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******To Prevent the Spread of COVID******

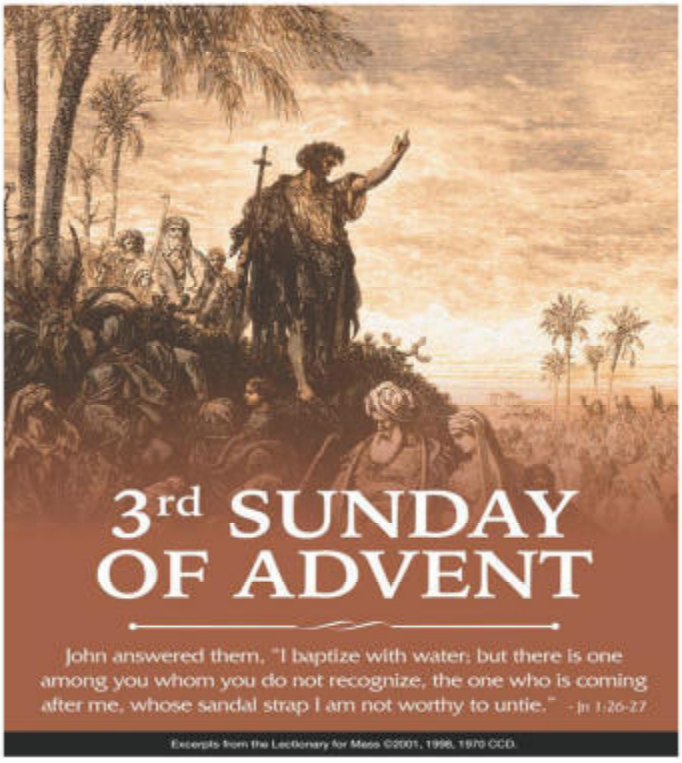
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden, CT

December 13, 2020

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until, the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save,
And give them victory over the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 61 : 1 – 2A, 10 - 11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord

The Responsorial Psalm

"My soul rejoices in my God"

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians 5 : 16 - 24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel **John 1 : 6 – 8, 19 - 28**

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"
He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."
So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?"
He answered, "No."
So they said to him,
"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?
What do you have to say for yourself?"
He said:
"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"
as Isaiah the prophet said."
Some Pharisees were also sent.
They asked him,
"Why then do you baptize
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"
John answered them,
"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including, and became man, all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

~Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation Hymn People, Look East
words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), music: BESANCON

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.

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 flow'r may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

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.

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

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND DOXOLOGY *"Celtic Mass"*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn — Jesus Christ, Homeless One

Jesus Christ, homeless one,
Make your home within us.
Jesus Christ, homeless one,
May we find our true home in you.

Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."

Recessional Hymn — O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection 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, cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
~Amen.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday~ Saturday 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sundays 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 AM

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SATURDAY afternoons from 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Confessions are heard in the Reconciliation Room.
(to the right, after entering the front door of the Church)
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Monday ~ Friday
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For private prayer.

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Please join us for...

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday evenings from
6:00 - ~ 7:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12

+ 5:00 PM **Eugene Patrick O' Neill**
~ Req. by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Family

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

+ 8:00 AM **Joan Begley-DeGioia** ~ Req. by Husband and Sons

+ 10:00 AM **Andrew Fierlit, Sr. ~ *Birthday Remembrance*** ~ Req. by The Family

+ 11:30 AM **George S. Bednarcik ~ *1st Anniversary Remembrance***
~ Req. by Bob and Susan Fox

Monday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

+ 8:30 AM **Richard Gillen** ~ Req. by Cecelia Palacio

Tuesday, December 15, Advent Weekday

+ 8:30 AM **Alice and Charles Talalas** ~ Req. by Niece Barbara Iuliano

Wednesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

+ 8:30 AM **Albert Naples ~ *Birthday Remembrance*** ~ Req. by The Family

Thursday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

+ 8:30 AM **Marion Gallant** ~ Req. by Patricia King

Friday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

+ 8:30 AM **Joan Begley - DeGioia** ~ Req. by Husband and Sons

Saturday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

+ 8:30 AM **Lawrence De Leo** ~ Req. by Theresa Simone

+5:00 PM **Martin De Felice ~ *Birthday Remembrance*** ~ Req. by Aunt

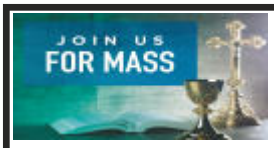
Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

