St. John's Announcements

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You will notice that much work has been accomplished this week on our accessibility project. The stairs and platform have been poured and are in good shape on the southside of the building. The stairs don't currently lead anywhere yet, but for those who have struggled to picture what this is going to look like by the end, this week's work will make it easier to visualize. The sidewalk from the southside to the northside is now complete, so no one will have to walk through the mud or snow to get from the lower parking lot to the upper lot. I am thankful for the work Ansaldi is doing in challenging conditions to get this project done by the Spring.

On Sunday, we will observe Advent IV. This year it is the blessing of the *Bambinelli* day. All are invited to bring their baby Jesus figures to the eucharist for a blessing. Many Christmas preparations are being made. I hope yours are going well. I look forward to seeing you all.

Blessings, Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

No Wednesday Eucharist 12/24

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Christmas Schedule

12/21 - Blue Christmas - 5pm

12/24 - Christmas Eve - 5pm & 10:30pm

12/25 - Christmas Day - 9am

12/28 - Sunday after Christmas - 9am

Blessing of the Bambinelli

With a very busy Rose Sunday this year with special guests and two baptisms, we will do the blessing of the *Bambinelli* on Advent IV December 21st. Parishioners are encouraged to follow this beautiful Italian tradition by bringing in the baby Jesus figures from your home nativity scenes. They will be blessed at the end of the Eucharist at both the 8:00am and 10:00am services.

The Continued life of St. John's, East Hartford

Just as we remember St. Mary's in Manchester every Feast of St. Mary's, we do the same the Sunday before the Feast of St. John's for St. John's in East Hartford. We celebrate these churches who still very much live on in the DNA of our current community. I like the idea of focusing on the feast day of the church, but even I am not so stubborn not to realize the challenges of St. John's feast day being December 27th. We will honor St. John's, East Hartford's life and vibrancy on Advent IV (this year December 21st). On this day, we will show off a few of the artifacts of St. John's and have a special coffee hour.

Medical Equipment Ministry Update – Bill and Diane Gutzmer are now heading up the Medical Equipment Ministry. If you are in need of equipment or would like to donate, please contact Bill and Diane – 860-875-1041, billgutzmer@gmail.com