Christmas and The Holy Family December 26, 2021

Celebration of the Eucharist

Our Lady of Victory Centerville, MA **Saturday**, 4:30pm **Sunday**, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm **Daily Mass** Monday–Saturday, 9am

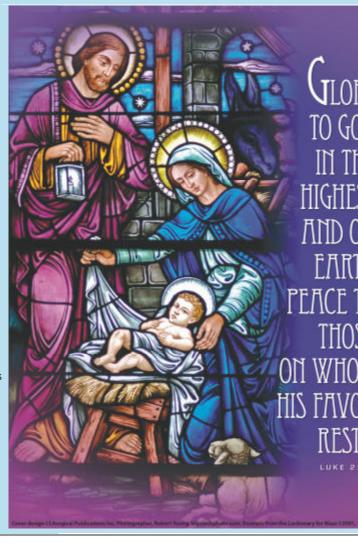
All Masses at Our Lady of Victory will continue to be Livestreamed on olvparish.org

Our Lady of Hope Mission 1581 Rt. 6A, West Barnstable Closed for the winter

First Friday Anointing of the Sick following 9:00am Mass

Holy Day Celebration of Eucharist As noted in the bulletin

Our Lady of Victory Parish Centerville, Massachusetts



Rev. Gregory Mathias, Pastor

Mass Assistants

Rev. George Bellenoit Rev. Richard Casey Rev. Richard DeVeer Rev. James Finley Rev. Msgr. John A. Perry Rev. Robert Soucy

Thank you to those priests who, although not assigned here, share their ministry with us, by helping us regularly and seasonally.

Deacons

Rev. Deacon James M. Barrett Rev. Deacon Keith R. Caldwell Rev. Deacon Theodore E. Lukac

Confessions

Saturdays after the 9am Mass and 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Our Lady of Victory Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-2pm Friday, 9:30am-Noon

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Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

Weddings: Arrangements must be made at least eight months in advance **New Parishioners:** Please register in the Parish Office RCIA: 508-775-5744

Knights of Columbus: 508-775-4054 Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7pm

Saint Vincent de Paul Society: For Assistance, 508-771-5104

Mass Schedule for OLV & OLH: 508-771-5035

Our Lady's Guild: For info or to join: Nuala Quinn, 774-361-8838 or Rosalyn Doran, 508-428-2757

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Christmas/The Holv Family



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Christmas Eve. December 24 4pm



Christmas, December 25 9am and 11am

December 26

9am Catherine Byrne and The Sullivan Family Sun 11am Virginia Sullivan

December 27-December 31

Mon	8am	Margaret K. Crayer
Tues	8am	For the Parish
Wed	8am	Davies and Sweeney Families
Thurs	8am	Manuel B. Couto
Fri	8am	John V. Clogan

January 1-2 Sat

4pm Alfred Tordone

Sun 9am Marjorie Bianchi Theresa O'Donnell Sun 11am

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Christmas Eve, December 24 4pm, 6pm and Midnight in the Church and 4pm and 6pm in the Parish Center

Christmas, December 25 7am, 9am and 11am in the Church

December 26

Sun	9am	Mary T. Gill
	11am	Deacon Nick and Sandy CaraDonna
	5:30pm	Richard B. McNamara, Sr.

December 27-Jaunary 1

Mon	9am	Francis and Margaret Kiley
Tues	9am	Christopher Coluccio
Wed	9am	Sheila Roche
Thurs	9am	Clothilde Costa
Fri	9am	John Souza
Sat	9am	

January 1-2 Sat 4pm

9am Sun 11am 5:30pm .

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ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We are blessed at Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Victory and at Our Lady of Hope to have thoughtful, generous parishioners who support the good works of our faith community with their time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment to our Parishes.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 25: Christmas

December 26: No second collection. At OLV/OLH it is Harvest Sunday. Money collected in the gold envelopes is forwarded to the Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to aid our brothers and sisters in the community.

