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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



via waterburybasilica.org

Schedule

12:10pm Mon-Fri - Audio only

4:15pm Saturday Vigil Mass

10am Sunday Mass



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waterburybasilica.weshareonline.org



*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

2 Jan 2022 | The Epiphany of the Lord

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Mass Intentions

+ = Deceased L/D = Living/Deceased

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

Sat Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:15pm For the Parishioners of the Immaculate Conception

Sun, Jan 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

6:30am +Louise Tortorelli & +Ann Cook

8:00am +Gary H. Guy II

10:00am +Eileen Mary Maguire

12:00pm +Carmel Avitavile

4:00pm +May & Julia Moran, +Patricia & Alex Jurevich,
+Mary Ellen & Claudio Primus

Mon, Jan 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

6:00am L/D members of the William J. Summa Family

7:00am +Judy Derouin - 2nd Anniversary

12:10pm +Angelo Tedesco

Tue, Jan 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:00am +Ann Cook

7:00am +Ann Cook

12:10pm +Ralph R. Capuano Jr

Wed, Jan 5 - St. John Neumann

6:00am +Joseph Perugini & +Alturo Volta

7:00am +John Sr, Cecelia, John Jr & Michael Pawelchak, Nina Bur

12:10pm Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

L/D members of the Ramos, Mackinnon, Zorn, Tchirret,
5:30pm Prieto, Soules & Green Families

Thu, Jan 6 - St. Andre' Bessette

6:00am Sons & Daughters of the Immaculate Conception

7:00am Fr. Bui & Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Florida

12:10pm +Anthony & Christian Innaimo

Fri, Jan 7 - St. Raymond of Peñafort

6:00am +Jane Bellizzi Fischetti

7:00am +William Vincent Fischetti

12:10pm +Dolores M. Dwyer

4:15pm L/D members of the Klesch & Murphy Families

Sat, Jan 8

6:30am +Carmela, Frank & Jerry Grieco,

+Gertrude G & Michael Santone Sr

12:00pm +Lawrence Moore, L/D Members of the Moore Family

4:15pm +John Carbonaro

Sun, Jan 9 - Baptism of the Lord

6:30am L/D members of the Reyes, Bones, Cortes, Lugo
and Casiano families

8:00am +Brian Joseph Barry

10:00am +R'Jay Domondon

12:00pm Helen Carmody

4:00pm +Patrick J. Hussey

May we pray for you?

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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 for the online new parishioner form
or call the parish office 203.574.0017 for a copy to be emailed to you.

Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk

Once you acquire the blessed chalk,
a head of the household (HoH) can bless the home
in the following manner (*adapted from the Roman Ritual*)
Upon entering the house (or at the front door):

Head of Household (HoH): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

HoH: From the East came the Magi
to Bethlehem to adore the Lord;
and opening their treasures
they offered precious gifts:

gold for the great King, incense for the true God,
and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water.

All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

After this is completed:

All: From the East came the Magi
to Bethlehem to adore the Lord;

and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts:
gold for the great King, incense for the true God,
and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

HoH: Our Father who art in Heaven.....

All: But deliver us from evil.

Priest: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

HoH: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

HoH: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star
didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the
Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by
faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty.
Through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

HoH: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for
thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon
thee— Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in
the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has
risen upon thee.

HoH: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this
home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength
of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment
of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain
upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through
Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, walk through
the house and bless each room by sprinkling with holy
water. Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials
of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the
inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible).

Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the
year so that they fall on both sides of the initials.

It should look like this, for example:

20 C+M+B 22

*It is also popularly believed that the Kings' initials stand for
"Christus mansionem benedicat" ("Christ bless this house").*

**Please note the Parish Office will be
closed on Monday, 3 January 2022**



Week ending
Dec 26

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Thank you for your generosity!

From the desk of Fr. Sullivan

Dear Friends,

Was the year 2021 a good one for you? Despite the pandemic which changed so many things, overall are you doing okay? Some may answer, "Yes." And for others the answer may be in the negative. We thought at the beginning of 2021 that the pandemic would be on the decline and for a time there was good evidence for this. The year was good for some and a struggle at best for others. Here at the Basilica, we celebrated many joy-filled weddings and baptisms. People are coming back to church and there is a true feeling of life and growth in the air. At the same time, we had 135 funeral services, some parishioners lost jobs, and others, including many youth, are struggling with a sense of loss, sadness, anxiety, and even depression.

Through all of these, the joys and struggles, we do our best to stay close to Christ. This is sometimes easier said than done. Sometimes when things are going well we forget God, and at times when things are difficult, we turn from him. The opposite can, of course, be true as well, namely the spirit of thankfulness through the peaks and valleys, dark and light moments of life. In last Sunday's second reading, we heard three of the most reflective words in the entire bible: "And be thankful." (Col 3:15b)

It is in the spirit of gratitude that I write this end of the year bulletin letter. Thank you to everyone for all you bring to the Basilica. I hope the Basilica is feeding your spiritual lives. You are certainly feeding me and I know my brother priests as well.

In a special way, I want to thank our dedicated staff. We would be lost without them. There are a lot of moving parts to keep the Basilica operating smoothly. Our staff is diligent and committed. Secondly, I want to thank our many volunteers: ushers, altar servers, lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Religious Education teachers, counters, gardeners, Blessed McGivney Center of Renewal outreach volunteers, Knights of Columbus, other ministry coordinators (adorers, bereavement, traveling chalice) etc.

Did you ever feel in your life that something amazing is about to happen? That's the way I feel about our future. I feel like something amazing is about to happen not only here at the Basilica but in our city and even beyond, in the broader church. In many ways, I believe the work of Blessed McGivney is just beginning. What lies ahead God only knows but if we remain prayerful and faithful, graces will flow. God will not be outdone in generosity. Thank you again for 2021 and may all of us be blessed in the coming year 2022. As we read in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." I hope, pray, and believe that throughout 2022 and beyond God will reward everyone's generosity here at the Basilica by pouring out His good measure upon us all.

Happy New Year to all,
Fr. Sullivan

**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 Open House

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**

By phone: 203.574.0017 Parish office or by email: info@waterburybasilica.org

December Activities

A Baby Shower for Mary to benefit Carolyn's Place

Thank you Tori for organizing and the approximately
40 women and children who came to the shower!



Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Thank you to the Evaristo and Garcia families for helping with the
celebration and the parishioners who provided the empanadas and flan.



The Death Anniversary of Ansonia Police Chief Daniel Hayes was December 28th. Chip Smith, the man who shot and killed him in front of the Ansonia Opera House in 1880 was visited regularly in the New Haven prison by Fr. McGivney. Chip Smith became a repentant man and a man of great faith. Ansonia Mayor, David Cassetti, Ansonia Acting Police Chief, Wayne Williams, Ansonia Police Officers, Fr. Sullivan and Melinda Treloar, who found the grave are pictured after praying at his grave on December 28th.

Blessed Michael McGivney's
Center for Renewal
2021 Christmas Party




Thank you to all who participated in our 2021 Giving Tree
- over 800 gifts were collected and given out to our local community.

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