregation began in France in the 1800's by St. Jeanne Jugan, the Little Sisters of the Poor have consistently served the needs of the poor and elderly. They continue to be dependent upon the generosity of friends and benefactors to provide a safe and caring home for the elderly whom we serve. One of the important ways they receive donations for St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield is through annual collections at individual parishes. These collections afford parishioners the opportunity to hear about the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor and of the needs of the elderly poor whom they serve. It is also an opportunity for the Little Sisters of the Poor to appeal to parishioners for vocations to the religious life.



It is said that starting in the 16th century in England Catholics were being persecuted and it was illegal to practice the faith. So The "12 days of Christmas" song was written as a secret code to help teach children their Catechism. 12 Days of Christmas Song Symbols for Catholics.

1. Partridge in a pear tree- Jesus on the cross
2. Two turtle doves- the Old and New Testaments of the Bible
3. Three French hens- the 3 theological virtues from 1 Corinthians 13:13- Faith, Hope, and Love
4. Four calling birds- the 4 Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
5. Five golden rings- the Pentateuch (or first five books of the old Testament) Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
6. Six geese a laying- the 6 days of creation
7. Seven swans a swimming- the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord)
8. Eight maids a milking- the 8 beatitudes given to us by Jesus during his sermon on the mount.
9. Nine ladies dancing- the 9 fruits of the spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22-23
10. Ten lords a leaping- the 10 Commandments
11. Eleven pipers piping- the 11 faithful apostles
12. Twelve drummers drumming- the 12 points of faith from the Apostles' Creed



The parish is where we experience, for the first time outside our family circle, the community aspect of our faith. The vibrancy of local parishes directly impacts the fullness with which each member experiences their faith, regardless of age. Our **Forward with Faith** Case statement strives to strengthen St. Basil the Great Parish's commitment to improve education programs, Parish outreach and technology to ensure a strong and vibrant catholic presence in Wolcott. A single action can make a difference in the community and that collective action can greatly impact the world and nurture the next generation of Catholics.

Thank you to parishioners who have already made pledge. We hope all parishioners will consider a pledge. You can make a difference today. You can make your pledge today and defer payment to next year when it may be more convenient. You determine the frequency of payments (annually, monthly or whatever option you want). In addition to cash, donors have other methods of contributing to the campaign. You can make a contribution through publically traded stock, mutual fund shares, retirement fund assets, life insurance policies, real estate, planned gifts and other forms of payments. It is the responsibility of the donor to consult a tax advisor or attorney for the purpose of determining tax deductibility. A tax substantiation letter will be provided. If you have questions you can call Bill McLean in the Hartford Bishops, Foundation office at (860) 761-7455. With your prayers and support we will continue to make transformative investments in our community and build upon the long term vibrancy of our parish.



Armor Dei Council
#3961

Knights of Columbus will be having a
Exemplification of Degrees

December 21st at 6:00 pm

Followed by a Potluck Christmas Party!



Session A 9:15-10:20 a.m. (After 8:30 a.m. Mass)
Grades 1 & 2: Students meet Sunday, Jan 9
Grades 3 & 9: Students meet Sunday, Dec. 19

Session B ~ 11:15.a.m.-12:20 p.m. (After 10:30 a.m. Mass)
Grade 4: Students meet Sunday, Dec. 19
Grades 5 & 6: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2
Grades 7 & 8: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2



We are blessed to have our parish children singing at the **3 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.**

The children will have their final practice on **December 19th from 9:15-10:00 a.m.** We thank our children for sharing their voices as a special gift to Jesus at Christmas!

ANGEL CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS



As we prepare to decorate our church here at St. Basil the Great, I would like to invite each family to provide an angel ornament for the two Christmas trees that will be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. The ornaments can be small or large, ornate or simple, store bought or homemade. Each ornament should be a reflection of the family or individual. I would ask that all ornaments be placed in the blue container located at the foot of the sanctuary by **December 21th**. I would like to invite anyone would like to donate an additional ornament in memory of a loved one to do so.

For storm closings watch on Channels WFSB 3, WTNH 8 or FOX 61. Closings also posted on their websites.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 20	8:00am	For the People
Tues	Dec 21	8:00am	Gerald DiPietro Request of Family
Wed	Dec 22	8:00am	William C. Ming
Fri	Dec 24	3.00pm	Dominici & Mancini Families Request of the Families
Fri	Dec 24	10.00pm	For all members of the Parish Living and Deceased
Sat	Dec 25	10.00am	For all members of the Parish Living and Deceased
Sun	Dec 26	8:30am	Deceased Members of Kuncki and Rama Families Request of John Kuncki
Sun	Dec 26	10:30am	Jereimah Fitzpatrick Request of Wife Mary Lou and Family



We keep in our prayers the following parishioners, as well as those who are homebound, in the hospital and care facilities. May God bless them with His love and keep them safe in His care.

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| Marcel Beaudoin | Therese Pineault |
| Louise Capobianco | Mary Ellen Perrilli |
| Eleanor Hart | Jeffrey Roche |
| Heather Hogaboom | Loretta Rosa |
| Luca Johnson | Sister Ann Stango |
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Christmas Eve

Fri. Dec. 24th 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sat. Dec. 25th 10:00 a.m.

Sun. Dec. 26th 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

TUE Dec 21

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

after 8 a.m. Mass

RCIA meets at 7p.m. in FSH

WED Dec 22

Rosary after 8 am Mass

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Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the

heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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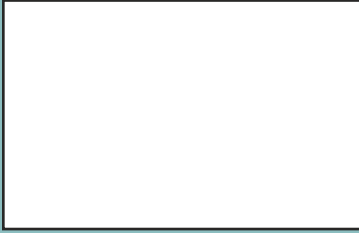
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