

ADVENT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

To register for a program, please call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034

"A CHILD IS BORN UNTO US" (Isa. 9:5): Isaiah 1-12, Part Two

Saturday, December 2; 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 PM

Presenter: Paul D. Sansone



The liturgy of Advent is saturated with texts from the prophet Isaiah. And with good reason: it is the joyful, expectant, and hopeful prophecy of Isaiah that early Christians turned to again and again to better understand Jesus and his mission. In this day-long session, we will focus on selected passages from Isaiah 1-12 that are used in the Advent and Christmas liturgies. We will consider Isaiah's prophetic message and how it continues to shape our perception of Jesus, as we too wait in joyful hope for his coming. *Please bring your own lunch.*

Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible. Suggested Offering: \$30.00

ADVENT NOURISHMENT

Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19; 12:35-12:55 PM; immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass

Join us this Advent at noontime for spiritual and physical nourishment. Gather for the Celebration of the Eucharist at 12:05 p.m. Immediately following Mass, Spiritual Power Talks will be presented in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Our theme is *All Are Welcome with Respect, Compassion and Sensitivity* and our speakers are:

December 5 - Fr. Tom Gallagher, OFM

December 12 - Fatma Antar

December 19 - Faith VosWinkel

A light lunch is provided; Offering: \$5.00 per each luncheon

REEL FAITH: "Roses in December"

Thursday, December 7; 6:30-8:30 PM



Sponsored by the Committee for Social Justice

Film is 56 minutes in length

On December 2, 1980, lay missionary Jean Donovan, along with Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, and Ursuline Dorothy Kazel, were brutally murdered by members of El Salvador's security force. This "sensitive, marvelously constructed film" (Catholic New York) chronicles Jean's life, from her affluent childhood in Connecticut to her decision to volunteer with Maryknoll Sisters in El Salvador, to her tragic death. An award-winning classic for the ages, *Roses in December* is both an eloquent memorial to the commitment of this courageous young woman and a powerful indictment of U.S. foreign policy in Central America.

Co-Facilitators: MaryJoan Picone & Jack Wentland

Free-will Offering

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT

"People Look East: Looking and Waiting with Advent Hope"

Tuesday, December 12; 5:30-8:30 PM

Presenter: Fr. Ken Paulli, OFM

We are delighted to invite Fr. Ken back to Hartford for an evening of presentation and reflection in this season of Advent. Come, be inspired by the seasonal messages of Hope!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 8

Suggested Offering: \$20.00; includes dinner

Presentation only at 6:30 p.m.: \$15.00.

