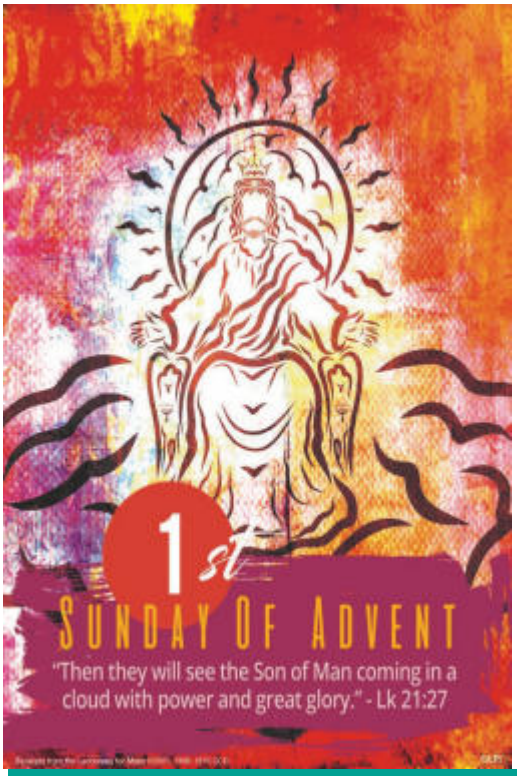
The Catholic Community of

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



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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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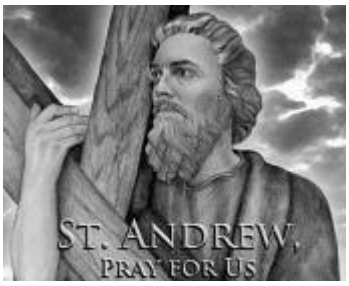
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, Nov 27, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m **15th Anniversary Remembrance**
† Joseph Dunphy
by Sabina Franco and
Amber Dunphy

SUNDAY, Nov 28, First Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. **10th Anniversary Remembrance**
† Josephine Ciriello
by Barbara, Ned and Jimmy

TUESDAY, Nov 30, St. Andrew
8:00 a.m. *****NO MASS *****



THURSDAY, Dec 2, Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Our Parish Family**

SATURDAY, Dec 4, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m **1st anniversary remembrance**
† Marilyn Gerace
by the family

SUNDAY, Nov 28, First Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. **Christmas Remembrance**
† Clementina and Larry Rossi
by their daughter and family

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 in loving memory for

Josephine Ciriello

requested by Barbara, Ned and Jimmy

Church News

- **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 8AM MASS ON TUESDAY, Nov. 30th.**
- **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!**
- **Please consider donating to our Share the Warmth collection.**

~ Have a blessed week ~

Parish Collection

Nov 13/14, 2021
1st collection: $ 1,501
2nd collection; monthly: $596

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

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec 24th: Christmas Vigil - 4pm
Saturday, Dec 25th: Christmas Mass - 11am
Saturday, Dec 25th: Vigil, The Holy Family - 4pm
Sunday, Dec 26th: The Holy Family - 11am

Saturday, Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary - 11am
Sat., Jan 1: Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord - 4pm
Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord - 11am

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 11/18/21)

Goal: $30,000
Total # of Households: 239
Total # Pledged: 104
% of Participation: 43.5%
Total Amount Pledged $20,850
Average Pledge: $200.48
Total Amount Paid: $20,200
% of Pledges Collected: 96.9%

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Giving Tree so far!

Next weekend is the last weekend that we can accept contributions, as the Giving Tree ministry team has to use your donations to purchase the gifts for the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Salvation Army.

Please keep your giving tree donation separate from any other church offering and put it in an envelope that is clearly marked Giving Tree donation. In order to purchase enough gifts to meet the needs of the Salvation Army and the Boys and Girls Club, it would be very much appreciated if the monetary donation was $15 - $20 if possible, although any and all donations are a blessing!

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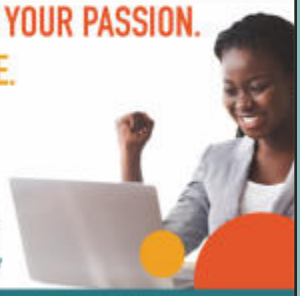
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