

The Catholic Community of

OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Loreto is a Catholic Community brought together by the belief that Jesus is Lord. We are called to share in His mission to bring about the Kingdom of God in our midst by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in word and deed. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to build a community where all are welcomed, loved, needed, and appreciated. We will recognize and affirm the gifts and talents of one another while proclaiming the ideal of shared ministry. We make this pledge in confidence that the Lord will assist us and bless us as we strive to realize this vision.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms:

Parish registration for baptism is required. Pre-baptism instruction is required. Please call the parish office for appointment. 203-757-6112

Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office six months in advance. 203-757-6112

Sick Calls:

Please contact the parish office if you are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. 203-757-6112

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA)-The process of initiating the unbaptized into the Catholic Faith and to bring uncatechized Catholics into full participation in our Faith.

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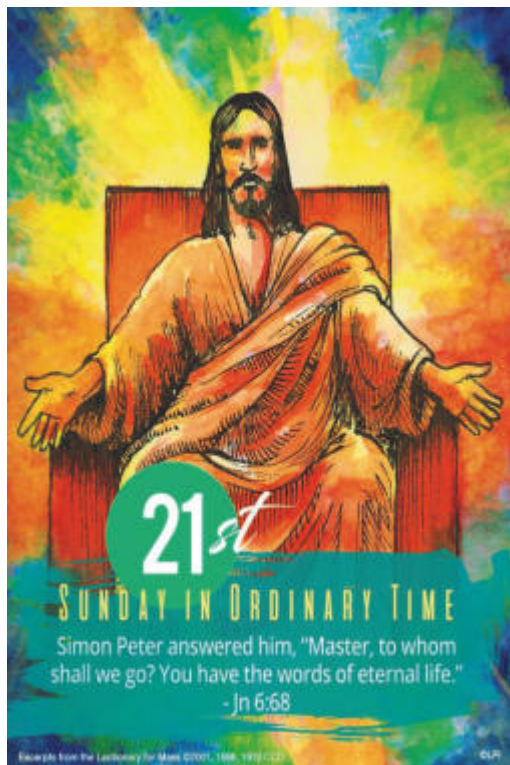
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Church News

SATURDAY, Aug 21, Vigil, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Remembrance

† John and Mary L. Stanisz
by daughter Barbara Winkel and family

SUNDAY, Aug 22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. † Rosario Santos Capalad

by Dan and Fe Bournival

TUESDAY, Aug 24, St. Bartholomew

8:00 a.m. Anniversary Remembrance

† Michael Cannata
by wife Elaine and family



THURSDAY, Aug 26, Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Shawn Walsh
by the family

SATURDAY, Aug 28, Vigil, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, Aug 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

- ◆ PLEASE NOTE!!!! THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD HAS NOTIFIED PARISHES THAT DUE TO THE CURRENT THREAT OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, THEY ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT PARISHIONERS RESUME WEARING MASKS AT MASS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND HELPING TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE.

- ◆ Thank you for your non-perishable food donations for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.



- ◆ Religious Education registration forms are due no later than 8/30/21. Please see our website for the forms and additional information.

~ Have a blessed week ~

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Parish Collection

Aug 14/15, 2021

1st collection: \$1,562

2nd collection: Assumption of Mary: \$472

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- * Offertory amounts include mass collections, online giving and mail-in contributions for various collections.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the

Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

The Holy Mass is the most precious gift one can offer for another person. Remembering someone with a Mass honors him or her in a unique way surrounding them with the warmth of God's love. A Mass may be offered for anyone, living or deceased. To arrange a Mass please call the parish office.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for blessings for all the children and teachers who will be returning to school in the upcoming weeks.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Submission as Stewardship

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical To the Queen of Heaven, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.



Divorce Support Group

BE A SURVIOR - NOT A VICTIM!

The Separated/Divorced Support Group is a 10 week program to help participants regain balance in their lives. The pain and suffering that accompanies a marital breakup is a shared experience with all who have been in this situation. The group will help participants understand what they are going through and that others have gone through the same things.

The group has a maximum of 10 participants in order to insure everyone has a chance to experience the program. The facilitator has survived divorce and her experiences and educational background make her most qualified to conduct the sessions.

If you are recently separated or divorced and are interested in attending our meetings or would like to learn more about the group, and to register, please contact Barbara at 203-910-1561. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

The Fall 2021 session begins Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Meetings are held in the Our Lady of Loreto Church Hall and are 6:30pm—8pm. Registration deadline is September 15, 2021.



**A Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar**

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.



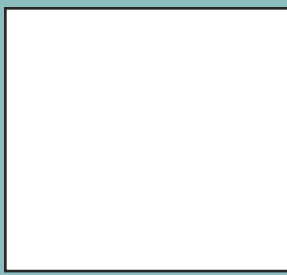
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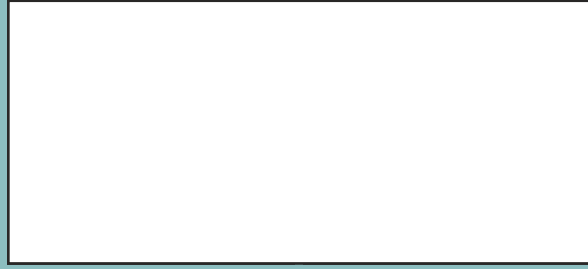



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