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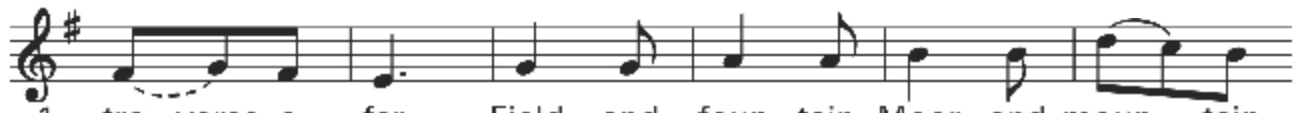
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



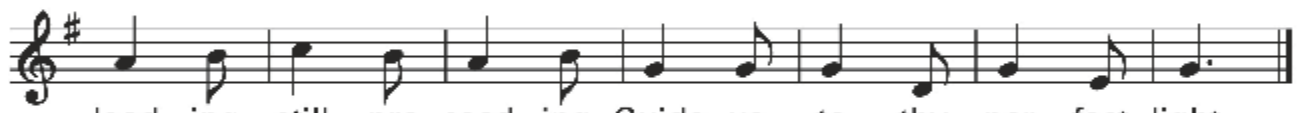
1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.

Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.



Be - yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our



hun - ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar - row finds her home



1. Our eyes have longed to see your loving face,
to live within your courts for all our days.
2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross desert sand.
We place our hopes and dreams within your hand.
3. Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone.
You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.

4. With shining star at night, and cloud by day,
you brought us here to see your love's display.
5. When life's great journey ends, and day is done,
then may our eyes behold your Holy One.

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THE FIRST NOEL

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.



Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.



Forward with Faith is our great opportunity to strengthen and expand the ministries, outreach, and pastoral care by which the healing, teaching and redemptive presence of Christ is made present in every community of the Archdiocese of Hartford. As we embark on this great undertaking, we do so knowing that we are the beneficiaries of the foresight and generosity of past generations of Catholics.

It is now our turn to meet the challenges of today and to plan for tomorrow so that our parish, schools, charities, and ministries will continue to flourish and grow for future generations, that goal can only be realized through the support of all Catholics across our Archdiocese, beginning today, with you. The St. Basil the Great case statement details the ways we hope to make our parish more vibrant to meet the needs of generations to come by improving technology, adult education, youth outreach and ministry, and parish outreach to the community.

The Blessing of the Creche

We wish to thank our parishioners and children who took part in the Blessing of the Creche, and to the Choir for leading us in songs of praise to Jesus. Thank you, Monsignor Ginty for this special time to remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!



Faith Formation Schedule

***Please note that beginning January 9th, class times will change to allow students to attend the 9:30am Mass with their families. We wish to remind parents that Mass is the best class, which teaches our children the true meaning of faith formation. The Eucharist is the Center of our Faith, which helps us grow in grace as members of the Family of God!**

Session A: 8:30 - 9:25 (Before the 9:30 am Mass)
Grades 1 & 2: Students meet Sunday, **Jan 9***
Grades 3 & 9: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2 (9:15 -10:20 am), **Jan. 23***

Session B: 10:35 - 11:30 am (After 9:30 am Mass)
Grade 4: Students meet Sunday, **Jan. 23***
Grades 5 & 6: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2 (11:15 am-12:20 pm)
Grades 7 & 8: Students meet Sunday, Jan. 2 (11:15am-12:20pm)



We wish to thank the following children for singing at our Christmas Eve Children's Mass. Their beautiful voices were truly a gift of praise to Christ, our Newborn King! Special thanks to Mrs. Judy Ball and Mr. Jason Alderuccio for preparing this special children's choir!

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| Margaret Colfer | Peyton McNamara |
| Victoria Ingala | Raelyn & Rylee Norville |
| Amelia and Ethan Krok | Kristian Pitino |
| Lyla & Tucker Lyons | Anna Sharek |
| | Felipe and Pete Silva |

Gifts for Baby Jesus!



Our Pro-Life Committee is once again having their Baby Gift Outreach Project to collect items for Carolyn's Place to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child. Gifts will be collected this weekend and may be brought to the Hall before or after Masses.

Diapers (preferably size 6), sleepers, socks, blankets, towels, baby body wash, shampoo, wipes, clothes and toys. (No baby powder.)

From the Pastor's Desk

As we welcome in the New Year, I begin a new and exciting chapter in my life as Pastor of two wonderful parishes: St. Basil the Great in Wolcott and Mary, Mother of the Church in Waterbury. Archbishop Blair has appointed me as Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church beginning this Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in addition to my duties as Pastor of St. Basil the Great Parish.

With this appointment comes some adjustments for all of us. We will be continuing to celebrate Daily Mass at St. Basil the Great at 8 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Daily Mass we be celebrated at St. Leo the Great at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursday each week. Both St. Basil the Great and St. Leo the Great will have Confessions at 3 p.m. on Saturday evening before the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. Sunday Mass will be at 8 a.m. at SS. Peter and Paul, 9:30 a.m. at St. Basil the Great and 11 a.m. at St. Leo the Great. Having only one Sunday Mass at St. SS. Peter and Paul and St. Basil the Great will take some adjustment on the part of us all and I truly appreciate your willingness to make the change to your schedule. St. Leo the Great will continue to have one Sunday Mass, however it will be at a new time at 11 a.m.