January 2: The funds collected at the second collection this week will be used towards the Diocesan Assessment. The monthly Assessment for OLV is \$9498; OLH: \$526



May every blessing and happiness of this wonderful season be shared with you and your families.



Kindly remember in your prayers the recently deceased and all those who We Remember have asked for our prayers.

David Murray James Joseph Fitzpatrick

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day; Unseen, unheard, but always near, They are always in our heats, so dear.

January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. It is the regular weekend Mass schedule.



The Real Reason for Joy

In his great book, *Introduction to Christianity*, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, (Pope Benedict XVI) wrote the following: "*Christian belief is not merely concerned*... *with the eternal*... *[that which is] completely outside the human world and*

time; on the contrary it is <u>more</u> concerned with God in history, with God in human form. By seeming to bridge the gulf between eternity and time, between visible and invisible, by making us meet God as a human. . [Christian belief] knows itself as **revelation**. Its claim to be revelation is indeed based on the fact that it has, so to speak, introduced the eternal into our world."

"No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made Him known" (John 1:18) Over time, the Church came to comprehend the profundity of this pronouncement: If, indeed, God assumed a fully human nature in the person of Jesus, then all of human nature is changed: God has become one with us.

To clarify this, we should consider the meaning of my birth or your birth: When either of us came into the world, it went without saying that we shared the nature which is common with all human beings. We inherited from our parents, and those before them, the human condition, including the problem of sin and corruption leading to death.

But the Baby Jesus in the Manger is not just another cute baby for whom we can grant this mere "sharing." Human nature is taken over as a whole and "redeemed" or "retrieved" back into the holiness of God which was lost through sin. Of course, Jesus is a particular baby who is fully human; but he is also fully God. He pre-existed **in** God **as** God, ("*consubstantial with the Father*").

Did Jesus enter the world of "time" as a "seed" to combine with an "ovum" in Mary's womb? I have never heard it put in such vivid, biological terms; but we proclaim that Jesus' full humanity comes from Mary, and Mary "did not know any man," in such a way as to conceive a baby. And here is the reason for all those Christmas Cards and decorations proclaiming "Joy," and "Peace on Earth," and "Tidings of Gladness:" Our full



human nature is re-created into the likeness of the "incarnate" Son of God!

The modern way of thinking has increasingly moved toward rejecting the idea that there are "universals." You have to believe that there is a single "human nature" which we all share as males and females. Since this nature was damaged by the sin of our original parents and, subsequently, by our own sinfulness, divine intervention was necessary to save us from the ultimate product of sin, death. Jesus explicitly prescribed Baptism as the entry point into this new life: "*No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit*, (John 3:5)" And, of course, the Eucharist is the spiritual "bread" for the journey to "eternal life, (John 6:47-51).

Holy Hour for Vocations

Each Wednesday, from 9:30am to 10:30am we will have a Holy Hour for Vocations at OLV. Please consider joining us as we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Fall River.

Gathering Grandmothers

The Gathering Grandmothers meet each Friday at OLV at Noon. We welcome all new members. Please join us.

Faith in Action Opportunity: Wedding Coordinators, A Joyful Ministry!

We are happy to offer a wonderful, rewarding ministry opportunity! We are looking for a few people to join our wedding coordinator ministry. You'll work with couples on a one-on-one basis a couple weeks before their wedding, and assist at their rehearsal and wedding day. Please contact Kelley, kjs@olvparish.org for information.

Cape Cod Hospital: Clergy Visit

There is a priest on call at all times at Cape Cod Hospital. If someone you love is ill, and in need of a priest, the fastest way to contact the priest on call is to ask the patient's nurse to page the priest on call or to call the Cape Cod Hospital switchboard and ask to have the Catholic Chaplain paged. If it is not an emergency, you may also call the office at 508-862-5287. Please do not call local parishes looking for a priest as this is likely to lead to confusion and delay. Remember: Sacraments can only be given to the living, so call the Chaplain as soon as possible.



