

St. Damien of Molokai Parish

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve Jesus Christ by Loving God and each other,
to spread the Good News and to make new disciples in our community.

VISION STATEMENT

To unify, awaken and energize the faithful and make our celebration of the Eucharist
an irresistible expression of welcome, faith and love.



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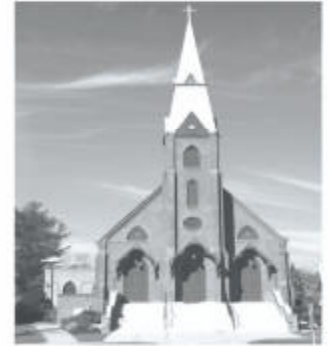
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

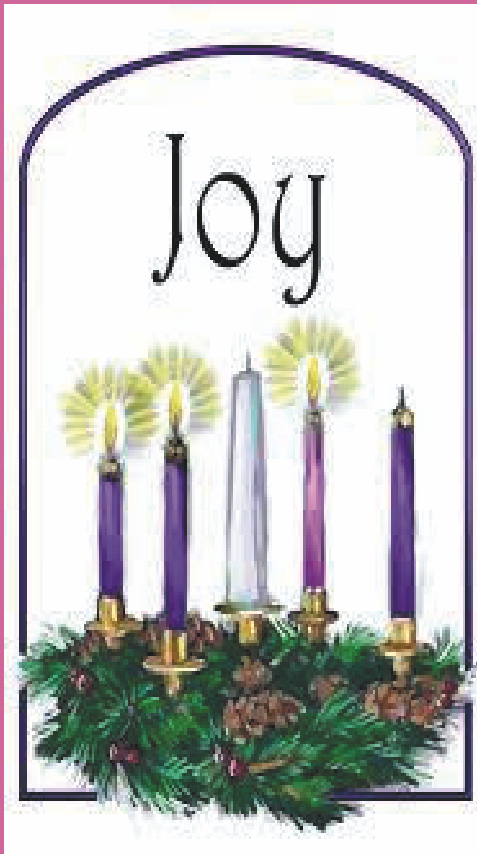
Monday - Wednesday & Friday Daily Mass: 7:30am
St. Gabriel & St. Joseph Churches alternate weeks

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (St. Gabriel), 5:15pm (St. Joseph)
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00am (St. Gabriel)
9:30am (St. Joseph)



Saint Joseph Church
1747 Poquonock Avenue
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**3RD
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT**



FIRST READING:
THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS. (ZEP
3:17)

PSALM:
CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS: FOR AMONG
YOU IS THE GREAT AND HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL. (IS
12:6)

SECOND READING:
THE LORD IS NEAR.
HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL, BUT IN EVERYTHING,
BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING,
MAKE YOUR REQUESTS KNOWN TO GOD. (PHIL 4:6)

GOSPEL:
THE CROWDS ASKED JOHN THE BAPTIST,
"WHAT SHOULD WE DO?" (LK 3:10)

December 12, 2021

GROW YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST - ONE MORE MEMBER



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 11 - The Vigil of The Third Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 PM (SGC) † Bernice & Charles Alekson req. by Shirley & John Looby
- 5:15 PM (SJC) † Joseph Sterlein req. by His Wife, Joanne, & Family

Sunday December 12 - The Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM (SGC) † Frank Cerutti req. by Family
- 9:30 AM (SJC) † Nicholas Palladino req. by The Palladino Family
- 11:00 AM (SGC) † Joyce Sulzinski req. by Barbara & Arnold Cosgrove

This Week Daily 7:30 AM Masses Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday will be held at St. Gabriel Church

Monday December 13 - St. Lucy

- 7:30 AM † Chester & Marie Malinowski req. by Their Son, Chris

Tuesday December 14 - St. John of the Cross

- 7:30 AM † Lea Sartori req. by Dennis Weir

Wednesday December 15

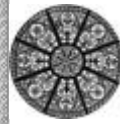
- 7:30 AM † A. Keith Wells req. by Doris Anderson & Holly Nation

Thursday December 16

No Mass

Friday December 17

- 7:30 AM For the Intentions of a Seminarian



MASS INTENTIONS

The Following Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday December 18 - The Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 PM (SGC) † Birthday Remembrance - Donald LaBarre req. by Family
- 5:15 PM (SJC) † Christmas Remembrance - Francis, Rose & Luis Lupo req. by Daughter, Marie & George Dixon

Sunday December 19 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM (SGC) † Birthday Remembrance - Tony Visone req. by His Daughter & Family
- 9:30 AM (SJC) † Chung Truong req. by Mark & Diane Caron
- 11:00 AM (SGC) † Anniversary Mass - Linda Bender req. by Her Mom & Dad



Offertory: December 4 / 5 , 2021

Weekly: \$ 7,488
 Parish Monthly: \$ 2,322
 Online Giving: \$ 3,382

Parish Annual Collection

Goal \$80,000

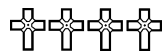
Total to Date \$70, 990

The Second Collection today is for the Retired Religious.

