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December/January Newsletter
Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year 2022!



From the Desk of the Executive Director...

■ **Greetings!**

December is a month we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord. It is sometimes a month filled with stress in preparation for family gatherings, gift purchases, travel, etc. Sometimes as difficult as it is we need to remember the reason for the season, the incarnation of the Son of God. It is a wondrous time of the



year to reflect how much God loved us that he would send his only Son to live fully as man amongst us.

December has a multitude of other feasts and days of remembrance. Dec 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, Dec 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and of course New Years Eve. On New Years day we welcome in a New Year filled with hope and promise. Throughout all of these

important days your CCA is working hard to keep our parks beautiful and safe for your families to visit loved ones and spend time in prayerful consideration of those who have passed on.

This newsletter encompasses both the months of December and January. From all of us at the CCA, we wish you and your families a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year!

Peace,

John Pinone

For December 2021, 0% Financing!

Any space more than \$ 7,500, pay 24 equal monthly payments for two years*

Any space less than \$ 7,500, pay 12 equal monthly payments for one year*

First months payment due at time of sale. Please call 203-239-2557 to speak with a Family Service Advisor

*Cannot be combined with any other offers. Applies only to Pre-Need Purchases.

Catch us on the Radio!

Join us every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC the Talk of CT

Tune in at 1360 AM, 103.3 FM, 1470 AM (Meriden), and 610 AM (Torrington) to hear Chris Radlicz, our Family Service Director, at CCA and President of Catholic Family Services Association speak about the importance of Pre-Planning issues facing Catholic Families as well as a host of other timely subjects important to Catholics. Tune in every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC the Talk of CT



Want to join our team?



We are hiring... Family Service Advisors (FSAs)

FSAs serve families with care and compassion, while educating and guiding them through the process of making informed decisions for Advanced Planning of Cemetery needs, sudden loss of a loved one's Cemetery needs, and Memorialization products and services. [Read more here...](#)

Pictured left: Christina Zampedri. Christina is our Family Service Advisor serving All Saints Cemetery in North Haven, St. Lawrence Cemetery in West Haven and Mt. St. Peter Cemetery in Derby, and St. Mary Cemetery in New Britain.

***Dignity of Life Seminars!
Learn why Advanced Planning is the
greatest gift to leave your loved
ones...register today!***



■ This Archdiocesan approved program is successfully assisting parishioners with elder care and end-of-life planning. The goal of the session is to provide

- educational and resource information in the areas of burial, estate planning and information about the Catholic Funeral Plan. Let the experts assist you.

For your convenience and safety, we will be offering small-sized in-person seminars on the following days and evenings:

Seminars:

2021

**Tuesday, Dec. 14th
Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel
Meriden, CT
Time: 4:30 PM**

2022

**Tuesday, Feb. 8th
Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel
Meriden, CT
Time: 4:30 PM**

**Tuesday, Feb. 15th
Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel
Meriden, CT
Time: 5:00 PM**

**Tuesday, March 1st
Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel
Meriden, CT
Time: 5:00 PM**

**Tuesday, March 8th
Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel
Meriden, CT
Time: 4:30 PM**

**Thursday, April 28th
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Naugatuck, CT
Times: 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, May 4th
Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel
Meriden, CT
Time: 5:00PM**

**Thursday, May 19th (TENTATIVE)
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Hamden, CT
Times: 2:00 PM and 6:00PM**

**Thursday, May 26th
St. George Church
Guilford, CT
Times: 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, June 9th (TENTATIVE)
St. Frances Cabrini Church
North Haven, CT**

Times: 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, June 22
St. John Paul the Great-
St. Paul Church Hall
Torrington, CT
Time: 2:00PM and 6:00PM**

All interested must register. Seating is limited.

For more information about our Seminars and to register,

please visit

our NEW website or call

our Outreach Coordinator,

Barbara Gode to ask questions (203) 780-8418 or
email her at bgode@ccacem.org

If you would like CCA to offer a complimentary Dignity of Life Seminar at your parish, please call us. We would be happy to contact your pastor.

It is our pleasure to serve the Church.

Introducing...

**The Catholic Funeral Plan ®
Enroll Today!**

Catholic Funeral Plan ® (CFP) is a faith-based, pre-need plan for those age 50 and over. The plan allows Catholics to make their funeral arrangements in advance.

This plan guarantees that, at the time of your passing, the funeral arrangement's you've selected will be executed in accordance with your wishes and the liturgical traditions of the Church.

The plan provides a practical planning tool to ensure that the faithful will receive the funeral they desire, in the fullest Tradition of the Church.

For more information, please visit our website to contact the Cemetery office nearest you. Also, you may register for one of our Dignity of Life Seminars to learn more about the CFP as well. You must register as seating is limited. A Family Service Advisor is ready to answer your questions. Call today at (475) 227-0211

[Read more...](#)

Looking for ways to honor your loved

one throughout the year?

Memorial Candles



Memorial Candles are available for 1, 3 and 5 years...

These electric candles are a beautiful way to remember a loved one. Call one of our Cemeteries today to find out how to give the gift of light all year long.

Flowers for Crypts and Niches

Flowers for every season

Did you know? You can dress up a Crypt or Niche with flowers that are changed four times throughout the year. A beautiful arrangement for each season! Contact us to learn more.