+ 8:00 AM **Reno Giapponi** ~ Req. by The Family

+10:00 AM **Victoria Esposito** ~ Req. by Ann Marie Quinn and The Family

+11:30 AM **Norma Riccitelli ~ *Birthday Remembrance*** ~ Req. by The Opramolla Family

*** Please note as of January 1, 2021 there will be NO morning Mass on Wednesdays and Saturdays and the new Sunday Mass schedule as of January 3rd will be 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Only ***



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Reserve a spot for ALL Weekday and Weekend Masses

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The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Annual Collection

Your support for this year's annual collection will be greatly appreciated. You will be receiving a letter regarding the financial needs of our Parish. Your support will assist us in the shortfall of weekly collections, as well as the upcoming necessary maintenance and repair projects.

Your generosity , during these unprecedented times is greatly appreciated.
~ Father Napolitano

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

To the extent that you are not adversely affected financially by the pandemic, please respond to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal as best you can. Any gift, no matter the size, is truly appreciated and can make a significant difference. This weekend is Commitment Weekend, if you have not made your gift to the 2020 Appeal, please give prayerful consideration to including the Archbishop's Annual Appeal this year in your year end giving, as all gifts can be paid through December 31, 2020. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/ No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

THIS week's Second collection will make a difference.

"Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot.
Hundreds of US religious Communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay.
Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

The Archdiocese of Hartford has advised us to not pass a collection basket at Mass. There will be a basket at each end of the Altar railing for your donations.

Offertory Recap
as of 12-6-20

Weekly Collection	$	9,733.00
Monthly Collection	$	1,250.00
We Share Online Giving	$	2,010.00
Offerings from Dip Jar	$	25.00
Candles	$	208.00

Thank you for your continued support !

Opportunity for Continued Donor Support for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Giving Tree Toy Drop Off

THIS Saturday, December 19th
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at the Parish Center
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List of Toys most requested in past years

Baby dolls, Barbie clothes
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HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ Vigil Mass
December 24th
Mass Schedule
1:00 PM, 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Christmas Day
December 25th
The Nativity of the Lord
Masses: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
You will be able to reserve a spot for Mass as of December 22nd

Offertory Opportunity
Simply insert your credit card for a preset offering of $5.00
If you wish to donate more just make the insert in increments of $5.00…Thank you...
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Blessing of an

Advent Wreath

Lord our God,
we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let Your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
~ Amen.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":
O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3

The Sanctuary Candle at the Tabernacle indicates and honors the Presence of Christ.

The Candle is Lit

In Loving Memory of...

Michael Sorbo and Mary Mastacchio

Gaudete Sunday

This weekend marks the halfway point during our Advent journey. This *Third Sunday of Advent* is referred to by the Church as **Gaudete Sunday.** Gaudete Is Latin for the word **"rejoice".**

In the Sacred Liturgy of the Church today, we hear the Word rejoice used in the Entrance Introit, the Opening Collect, in the First Reading, in the Psalm, in the Second Reading, and again in the Gospel Verse. This is the week-End in Advent that we start to feel the excitement of the Season. Then, of course, the great chant *"Veni, Veni, Emmanuel"* is sung this day with heralding refrain pleading *"Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel."*
The Holy Eucharist will begin and end with this hymn.

Advent doesn't really start off that exciting, as the Scripture Readings are quite heavy and completely weigh in on the Second Coming of Christ and the End Times. The very word "**Advent"** principally means just that in the Church. Secondarily, it can refer to the *coming of Christ as a child into our hearts and homes.* This concept was explained well by our Parish Deacons who preached the Homily on Advent Sunday. Regardless of what Liturgical Cycle the Church is in, (A, B or C), the Advent Readings all follow the same pattern of what message is being announced.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NESSITITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

The Candles on the Altars of The Blessed Virgin Mary is lit for...

