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## SCHEDULE

### MASS

**Saturday (Vigil)**

4:15pm

**Sunday**

6:30am, 8am, 10am, 12pm & 4pm

**Monday - Friday**

6am, 7am & 12:10pm

**Wednesday & 1st Fridays ONLY**

5:30pm

**Saturday**

6am & 12:10pm

### CONFESSION

**Saturday**

11am - 12pm & 3 - 4pm

**Sunday**

7:15 - 7:45am, 9:15 - 9:45am

& 11:15 - 11:45am

**Monday - Friday**

6:30 - 7am & 11am - 12pm

**Wednesday & 1st Fridays ONLY**

5 - 5:25pm



LIVESTREAM

via [waterburybasilica.org](http://waterburybasilica.org)

**Schedule**

12:10pm Mon-Fri - Audio only

4:15pm Saturday Vigil Mass

10am Sunday Mass



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*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 1:1-42

19 Dec 2021 | 4th Sunday of Advent

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# Mass Intentions

+ = Deceased L/D = Living/Deceased

Please note our **MASS SCHEDULE** is on the front cover

**4:15pm** +Len 'Poppy' Tarte

**Sun, Dec 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

**6:30am** Mary Corden

**8:00am** +Jane Paquette

**10:00am** +Josephine Murray & Rosemary Ptachcinski

**12:00pm** +Paul & Josephine Cruciani

**4:00pm** +Doris Blinstrubas, +Andrew & Maurice Boucher

**Mon, Dec 20**

**6:00am** Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

**7:00am** +Jane Paquette

**12:10pm** +Frances Baker

**Tue, Dec 21 - St. Peter Canisiu**

**6:00am** +George, Ruth, John, Lottie & Mary Yourkstovvich

+Loretta, Dennis & William Brunese,

**7:00am** +Florence Carroll, Nina Burr

**12:10pm** Irene & +Joseph Green, +Irene & Paul Zorn, +John Crary III

**Wed, Dec 22**

**6:00am** Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

**7:00am** +Frank Dest

**12:10pm** Special Intention

**5:30pm** Souls in Purgatory

**Thu, Dec 23 - St. John of Kanty**

**6:00am** +Christine Kerwin, L/D Members of the Verrastro  
& Kerwin Families

**7:00am** +Daniel Guerrero

**12:10pm** Mary Marmion Corden

**Fri, Dec 24**

**6:00am** +Barbara Iniennaro

**7:00am** +Maryann, Robert & Mildred Lombardo

**12:10pm** +Frank & Rose Gariano

**4:15pm** +Mary & Jeremiah Horgan

**10:00pm** For the Parishioners

**Sat, Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**

**12:00am** +Donald George

**6:30am** L/D members of the Ramos, MacKinnon, Zorn, Tchirret,  
Prieto, Soules & Green Families

**8:00am** Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

**10:00am** +Jane Bellizzi Fischetti

**12:00pm** +William Vincent Fischetti

**4:15pm** NO Vigil Mass

**Sun, Dec 26 - Feast of the Holy Family**

**6:30am** +Timothy Malavert, +Neil Standish, +Peter Alfinito,  
+Arnie Davis

**8:00am** Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

**10:00am** +George E. Manzi

**12:00pm** +Salvatore Marinaro

**4:00pm** +Frank Henderson



# Welcome to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception!

We invite those who attend Mass regularly but are not officially registered to join and belong! Please go to [waterburybasilica.org](http://waterburybasilica.org) for the online new parishioner form or call the parish office 203.574.0017 for a copy to be emailed to you.



*Octave of Christmas*

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Fri, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

4:15pm, 10pm & Midnight

**Sat, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

6:30am, 8am, 10am and 12pm **NO** 4:15pm vigil

**Sun, December 26**

6:30am, 8am, 10am, 12pm & 4pm

**Fri, December 31 (New Year's Eve)**

4:15pm & Midnight

**Sat, January 1 (New Year's Day)**

6:30am, 9am & 12:10pm, 4:15pm vigil

**Sun, January 2 (Epiphany)**

6:30am, 8am, 10am 12pm & 4pm

## CONFESSIONS

**Fri, December 24**

6:30 - 7am & 10am - 12pm

**NO** confessions on **December 25**

**Sun, December 26**

7:15 - 7:45am, 9:15 - 9:45am & 11:15 - 11:45am

**Fri, December 31**

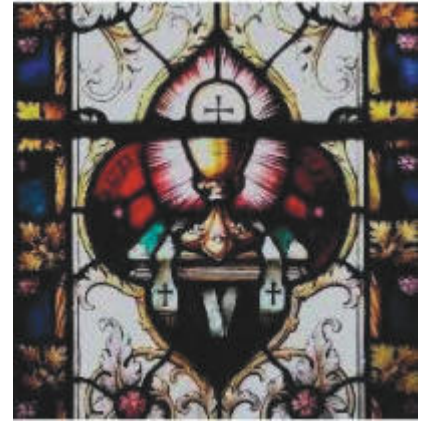
6:30 - 7am & 11am - 12pm

**Sat, January 1**

11:00am - 12:00pm & 3:00 - 4:00pm

**Sun, January 2 (Epiphany)**

7:15 - 7:45am, 9:15 - 9:45am & 11:15 - 11:45am



## TRAVEL CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

**DEC 18 & 19**

4:15p - Gladys Plaza

6:30a - Grace Marshall

8a - Rosemary Henault

10a - Merritt Family,

Sanchez Family &

Michelle & Rich Spader

12p - Kathleen Bece

4p - Vivita Sevilla



**Week ending Dec 12**

**\$28,088.26**

Retirement fund: \$5,396.86

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your generosity!*

Last Sunday,  
Our Religious Ed  
students had a  
surprise visit from  
St. Nicholas!