Cameos

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Catholic Cemeteries Association is now offering Porcelain Cameos and Memorial Portraits. Porcelain Cameos are available for benches, Crypts and Niches within any of our 12 Mausoleums. For outdoor memorials, ask about our Memorial Portraits for monuments.



Call a Cemetery

*Aftercare-
Look for our
Memorial Christmas Tree
displayed in our Mausoleums!*

Memorial Christmas Tree

All are welcome to place a Christmas ornament on our Memorial Christmas Tree in honor of a dearly departed loved one. If you would like to keep your ornament, we encourage you to pick it up by **January 7th** at the cemetery office.

Thank you in advance for participating.

To find out which of our cemeteries have mausoleums, please visit our website.

God bless you!

[Click here to select a Cemetery](#)



Words to Ponder...

**Be Faithful to
God's Gift on
Christmas
Night**

by [Pope John Paul II](#)

DESCRIPTION

Pope John Paul II's Homily at Midnight Mass, December 25, 1996.



PUBLISHER & DATE

December 25, 1996

1. "In the depths of the night a voice resounds" (Polish Christmas carol). In the first reading the Prophet Isaiah says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined" (Is 9:1). The light shone because "to us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Is 9:5).

The same Christmas carol identifies that voice in the night: "Come, shepherds, God is born for you; hasten to Bethlehem to greet the Lord". It is the same voice which resounds in the passage of the Gospel of Luke just proclaimed: "In that region there were shepherds out in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. The angel said to them, 'Be not afraid for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger'" (Lk 2:8- 12).

The Christmas carol continues: "[The shepherds set off, and in the manger they found the Child with all the signs which had foretold his birth. They adored him as God..."

2. What St Luke wrote in the Gospel about the birth of the Lord Jesus has been translated into countless songs and works of literature, these make up the rich tradition inspired by Christmas. We bring this tradition with us when we come to Midnight Mass, also called the "Mass of the Shepherds". At this hour Bishops and priests throughout the world join me, the Bishop of Rome, in celebrating this Mass.

In every place liturgical and extra-liturgical songs are proclaiming the joy of the Lord's birth. The angel says: Be not afraid, rejoice! The birth of a human being is always a source of great rejoicing (cf. Jn 16:21).

What great joy then must the birth of the God-Man bring! Isaiah says: "They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest" (Is 9:2). A remarkable harvest! Behold, humanity is ripe for this moment when the Creator is born "of woman". Man, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:27), grows and journeys towards this God-Man, in whom he receives the gift of his own fulfilment and in whom, at the same time, all creation is raised to its fullness.

The responsorial psalm of this liturgy proclaims: "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day" (Ps 96:12). And a Christmas carol echoes: "Let all creation sing to its Lord". This invitation to praise resounds with particular eloquence. Behold: all creation, which the Apostle Paul will describe as "waiting with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God" (Rom 8:19), becomes a witness of the revelation of the Son of God in human flesh. At the same time, this is the beginning and the foundation of the revelation of those who have become sons and daughters of God by reason of the divine adoption to which all people are called.

What profound reasons for joy the Lord's birth gives us!

3. St Paul also speaks of these reasons in the Second Reading: "The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men" (Tit 2:11). The Son of God does not come into the world empty-handed. It is true that in the stable at Bethlehem he receives the gifts of the shepherds but first he himself brings great gifts. His generosity is indescribable: "The loving Father offers us today ineffable gifts from heaven, as the Eternal Word becomes flesh, by his wondrous power" (Christmas carol). Precisely that priceless gift which the Apostle calls "grace" - the gift of a share in the life of God, a universal gift, the opening of the path of eternal salvation-is the most profound source of Christmas joy.

With this joy in our hearts, we celebrate the solemn and beautiful night liturgy. We wish to join the choirs of angels who over the stable of Bethlehem are glorifying the Lord: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" (Lk 2:14).

We pray today for everyone Christians and non- Christians, believers and non-believers alike. For we want to be faithful to the gift brought by God on Christmas night: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, made manifest for all humanity.

From this Basilica of St Peter's, I send everyone a cordial greeting and I pray that this source of joy issuing forth in human history with the birth of the Son of God will be plentiful for all, so that each person may draw from it and quench his thirst. Yes, the

fountain of salvation which God desires to offer to each human being has now been opened. It was for this very reason that he drew near to us and in his Son became like us: true God and true Man.

"God is born man's might is amazed. The Lord of heaven empties himself! The fire subsides, the splendour is veiled, the Infinite is encompassed" (F. Karpinski, Christmas Song). On this night the frontiers of human existence are extended. The Son of God, taking upon himself man's limitations, opens before our eyes the prospect of God's infinity.

"Natus est hodie Salvator mundi".

Today is born the Saviour of the world.
Come, let us adore him!

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Overlooking Waterbury from the top of the Mausoleum at Calvary



Many thanks to **Cindy Tomkowicz from Mary, Mother of the Church Parish** in Waterbury for submitting a photo of the *Sunset over Calvary*. What a beautiful site. If you have taken a picture when visiting one of our cemeteries and would like to share it with us, please submit it. Each time you submit a photo to share and we use it, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card. Note: names will be selected annually beginning in 2022. Here's how to send your photo...please forward it to our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara Gode by emailing it to: bgode@ccacem.org.

Happy picture taking!

A Holy and blessed Christmas to you and yours



*May there be peace in your heart
and in your home!*



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Have a question?

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