November 27, 2022

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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8:00 am - Noon

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Open For Children
Age Three and Four
Welcome to Saints Aedan & Brendan Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sun, Nov. 27 | First Sunday of Advent  
Dante Rosselli, Jr.  
Requested by The Taddei Family |
| Sun, Dec 4  | Second Sunday of Advent  
Fernando DelRosario and  
Salud A. Santos  
Requested by Cynthia Santos |

CALENDAR

New Mass Schedule For the Weekend Begins:  
Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. Only

“Coffee And” after 9:00 Mass on Sunday

ADVENT TRADITIONS: The Advent Wreath
The first Sunday of Advent this year falls on November 27th.

The Advent Wreath, which may be of any size, is made of evergreens and has four candles, one for each week of Advent. There are either four purple candles with some designation for the third week of Advent or there are three purple candles and one pink or rose candle. Purple is the traditional color of the season, because of its penitential focus, and rose or pink is used to catch our attention, for on the third week of Advent we refocus our attention to the pending arrival of the Christ child.

The true symbolism of the wreath is, light, light increases, pushing out darkness week after week until we get to the celebration of the light of the world coming into the world at Christmas. Wreaths have always been symbolic of victory and glory. The basic symbolism of the Advent Wreath goes beyond this. It lies in the tension between darkness and light. It represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the light of the world.

Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, his historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, his final coming at the end of time, and his special coming in every moment of grace.

As we celebrate this season of prayer, repentance and preparation for the Lord, may we be blessed with His grace each day so that we can look at these weeks and see how blessed we are to appropriately prepare for the birth of our Savior.

Happy Advent!

FAITH FORMATION

VESPER TIME
Deacon Ernie Scrivani will be offering a series of sessions on Frank Cunningham’s recent book, Vesper Time: The Spiritual Practice of Growing Older. Deacon Ernie notes that while the book was written with senior citizens in mind, anyone working through a life transition will benefit from the book. The plan is to meet for 10 sessions on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 starting November 30th. The sessions will be held in the Saint Joseph Church Hall. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Ernie at ernestscrivani@gmail.com.

ADULT CONFIRMATION
It sometimes happens for a variety of reasons that many Catholics do not complete the sacraments of initiation, i.e., they have not received Confirmation. As a result, these individuals are ineligible to serve as sponsors for Baptisms. The Archdiocese offers adult confirmation classes for individuals who are in this position. If you would like to talk about this, please contact Deacon Marty at moconnor@newhaven.edu.

Weekly Financial Summary:  
Financial Information Not Available  
Due to the Early Printing of this Bulletin

The Second Collection Next Weekend is  
The Monthly Collection

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE FAMILY ADVENT WREATH
Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the people, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Dear Parishioners,
Happy New Year!! It might seem that I am pushing things along, but in our Church calendar today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of another Church year. Today we begin the year long journey of remembering and reliving the story of our salvation. In one of his sermons, Saint Augustine reminds us that “Hope is our consolation on the journey”. Indeed, authentic Christian hope is the virtue that best characterizes the holy season of Advent. And so, as our parish continues to journey through this transition, let us do so as people of hope, trusting in God’s goodness and love for all of creation.

This week’s questions:

Why is that our parish will no longer have a resident pastor?
Most of us have encountered the term “priest shortage”. When the numbers underlying this term are applied to our Archdiocese, the picture is daunting. If you are my age (76), you will remember a time when parishes like St Aedan and St. Brendan each would have 3 or even 4 priests assigned to them. Regrettably, those days are long gone. Currently there are only 126 priests to serve the entire Archdiocese. It is estimated that 35 of those priests will retire in the next several years. Currently there are only 15 seminarians in formation. It is essential that priests be assigned to larger parishes, often with multiple worship sites, (such as the parish to which Father Morgewicz is now assigned) just to keep up. Consolidation of parishes is simply a necessity.

If we are affiliated with Assumption Parish or the New Haven Collective of Parishes, will we still worship in our structure on Fountain St.
Yes. While the organizational structure of the parish may change, our beloved sacred space in the heart of Westville will continue to be open for regular worship. As one parishioner mentioned to me at a recent “coffee and”, it requires vision and a new understanding of what a parish is in these challenging times.

Deacon Marty

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**Information Regarding Daily Masses:**

October 13, 2022, was the last daily Mass celebrated at our Church. Both Fr. Glen Dmytryszyn of Our Lady of the Assumption and Fr. Ryan Lerner of St. Mary (The Catholic Parish of New Haven) have sent invitations for any parishioner to join them in the celebration of daily Mass and confession. See below for the churches in the area that offer daily Mass and note their times for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Remember, the weekend Mass at Saints Aedan and Brendan is on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass in Our Area:**

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<td>12:00 noon</td>
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<td>Saint Thomas More Chapel (only during Academic Year)</td>
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<td>Saint Francis Church (Spanish)</td>
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<td>Saint Francis Church (All Saints Catholic Academy School Mass)</td>
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<td>Our Lady of the Assumption Parish (Center Road, Woodbridge)</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Our Lady of the Assumption Parish (Mother Church) Located at 1700 Litchfield Turnpike Woodbridge, CT.</td>
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