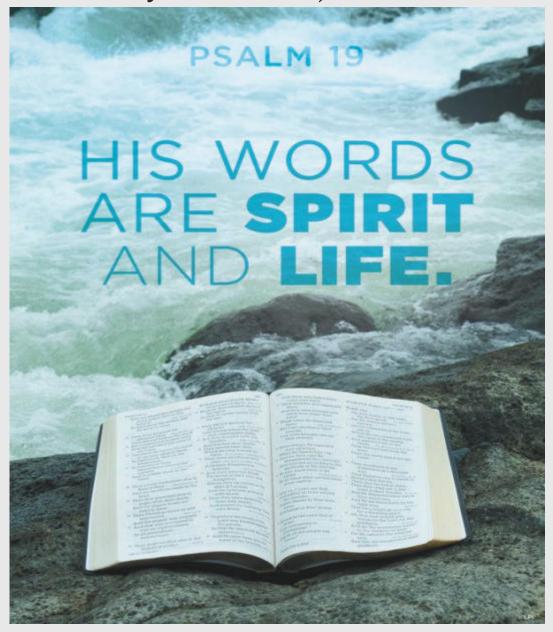
CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION WOODBRIDGE/BETHANY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 23, 2022



"The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives."



## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET NEHEMIAH (8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength! THE WORD OF THE LORD.



# A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (12:12-30)

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you, "nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? THE WORD OF THE LORD.

# A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us,

I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* 

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



### OFFERTORY HYMN: HERE I AM



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me.

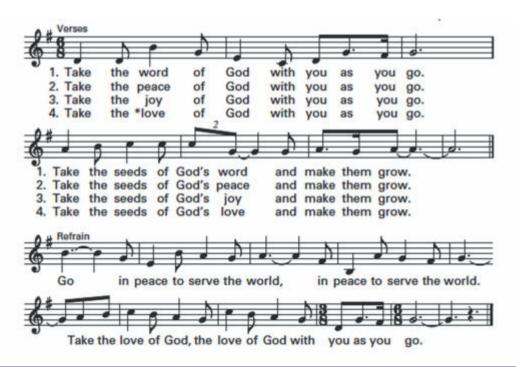
At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER TO ST. 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.

## CLOSING HYMN: TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU



SATURDAY, January 22 Vigil, Third Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 5:00 P.M. Open for Mass Intention SUNDAY, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish 9:30 A.M. +Patrick Kennedy (Zollo Family) 11:30 A.M. +Nancy Ferrante Kezel (Ferrante/ **Fernandes Family**) MONDAY, January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, **Doctor of the Church** 9:00 A.M. Open for Mass Intention TUESDAY, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle 9:00 A.M. +Frances Zujewski (Lopez-Vila Family) WEDNESDAY, January 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, **Bishops** 9:00 A.M. Open for Mass Intention THURSDAY, January 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder No Mass FRIDAY, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, **Religious, Doctor of the Church** 9:00 A.M. + Mark Marien (Marien Family) SATURDAY, January 29 Weekday 8:30 A.M Open for Mass Intention SATURDAY, January 29 Vigil, Fourth Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 5:00 P.M. +Paul Convertito (The Lumpinski Family) SUNDAY, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish 9:30 A.M. Intentions of Phyllis & Walter Rish (L) (Anita Bellmore) 11:30 A.M. +Anita Santa Lucia (Ellie Sheehy & Family) Parish Giving January 16, 2022 \$4.929.00 Average Weekly Expenses: \$9,158.00

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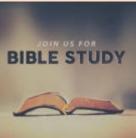
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MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M. At the Mother Church (1700 Litchfield Tpke, Rt. 69, Woodbridge) (NO MASS ON THURSDAYS)

SATURDAY: 8:30 A.M. (Center Road) WEEKEND MASSES: SAT. VIGIL 5:00 P.M., 8:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M (Center Road) CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00 TO 4:45 P.M OR BY APPOINTMENT

## COME JOIN US FOR.....



A five-week series with scripture: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS – Understanding What We Say and Do in The Liturgy. From the moment of our creation and throughout biblical history, God has desired to enter into an intimate communion with humanity. Because His love for us is beyond comprehension, God has chosen to give us His very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. The Catholic Mass is the most amazing event on earth! Sessions begin on Monday, January 31<sup>er</sup> and will continue for four more weeks from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. <u>Needed</u>: Text: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (text & workbook) by Edward Sri, \$20 and available at the Parish Office, and a

Bible. Registrations closes Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> To register, contact Sr. Carolyn at 203-387-7119 or at: <u>carsev2000@yahoo.com</u>

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## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



The second collection this weekend is for the Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools. The **Archdiocesan High School Collection** is an annual fundraiser which provides vital support to the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Thanks to your generosity,

our secondary schools receive individual grants which are used to procure or upgrade vital educational tools and resources, provide funds for tuition assistance, curricular improvements, marketing and so much more.

2021 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED UPON REQUEST. Please call or email the Parish Office to obtain a copy of your statement.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION** 



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY When Bethany/Woodbridge schools are DELAYED OR CLOSED, daily Mass is cancelled.

### **Please Pray for the Sick**

Ed Rish, Steven Rish, Danielle Esposito, Connie Di-Carlo, Anna Adamovich, Sandra Overlock, Laura Luzzi, Pamela Willis, Mark Cefaloni, Patricia McDonnell, Janice Barone. Damian Horbury, Frank DeLucia, Nancy Caval laro, Rob Sapitowicz, Paul Gawron, Michele Schi oppo ,Victoria Diana, Laura Daddio, Michael Cosenza, Joseph Moore Sr., Joseph Moore Jr. and Jim Puleo. **Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove names from the prayer list.** 





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