Please help the aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's Second Collection.



SACRAMENTS



Baptism: Sundays

10:30am (St. Joseph) & 12:00pm (St. Gabriel)
 Please call the Parish Rectory Office to schedule a date

Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:15pm (St. Gabriel)

Marriage: Arrangements should be made by calling the Rectory at least six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Rectory



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7:00 PM



The Advent series for "Do You Believe" with Deacon Carl continues on Wednesday mornings at 10am through December 15 at St. Joseph Church. All are invited.



All are invited for COFFEE HOUR after the 8am Mass at St. Gabriel Church

Enjoy delicious coffee & donuts and socialize to your own comfort!

Please remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially, **John Paluso, Donald Yarsawich and All Victims of COVID-19.**



Remember the sick of the parish at home, in hospitals and in convalescent homes, especially, **Frances Klish, Sheila Brown, Santana Silva, Nymia Floresca, Andy Grant, Rosa Elvira, Bimple Small, Sophie Sadosky, Aaron Justin, Eva Hudlow, Frank Peters, Catherine Eckert, Jack Szczepanik, Lucille Burke, Kathy Larkin, Jayden Szkiaka, Mary Ann Skinski, Lois Roy, Dolores Campbell, Agnes Farkas, Simon Paliwoda, Josephine Mancino, Gina Gallo, Ray Caruso, Barbara Keegan, John Sheridan, Lydia Mele, Ann Walsh, Joseph O'Neil, Paul Bojko, Peggy Nolan, Nikita Theroux, Florence Lesniak, Linda Anderson, Betty McDermott, Andrea Mercier, and any persons afflicted with the coronavirus, their families, & those named on our prayer wall.**

Remember those on the medical frontline. Protect all persons receiving the vaccine and boosters. Lord, we beseech you to end this pandemic and control any new variants.


"Join us as we explore one of the greatest works from one of the greatest minds in Catholic theology and a Church father: St. Augustine and his book, Confessions!!"

We will start in January; every Tuesday at 7 pm beginning on January 11, 2022 in St. Gabriel Church hall. We will only cover the first two chapters in a six week period and gauge interest moving forward.

If you are interested, please call **James Pezzulo at 860-463-2079**, so that we can have the necessary materials for everyone at no cost to you. Hope to see you then!!



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — *Lk 3:16*



WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Daxton Robert Hawes
son of Marleigh & Devon Hawes

May the grace of God he received at his rebirth remain with him always and may he grow in the love and friendship of our loving Father.

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THE ADVENT WREATH

Matthew 2:10-11 "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (NIV)




Third Sunday of Advent

THE THIRD WEEK

Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as *Gaudete*) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink as well as the two previously burned purple candles after the following prayer has been said.

The three candles are extinguished immediately following the meal.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN
AT ST. GABRIEL CHURCH FOR THE
GREATER GLORY OF GOD AND FOR

Madeleine McGuinness
90th Birthday Remembrance

requested by
Her Daughter, Dolores

New Refugee Family Arriving in Windsor

The Windsor Refugee Resettlement Committee is gearing up to sponsor a refugee family from Afghanistan (in partnership with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services of New Haven), and they expect the family will arrive very soon. The group still needs monetary donations and volunteers, particularly volunteers to drive family members to appointments, grocery shopping, and English classes.

- ◆ If you are interested in financially supporting this cause, please see their GoFundMe page (Afghan Refugee Resettlement in Windsor, CT).
- ◆ If you would like to volunteer your time, please email Lucy Goins at helpwindsorrefugees@gmail.com

**Helping Hands will meet Tuesday, 12/14
at 9am St. Joseph Church, Fr. Doherty Hall**

This is a Cemetery...
*Lives are commemorated
Deaths are recorded
Families are reunited
Memories are made tangible
And love is undisguised.
This is a cemetery.*


*Communities accord respect
Families bestow reverence
Historians seek information
And our heritage is thereby enriched.*

*Testimonies of devotion, pride and warmth are carved
in stone to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to
the life—not the death—of a loved one. The cemetery is
homeland for memorials that are a sustaining source of
comfort to the living.*

*A cemetery is a history of a people—a perpetual record
of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today.
A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and
remembering always.*

Author unknown

We are blessed to have our own parish cemetery and columbarium. While many do not like to think about their earthly departure, it is a reality. If you do not have a cemetery plot, you might consider exploring our cemetery and/or columbarium. Information and plots are available through Lori Possum in the parish office.