Weather Cancellations

During the week, if Barnstable schools are cancelled, Mass and all activities, whether parish or community sponsored, are cancelled as well.

If schools are delayed, morning Mass is cancelled, but the Parish Office will be open as soon as we can safely travel. All morning events, parish or community event, held in the Church or Parish Center will be cancelled; afternoon activities will be held.

On the weekends, we will make the decision as early as possible.

In any case, please use your best judgment on travel, since conditions can change rapidly.

We will post closings on the TV on WCVB, and on the radio stations WXTK, WCOD and Cool-102, as well as WQRC, WOCN, WKPE, and capecod.com. If we are able, we will also post on Facebook as well as our websites.

Bible Study For All!

Tuesdays: 9:30am-11am or 6pm-7:15pm Come join us as for Bible Study in Room M1 at the OLV Office. Anyone contemplating attending the classes are advised to buy *Understanding the Scriptures, Didache Series, Parish Edition* (\$15) as well as having a Catholic Bible. This is the same textbook as last year, so if you have a copy, you don't need to purchase a new one. We welcome those continuing with us and new members too! Any questions, contact Eleanor: 508-827-7926 or eleanorubaldini@gmail.com

Cape Cod Caring Cards...For Your Groceries!

Have you wondered what our dedicated volunteers are selling after Masses? Do you food shop at Shaw's or Stop and Shop? How about dinner out at the 99 Restaurant? Coffee and donuts at Dunk'n? After most Masses you can buy Cape Cod Caring Cards. These are cards that you can purchase for face value and use when you food shop or eat out. 5% of the cost of the card is donated directly to Housing Assistance Corporation's Project Prevention Program. So, if you food shop or eat out, why not buy a card and use it for your groceries or purchases? By doing so, you are helping others in need...at no additional cost to yourself! Someone is needed to stay for a short while and sell cards after the 9am Mass at OLV. If you can volunteer a small amount of your time to help with this important ministry, please contact: Paul Nielsen, 508-771-2393. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus

K of C Council 2525, 500 Club monthly raffle November winners are: \$250: Paul Stebenne, Sandwich; \$100: Atsalis Kids, W.Hyannisport; \$50 each: Marie Murphy, Cummaquid; Kathy Carter, Centerville; Dennis Pierozzi, Centerville. You can join anytime for \$50 and you are in 12 consecutive Monthly drawings with 60 chances to win. Applications are available in the parish office or in the box outside of the K of C Hall entrance. For more information email Council2525@yahoo.com or call 508-775-4054



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Knights of Columbus: Solidarity Cross Project To date the Knights have given away more than 1,700 small white crosses. We are fortunate that we have a Knight who has been producing these great expressions of our belief that we are a Christian nation. We are in need of help to produce these crosses. The Knights will supply the materials and instructions on how to make them. If you are handy and have a bench saw, drill press, and a dado set and are willing to help us, please contact us by sending an email to council2525@yahoo.com.

Merry Christmas from Our Lady's Guild We extend our heartfelt thank you to all who gave your precious gifts of time, talent and treasures to make this year's Christmas Fair on December 4th a great success. Special appreciation goes to Our Lady Of Victory Parish and staff for the use of the Parish Center. We joined with old friends and new to make Christmas memories and to share the Christmas Spirit. We recognize our business sponsors with thanks: Beacon Gardens, Cape Cod Alterations, Cape Cod Chocolatier. Cape Cod Package Store, Cape Symphony, Cotuit Center for the Arts, Captain's Table @Hyannis Yacht Club, Country Gardens, Hair Waves, House of Beauty, Hy-Line Cruises, Irresistibles, Island Outfitters, Lamberts Rainbow Fruit, Mahoney's Garden Center, Market Basket, Merry Maids of Cape Cod, Nauset Disposal, Oggi Hair Designs, Oyster Island Emporium, Paris Nails, Pedi Luxe, Pet Mania, Pineapple Caper, Sara Campbell, Siena Restaurant, Salon 700, Sassy Nails, Seaside Spa, Stop & Shop, Shaws/Star Market, Sopranos Ristorante, The Art of Beauty, The Daily Paper, The Shoe Salon, Trader Joe's, Copplestone Family, Hickey Family, Primavera Family, Frank Patch, Gene Fournier, Susan O'Brien McLean, Mary E. Mullin. To our Lady's Guild Members and Friends for your contributions—our event could not have been accomplished without you! May God bless you one and all.