I am very excited about this new appointment. I have deep ties with both SS. Peter and Paul and St. Leo the Great Parishes. When my family first moved to Waterbury from Philadelphia in December of 1973, we attended SS. Peter and Paul Church. After Father Spodnik was appointed by Archbishop Whealon to establish a new parish, my family and I became parishioners of St. Leo the Great. I was present when Archbishop Whealon dedicated St. Leo the Great Church on December 12, 1976 and I was honored to celebrate my First Mass at St. Leo the Great on February 10, 1985. Throughout the years I have worked closely with Father Spodnik, Father Gorman, Monsignor Coleman and Father Lavorgna. From 2005 until 2010, I was Pastor of Our Lady of Loreto Parish in Waterbury and truly felt that I was coming home. I have those same feelings once again.

I will continue to reside at St. Pius X Rectory in Wolcott and I will have office hours at SS. Peter and Paul Rectory. I know that the idea of sharing a pastor is new to us all. Let's work together to make the transition smooth and to build on the great foundation that already exists, namely two wonderful parishes not too far from one another giving praise to the Lord, receiving the sacraments and working together to build up the Body of Christ, which is the Church. We pray through the intercession of our patrons, SS. Peter and Paul, St. Leo the Great and St. Basil the Great. In addition, we invoke the intercession of St. John Neumann, Bishop of Philadelphia, my city of birth and whose Feast Day is January 5th. We also pray to Blessed Michael J. McGivney a native son of Waterbury that this new adventure will be a true blessing for us all.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to everyone.

Monsignor Ginty



NEW YEAR THANK YOU 2022

As the new year begins, we pause to give thanks to Almighty God for the abundant blessings he has bestowed upon us in the past and we look forward in joyful hope for all the may graces that await us in the New Year. I pray that this New Year 2022 will be filled with much happiness and good health for us all. Let us all pray for peace in our world, peace within our community, peace within our families and within our hearts.

As we begin this New Year, I would like to thank all those who in so many ways make our parish such a wonderful place to be. Your dedicated work and many acts of kindness are deeply appreciated. Your concern for and outreach to the poor and less fortunate here in Wolcott and in the neighboring City of Waterbury, continues to be a hallmark of our parish. I would like to thank Deacon Emil Croce for his valued assistance throughout the year. Terry Cubeddu our parish secretary, and Angie Clement, our Director of our Faith Formation Program, for all that they do each day. To Fred Musano, for his assistance as Sacristan, To Nick Pettinico and Larry McNamara our Parish Trustees for their valued advice and support. To Bob Giroux, for helping us keep the church clean. To Jason Alderuccio and Judy Ball, our choir directors as well as our choir members, we offer our sincere appreciation for a job well done. To those who helped decorate the church this Christmas, thank you for your dedicated assistance. To the many parishioners who sent Christmas cards, tasty treats and warm holiday wishes; both Archbishop Cronin and I thank you. May God bless you and your families always. A happy and peace-filled New Year to all!

Saint Basil the Great Feast Day



January 2nd

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jan 3	8:00 am	Marcel LeClerc Request of Lorraine LeClerc
Tue	Jan 4	8:00 am	Carmen Gianni, Jr Request of Family
Sat	Jan 8	4:00 pm	Lee Theroux and Living and Deceased members of The Gianni Family Request of Michael and Rosemary Perrone
Sun	Jan 9	9:30 am	Sally Haddard Request of Family

Anthony Buonocore
Paul R. DeVino, Jr.
Mark Herbort
Stella S. Lockert
Barbara Mahaffy



*We offer our prayers for the recently deceased
Members of our Parish*

NEW SCHEDULE of MASSES

COMMENCING ON JANUARY 5TH

SUNDAY VIGIL **SUNDAY**
(Saturday) 4:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAYS Monday and Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:00 p.m. —3:30 p.m.

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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.

Marcel Beaudoin
Louise Capobianco
Eleanor Hart
Heather Hogaboom
Luca Johnson
Janet Lawlor
Ellen Muccino
Joan O'Brien
Louise Olmstead

Therese Pineault
Mary Ellen Perrilli
Jeffrey Roche
Loretta Rosa
Sister Ann Stango
Paul Theroux
John Varanelli
Jennifer Way

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MON Jan 3

Rosary after 8 a.m. Mass

TUE Jan 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 8 a.m. Mass

RCIA meets at 7 p.m. in FSH
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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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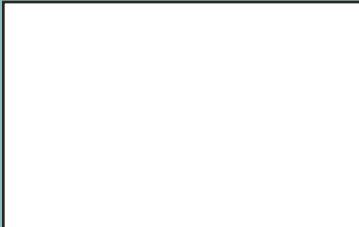


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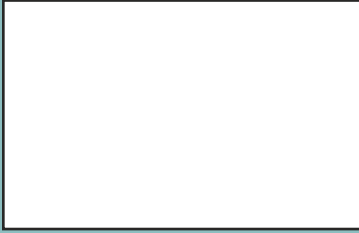
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