It is customary and fitting to remember loved ones who have died with memorial donations to a favorite cause or charity. In this way, the memory of the deceased is honored and a good work, either civic or religious, is perpetuated. There are numerous charities that have been traditionally designated for such purpose.

At times, we are also offered donations to these funds to honor particular individuals at special times of the year or to commemorate an event in their lives.

Memorial donations to the **Remembrance Fund** are restricted to the betterment and furtherance of our worship and our place of worship - the Church, as the needs present itself, or as determined by the Pastor.


We are grateful to the following who have donated to the **St. Gabriel Remembrance Fund in loving memory of:**

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| † <u>Mary McManus Cormier</u>
Alfred Cormier | † <u>Mary Olszewski</u>
Patricia & Richard Carpenter |
| † <u>Ann Rydingsward</u>
Anthony “Joe” Cymerys | † <u>Rita Kampfman</u>
Bonnie Rice |
| † <u>Harry & Margaret Barton</u>
Jeffrey Butterfield | † <u>Norman Blais</u>
Jennifer Blais |




All gift cards **need to be returned today** so Social Action can hand-off your generous gifts to those who will distribute them to the families that requested our assistance. Thank you for your generosity!!

Please call Dottie at 860-305-0790




Daily Adoration:
There is a current need for an adorer on Wednesdays, 3-4 pm each week if you should have time to honor our Lord in prayer.



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- ◆ available in the sacristy after Mass
- ◆ available in the Rectory during business hours 8am - 3pm, Monday through Thursday



Advent with the Almighty: Journeying with Joseph

Throughout this blessed season, Fr. Matt Gworek invites you to join in celebrating an Advent with the Almighty. As our Church comes to the conclusion of the Year of Saint Joseph, each Tuesday and Thursday Fr. Matt will be sharing an online reflection on Joseph's journey of leading the Holy Family and being the loving, earthly father of Jesus. All those who would like to take this Journey with Joseph can find the videos during the season of Advent at facebook.com/ArchdioceseofHartford.

Religious Education

Mrs. Cynthia Glick
Coordinator of Faith Formation

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm
Telephone: 860-683-0366 FAX: 860-688-2638
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In the event of inclement weather, please check WFSB or WVIT on air or online for the cancellation of Religious Ed classes. Notices will be posted at least one hour before class start time as 'St. Damien - Windsor'. You may also call the Religious Education Office to hear the status of classes for that day/evening.

December

- 12 Religious Education Classes at St. Gabriel School for Grades K - 8 9:15 - 10:30 am
- 19 Religious Education Classes at St. Gabriel School for Grades K - 8 9:15 - 10:30 am
- 26 NO Religious Education Classes

January

- 2 NO Religious Education Classes
- 9 Religious Education Classes at St. Gabriel School for Grades K - 8 9:15 - 10:30 am
- 9 Student & Family Mass at St. Gabriel Church 11:00 am
- 14 Rehearsal for First Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:15 pm at St. Joseph Church
- 16 Religious Education Classes at St. Gabriel School for Grades K - 8 9:15 - 10:30 am
- 21 Rehearsal for First Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:15 pm at St. Joseph Church
- 22 Sacrament of First Reconciliation 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Church
- 23 Religious Education Classes at St. Gabriel School for Grades K - 8 9:15 - 10:30 am
- 30 Religious Education Classes at St. Gabriel School for Grades K - 8 9:15 - 10:30 am

Parents — copies of *The Kid's Bulletin* can be found at the church entrances. The bulletins are a fun way for kids to learn about our Catholic faith each week - please remind your kids to take one home with them!

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent!



Today we light two purple candles and the pink candle of our Advent wreaths. Pink is a color of joy and shows that we are joyfully looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus!

During Advent we prepare our hearts by praying and repenting so we can be ready to celebrate Jesus' birth! The third Sunday in Advent is 'Gaudete (pronounced 'gau-day-tay') Sunday'. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice". **During Advent as we wait and prepare, we think about how the Israelites waited for the Messiah. And we think about how we wait for Jesus to come again in glory.**

As your family lights the candles on your Advent wreath this week, say this prayer together:

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



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