A Few Weeks Left..... Have You Donated?

Thank you to all who responded. We "Appeal" to your continuing



generosity and support to help our parish meet its responsibilities. The Appeal will run until the end of December. Donations may be made by check, credit card or pledge. Annual Appeal envelopes can be found in the pews and at the doors of the church. Thank you!

The Nativity of the Lord

Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the

season. The **crèche** tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Maginatha signification

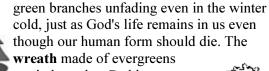


the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation



extends to all. The **angels** stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from

our sins. The **tree** stands as a symbol of life, its



reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The **candles** recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful,





innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly,

humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives.

Pavers For St. Clare's Garden

The St. Clare's Memorial Peace Garden at OLV was dedicated in memory of Mary P. Lees. St. Clare was a beautiful Italian noble woman who became the Foundress of



an order of nuns now called Poor Clare Sisters. When she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach, her heart burned with a great desire to imitate Francis in serving God by living a poor humble life for Jesus. So one evening she ran away from home, and in a little chapel outside Assisi, gave herself to God.

Statues of both St. Clare and St. Francis are installed in the garden. Pavers in the Garden can be purchased "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one. Consider purchasing one as a thoughtful gift. Pavers are \$125 for 6x6 size and \$150 for the 6x9 size. Donation forms can be filled out in the OLV Parish Office during normal business hours. We hope the garden serves as a place for quiet reflection and prayer.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH!

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.



Sunday, Dec 26, 2021 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH Bless the children

Holy families aren't necessarily pictureperfect. But they are faithful and consistent in their values and goals. Like Mary and Joseph and biblical

parents before them, holy families consecrate their children early and often to the care of God. They do this by baptizing them and seeing to their sacramental preparation. They do this by praying for and with their little ones. They provide them a religious education and share faith-filled practices of compassion and charity. All the children in our lives look to us for love and acceptance, guidance and Christian example. Teach the children well.

"Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever."

Reading for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn Monday: 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/ Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Support Group Meetings—One Day at a Time

AA Meetings— Our Lady of the Assumption Church Basement: Sun. and Wed., 7pm; Sun., 5:30pm/Beginner Mtg AA Meetings—Our Lady of Victory - L.C. Monday – Saturday, 7:30am Saturday, 7:30pm AA Meetings—Our Lady of Hope Monday, 7pm Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30pm NA Meeting—Our Lady of Victory Friday, 7:30pm

Monday, Dec 27, 2021 FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

He lived to tell the tale

John the Apostle is credited with being the author of the Gospel of John. He is also believed to have been the "Beloved Disciple" of Jesus mentioned in that gospel and is presumed to have outlived the other apostles, perhaps being the only one to die of natural causes rather than martyrdom. Imagine being the last survivor, and the heartache he endured on losing his peers to violent deaths for their faith. Perhaps it was John's job to live to tell the story—"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name"—as he says in his final line. Take John's mission to heart and embrace his good word today. "Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."

