

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.

## STAFF

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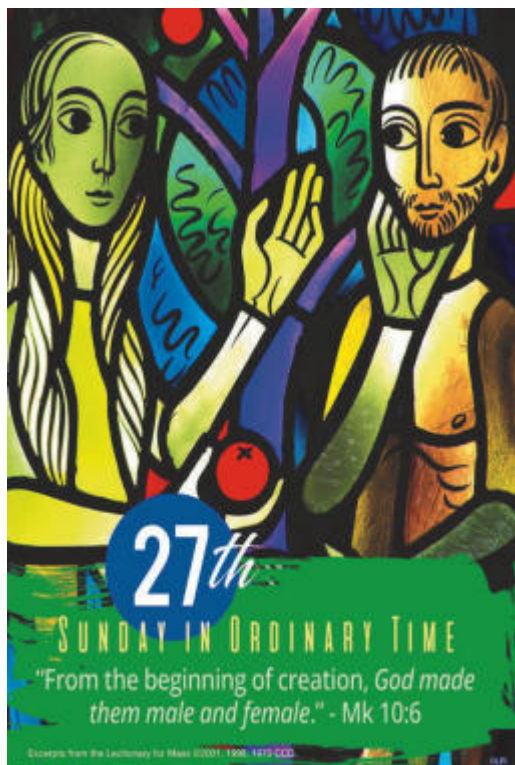
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## Church News

**SATURDAY, Oct 2, Vigil, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m      † Christina D'Agostino  
by John and Maureen Lombardo

**SUNDAY, Oct 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00 a.m.    † Charles Van Stone  
by his family

**TUESDAY, Oct 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**  
NO Mass

**THURSDAY, Oct 7, Our Lady of the Rosary**  
8:00 a.m.      Memorial Remembrance  
† Rudolph & Gertrude Bender  
by John and Maureen Lombardo



**SATURDAY, Oct 9, Vigil, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m      Our Parish Family

**SUNDAY, Oct 10, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00 a.m.    † Margaret Mary Redfield  
by her cousins

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.



- ◆ Please note: The Archdiocese of Hartford suggests everyone wear masks at mass.
- ◆ Thank you for your non-perishable food donations for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.
- ◆ The 2022 mass book is open! Please contact the office to schedule your mass and sanctuary candle intentions for 2022.
- ◆ Thank you for submitting your LaBonne's receipts! We just received a check for \$266.10. Many thanks to Jim and Linda Robinson for submitting the receipts for payment!
- ◆ The Annual Priest Convocation is Oct. 4th-6th. There will be no morning mass on Tuesday, Oct. 5th.  
~ Have a blessed week ~

*THANKFUL  
GRATEFUL  
BLESSSED*

**Parish Collection**  
Sep 25/26, 2021  
1st collection: \$ 3,338  
2nd collection; HOPES: \$ 440

Weekly offertory goal: \$3,500  
Please prayerfully consider giving just \$2 or \$3 more to help meet our weekly goal.

Thank you for your financial support!!  
\* Offertory amounts include mass collections, online giving and mail-in contributions for various collections.

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of*

**Joseph Famiglietti**

*requested by his wife*



## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

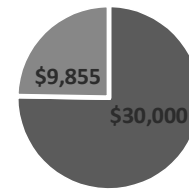
Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



It's never too early to start planning your high school experience! Meet Holy Cross event on Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30 pm for 7th and 8th grade as well as transfer student families. This small group event will give your family an opportunity to meet some of our teachers, administrators and students to learn about all that Holy Cross has to offer and go on a student guided campus tour. Masks will be mandatory for these events and they will be held in our Auditorium to allow us to social distance. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Open House on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 pm. Individual tours can also be scheduled. 8th Graders are required to take our Placement Test on Saturday, October 16 or Saturday, November 20 at 8:30 am. Cost for the Exam is \$25.00. Applications and financial aid applications are due on December 1. For more information contact Terri Ann Parks at 203-757-9248 or [tparks@holycross-ct.com](mailto:tparks@holycross-ct.com).

### 2021 Annual Parish Collection



■ Goal ■ Progress

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Collection. God has blessed us abundantly. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. **Thank You!**

#### Annual Parish Collection Statistics (as of 9/23/21)

**Goal: \$30,000**

Total # of Households: 238

Total # Pledged: 55

% of Participation: 23.11%

Total Amount Pledged \$9,855.00

Average Pledge: \$179.18 %

Total Amount Paid: \$9,155.00

% of Pledges Collected: 92.90%

### Celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. On October 7, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother. October was also the month in which Mary appeared for the last time to shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, urging them to "say the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

The Rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus.





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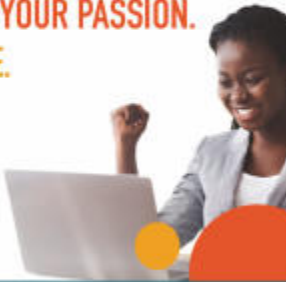
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