A lovely note from our Religious Ed student, Natalia

I am grateful for my family, food, friends, and for  
all these beautiful blessings God has given me.

## From the desk of Fr. Sullivan

Dear Friends,

Our parish advent mission this past week was truly inspiring. Normally, Advent and Lenten missions are conducted by one person over the course of several days with a focus on a particular theme. A mission is in a sense a miniature parish retreat with the goal of deepening our relationship with Christ and expanding our knowledge of our faith.

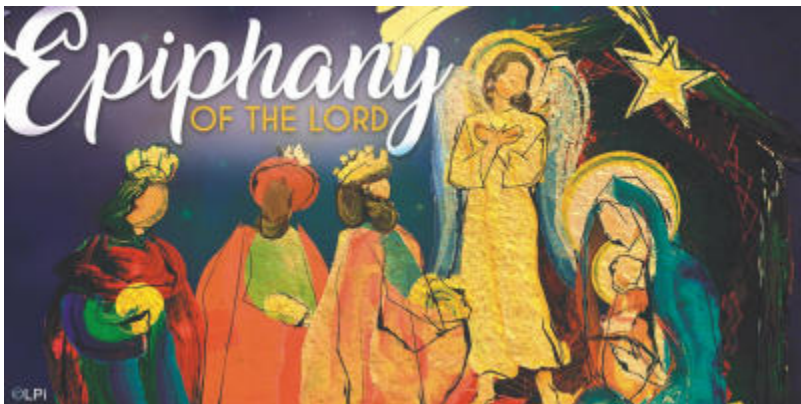
The theme of our Advent mission was forgiveness. Once, I heard a priest say in a homily, “God has a name, and that name is Mercy.” What we celebrate on Christmas Day is the birth of mercy itself, in the Christ child. God became man to save us. To save us from what? To save us from sin, and all its ugly consequences, and thus out of love for us to bring us to eternal life in heaven.

There are, it seems to me, three forms of forgiveness. One, forgiveness of others. Two, forgiveness of self. And three, forgiveness of God. On the first and second day of our mission, we heard amazing stories of forgiveness and how that forgiveness brought freedom. Forgiveness does not erase what happened, nor does it take away the pain that was inflicted. But it does free us from the hatred that binds us. There is an ancient Chinese expression, “He who seeks revenge must dig two graves, one for the person who is not forgiven, and one for himself.”

Our speakers talked about forgiveness of others who had inflicted great pain and hardship upon them. They began to realize that their hardness of heart bound and shackled them. Their pain and hatred was turning on them, and one speaker (Charlie Williams) even said he was becoming like the person he hated.

As I write this letter, it is Thursday morning, and the third night of the mission has not yet occurred. As part of the Mass that will be celebrated tonight (a Mass of Forgiveness and Reconciliation) I will be preaching on perhaps that most difficult aspect of forgiveness: that of forgiving oneself. Very often when we recognize our sin, and hatred of others, when we stand naked before God, we also beg to realize the pain we have inflicted on others through our own pride, greed, and selfishness. As our relationship to Christ deepens, our relationship with love itself, we begin to see that “the person in the mirror” is flawed and in need of God’s mercy. With the light of Christ shining on us the disfigured person in the mirror begins to look beautiful, and love of self grows again. We become free of self-loathing, and the darkness that was once there is replaced by an interior life of love in Christ. We then become whole again, and free. And we are able to sing like Mary, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!”

God bless,  
Fr. Sullivan



To our families with young children,  
please come join us

*Epiphany Sunday*

**2 January 2022**

**10am & 12pm Mass**

*featuring a live manger*



Join our Young Adult (age 18 - 35) on **Sun, Dec 19** after the 4pm Mass  
There will be a speaker on a topic of interest to young adult Catholics.

Then have time for prayer and adoration,  
as well as some social time to get to know each other.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Jake at [jacob.white@uconn.edu](mailto:jacob.white@uconn.edu)

*We look forward to meeting you!*

**Fr. Sullivan,  
Fr. Kelechi, Fr. Mariano  
and Msgr. Bevin**  
are inviting everyone who  
shared their time and talent  
in any Basilica ministry  
or committee in 2020-21 to please come


*Volunteer Appreciation  
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**Sunday, 9 January 2022 from 1:00 - 4:00pm**  
at the Rectory (via side door entrance)

To ensure we prepare sufficient refreshments and treats,  
please **respond** no later than **Tuesday, 4 January 2022**

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