Tuesday, Dec 28, 2021 FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Children deserve protection

Nowadays when we think of Christmas pageants, we envision adorable children in bathrobes dressed as shepherds. But in the Middle Ages, religious pageants were a serious business. The whole community gathered to enact mystery plays that told the stories of birth, death, resurrection, and the lives of the saints. It's from such a mystery play that we get the haunting words and melody of "The Coventry Carol"—a song about King Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents that asks plaintively, "What may we do to preserve . . . this poor youngling for whom we sing?" Pray today for children who continue to suffer and face certain death without our help.

Wednesday, Dec 29, 2021 MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choose God

Everyone must at times make the choice of serving God or something less. Today we remember Saint Thomas Becket, bishop of Canterbury. Thomas was faced with such a dilemma when his friend the king, Henry II, continuously tried to interfere with church matters. Allowing the king to interfere with the church would have allowed Thomas to be in the king's good graces. Instead, Thomas chose to serve God above anything and anyone else, even at the cost of martyrdom. "When is constancy required," Thomas writes, "except under persecution. Are not friends then proved? If they always yield, how can they ever succeed? They must, one time or other, make a stand." "And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Christmas/The Holy Family

Thursday, Dec 30, 2021

Take your time to absorb Christmas

Today we continue as a church to honor the feast of our Savior's birth. It is day six in the octave of Christmas the eight-day liturgical focus on the birth of Christ. The entrance of the Christ into human history is such a significant event that the church notes its magnitude by keeping our gaze on it through the specified readings, psalms, and prayers during these eight days. Take a moment today to allow the wonder of God-among-us to continue to sink in.

"She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."

Friday, Dec 31, 2021

Out with the new, in with the old

The end of the year gives us pause to reflect on the past and change for the future. Typically, we find something new to embrace or resolve to do. But if it's true that there's really nothing new under the sun, then perhaps we should look to the old! This is exactly what the church does, as it moves into the new year, not with any newfound epiphany, but instead with a commitment to the very old-school value of peace. As we anticipate the World Day of Peace tomorrow, January 1, what are some deeply held and longstanding values that you would like to deepen during the coming year? How might you go old school? "In the beginning was the Word."



Saturday, Jan 01, 2022 SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD; WORLD DAY OF PEACE Rocking with Mother Mary People in every age have their particular way to celebrate the new year. These days we might change old eating habits to be healthier; get on track

financially; spend more time with family. But maybe this year it could be about what young Catholics refer to as "rocking with Mary," that is, getting to know the mother of Jesus on a deeper level. Understanding her courage, strength, and faithfulness can help us realize our own potential as bearers of the Good News. On her feast day and in the days ahead, reflect on Mary and strive to imitate her in bringing Good News to the world.

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

December 26, 2021

From Rome With Love

The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God. Pope Francis, General audience, Saint Peter's Square, 12/18/13



Please Pray For A Priest Each Day

Lord God, Let us pray that our gratitude for those in ordained life may inspire us to serve with open hearts.



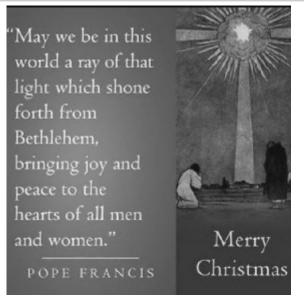
December 26: Rev. Msgr. Ronald Tosti December 27: Rev. Horace Travassos December 28: Rev. Marc Tramblay December 29: Rev. Raymond Vaillancourt, MS December 30: Rev. Bernard Vanesse December 31: Rev. Carlos Villa January 1: Pope Francis

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

The Green Team



Bakers, beware: Using a new disposable aluminum tin every time you make a cake is hardly the way to reduce food packaging waste. Instead, consider investing in some metal and ceramic baking pans that you can re-use.





Our Men and Women in the Service

Our parishes pray for those currently serving, at home and abroad, in the military.