All Front Line Workers

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The Candle on the Altar of St. Joseph is lit for...

All Those Affected by COVID

*****As of January 2021*****

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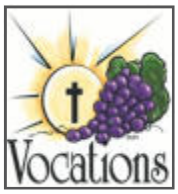
PRAY: Dear Jesus, show us how to teach others about you. Help us to be voices of faith, Amen.

THINK: Who are the people whose words and actions have taught you about Jesus?

ACT: Our actions should let people know that we are followers of Jesus. Today, smile at everyone you see to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Vocation Reflections

Rejoice; never cease praying. Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you are considering a life of prayer as a priest or religious, call Fr. Michael Casey, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 860-242-5573, email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.



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U. S. Military Prayer List

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Seaman Apprentice Elizabeth Early - US Navy
Master Sergeant Stephany Davis Culver - USAF
Master Sergeant Christopher Culver-USAF
Sergeant Major Andrew Fierilit JR. - US Army Reserves
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Airman Elijah LaTorraca - USAF
Captain Simon Stock - US Army
Petty Officer 3rd Class Lexi Shettleworth
-US Navy Master at Arms
Enlistee Alexander Thomas Palacio Capuras
—US Army
Sergeant Brandon VanOrden - USAF
Major Andrew M. Wrzosek - USMC
Sargent Charley Anderson— US Army
2nd Lieutenant Austin Aitro—USAF Academy
Private Sethe Matthew Simon— US Army
Steven Davis - US Army
Sergeant Mark Fracasso—US Marine Corps
Corporal Collin Aiello—US Marine Corps
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Adam Schmidt-US Marine Corps
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Major Randall Taylor Carroll, U. S. Army
First Lieutenant Christopher Lesco Army Ranger
Ryan Proto, United States Army
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God Bless Our Troops!

O God, Protector of all people and nations,
protect my family and friends at home
from the violence and evil of others.
Keep them safe from the weapons of hate and destruction
and guard them against the deeds of evildoers.
Grant them Your protection and care
in tranquility and peace.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. ~ Amen

~ USCCB

Pope Francis has a announced the "Year of St. Joseph" which started on, December 8th and runs through December 8, 2021

Every Life
Cherished ~ Chosen ~ Sent

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

*Cf. *Evangelium vitae 105 © Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City.*

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Sister Ann's Recipe...Velvety Vegetable Cheese Soup

1 pkg (16 oz) frozen broccoli, cauliflower and carrot mix
2 cans (14 oz each) fat free reduced-sodium chicken broth
3/4 lb. (12 oz) Velveeta Cheese product, cut up

Place *vegetables and broth in large saucepan; cover. Bring to boil on medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 min or until vegetables are tender.*
Mash *vegetables with potato masher to desired consistency.*
Stir *in Velveeta; cook 5 min or until Velveeta is melted and soup is heated through, stirring frequently.*
Makes 6 servings, 1 cup each.

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Save 40 calories and 6 grams of fat per serving by preparing with Velveeta made with 2% milk reduced fat cheese product..

** BLOOD DRIVE **

Thursday, December 31st from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

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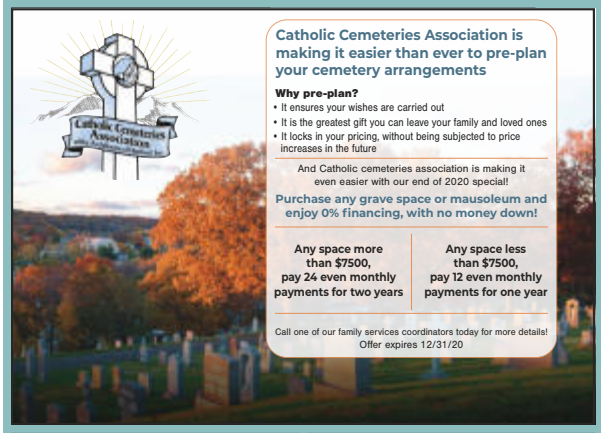

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