PFC Grace Lehmann, USMC Captain Matthew R. Lutch, USMC Pvt. Jack DeLorey RCT Patrick MacNeely Warrant Officer Matthew Plicque, USA 2nd Lt Peter Murphy, Airborne Chaplain Bob Monagle Capt. Billy Murphy, USN Cpl. Patrick J. Kellev LCpl Andrew J. Kelley LCPL Robert Connolly IV Captain Sean P. Kelley, USN PFC William Russell Perry Sgt. Jacob W. Morash Capt. Jared A. Ripperger PFC Cory Briggs Lt. Kalen Kropa Capt. Michael Mayo Taylor, USA Brig. General Benjamin T. Watson, USMC Major John B. VanderVoort PFC Tim Strong, USN LCDR Conor O'Neil 1st Lt. Hannah E. MacLeod-Pryg USA 1st Lt. Lucas Pryg, USA Warrant Officer Steve Capt. Matthew Antil Goodwin, USMC 2nd Lt Thomas O. Mullen, USAF Staff Sgt. Joseph Moore Specialist Jake Bryan, USA SO1 Michael Reeves USN CO Rusty Williamson, USN Cpl Alexander Kelsall, USA Capt. Michael D. Crowley, USMC Capt. Christopher Roy SPC Tucker McLoughlin, USA

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To add a loved one or to let us know when they are no longer serving:

December 26, 2021

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parishes

John Best Peter F. Brady Bill Cushing, Jr. Nancyjane Fox Chris Gallagher Ann Colgan Gillis Steve Gradie Lorraine Gregoire **Robert Gregoire** David Held Gary Hildebrandt Kam Mary Lemay Brenda Liakos Barbara MacLean Brad Martin Joe Mooney Griffin "Finn" David Munsell Kelsey Palmer Josie Pandolfino Nancy Pelland Beatrice Savio **Rosemary Shinnick** Michael Wixom Residents of local nursing homes and the homebound All Members of the Cancer Support Group

If you or your immediate family member need to be added to the list or removed, please contact, kim@olvparish.org. Additions to "Our Sick" list will be printed for three months.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for who we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.









Our Lady of Víctory Centervílle Friday, Christmas Eve: 4pm, 6pm and Midnight in the Church and 4pm and 6pm in the Parish Center

Saturday, Christmas Day: 7am, 9am and 11am in the Church

Our Lady of the Assumption Osterville Friday, Christmas Eve: 4pm Saturday, Christmas Day: 9am and 11am

January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, it will be the regular Mass schedule

COMMUNITY NOTES



Refugee Resettlement in Our Area: Help Needed

A team of volunteers is supporting two Afghan refugees living in Centerville. They have asked for help in supporting these two individuals. The team is in need of: Your Love in providing companionship and practical support; Your Time in the form of rides, English lessons, help with employment, trips to grocery store, etc.; Financial Support to enable the team to help these refugees rebuild their lives. They will arrive with nothing. If you would like to get involved with the team contact, Steve Schrader, pigpen16@aol.com or 703-389-2497. Diane Kelly in the Corpus Christi Parish Office is holding donations in a designated account for this effort. Please make any checks payable to Corpus Christi Parish and write POWIR in the memo line. Send to: Corpus Christi Parish (Attn: Diane Kelly) 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., Sandwich, MA 02537

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at https://wwmema.org/

"Remembering That It Happened Once"

Remembering that it happened once, We cannot turn away the thought, As we go out, cold, to our barns Toward the long night's end, that we Ourselves are living in the world It happened in when it first happened, That we ourselves, opening a stall (A latch thrown open countless times Before), might find them breathing there, Foreknown: the Child bedded in straw, The mother kneeling over Him, The husband standing in belief He scarcely can believe, in light That lights them from no source we see, An April morning's light, the air Around them joyful as a choir. We stand with one hand on the door, Looking into another world That is this world, the pale daylight Coming just as before, our chores To do, the cattle all awake, Our own frozen breath hanging In front of us; and we are here As we have never been before. Sighted as not before, our place Holy, although we knew it not.

Wendell Berry



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