

In the Classroom

Quabbin Regional High honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School announces the first quarter honor roll.

Grade 9 High Honors

Student in Grade 9 attaining High Honors are Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Greyson Mullins, Whitney Reeves, Madisyn Shotwell, Addison Surprenant, Michael Tabares, John Tyler, Robyn Waltz and Jack Wynne

Grade 9 Honors

Student in Grade 9 attaining Honor Roll are Olivia Abbas-Peck, Emma Ackert, Alison Baptiste, Joseph Cook, Fiona Derr, Brynn Dunphy, Tyler Ellis, Maya Faucher, Silas Flint, Lindsay Fors, Nathan Gingras, Avereys Hyland, Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Allie Lipiec, Sage McQueston, Gemma Mullins, Justin Njenga, Olivia O'Connor, Joseph Perrone, Chloe Richardson, Jillian Rigney, Ava Rogowski, Connor Roohan, Jacob Rosario, Zoey Salvatore, Brianna Souza, Robert Tobin, Mackenzie Toupin, Gareth White and Dylan Woodward

Grade 10 High Honors

Student in Grade 10

attaining High Honors is Chloe Howarth.

Grade 10 Honors

Student in Grade 10 attaining Honor Roll are Brent Benoit, Anyiah Bergeron, Abraham Brown, Eleanor Carroll, Nicholas Carroll, Brian Colleton, Aiden Crane, Kayla Curran, Maya Edouard, Sydney Freeman, Daniella Gaudreault, Callahan Hardy, Samuel Jamieson, Matthew Labrousse, Emma Lindsey, Gianna Montalvo, Niki Nikakhlagh, Anthony Noborini, John Orsini, Ellie Poulin, Moira Powers, Veanna Salvatore, Ava Sobol, Silas Stukuls Barrieau, Benjamin Thompson, Erin Trottier and Catherine Tucker.

Grade 11 High Honors

Student in Grade 11 attaining High Honors are Madeleine Boisselle, Tess Dunphy, Grace Flamand, Kathryn Ford, Anna Hautala and Ella Reeves.

Grade 11 Honors

Student in Grade 11 attaining Honor Roll are Alexa Araujo, Skyler Bard, Jacob Bassett, Halo Bissonnette, Logan Bruley, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Brody Faucher, Kayleigh Fuller, Lilian Hinckley,

Kirk Kaelin II, Sadie Kennan, Sierra Lambert, Jillian LaMontagne, Audrey Laursen, Ailey Majoy, Scarlett Merriman, Anna Metcalf, Kevin Njenga, Samantha O'Connor, Charlotte Oliver, Sadie Ouimette, Sylvan Rector, Jennavicia Roseberry, Emma Ryan, Sienna Shaw, Brady Skinner, Caylee Watts, Brendan Welch, Ellary White and Carlo Zolla.

Grade 12 High Honors

Student in Grade 12 attaining High Honors are Kylee Costello, Elizabeth Matheson and Bianca Wilder

Grade 12 Honors

Student in Grade 12 attaining Honor Roll are Tyler Belden, Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Tricia Brusco, Troy Budreau, Kalina Dyer, Marianna Fjeld, Madeleine Hardy, Emma Kahlau, Anthony Landry, Aidan Mahoney, Grace Manna, Hunter McQueston, Jayne O'Brien, Madeleine Rigney, Aaron Rowell, Lindsey Ryan, Madelyn Stauder, Cameran Vega, Thomas Wigglesworth and Jin Xi Zou.

Monty Tech hosts Wreaths Across America

FITCHBURG – Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, 1050 Westminster St., will host a stop Monday, Dec. 8 at 4:15 p.m. on the 2025 Wreaths Across America “Escort to Arlington,” recognized as the world’s largest veterans parade.

A commemorative ceremony will take place at the school from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Each year, the Wreaths Across America escort trav-

els from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery, visiting schools, memorials and community landmarks while sharing its mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value of freedom. This year’s public events will take place throughout Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The final destination of the escort is Arlington National Cemetery where volunteers will gather on Saturday, Dec. 13 for National Wreaths Across America Day. The tradition began 33 years ago when a Maine wreath maker delivered 5,000 wreaths to Arlington as a gesture of gratitude. Today, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath laying ceremonies at more than 5,500 locations nationwide and overseas.

Sally Fungairino recently elected into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA – Sally Fungairino of Rutland was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University.

Fungairino is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be ini-

tiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 %of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was found-

ed in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann, who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and its territories. Its mission is to “cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning.”

Colleges and universities President’s and Dean’s lists

College of the Holy Cross
Worcester
Dean’s list
Mattison Albano, of Oakham, Class of 2025
Caroline Bierfeldt, of Rutland, Class of 2028
Benjamin King, of Rutland, Class of 2028
Timothy King, of Rutland, Class of 2028
Samantha Shea, of Rutland, Class of 2027
Zoe Yanco, of Rutland, Class of 2025

Holyoke Community College
Holyoke
Morgen Alan Swallow of Oakham

Western New England University
Springfield
President’s list
Shyra McWhorter of North Brookfield
Janelle Mensah of Rutland

Simmons University
Boston
Dean’s list
Christina Hills of Barre

Western New England University
Springfield
Dean’s list
Isaac Josti of Rutland
Mycenna Loescher of Hubbardston
Shyra McWhorter of

North Brookfield
Janelle Mensah of Rutland
Nicholas Warburton of Hardwick

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Manchester, New Hampshire
President’s list
Kaylie Harrington of Rutland
Claire Houlihan of Rutland
Krysta Tarves of North Brookfield
Margaret Lacaire of North Brookfield
Allison Choiniere Hume of Hubbardston
Devin Davenport of Oakham

Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

First Sunday in Advent

“The Son of God, our Hope and our Salvation.”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2 v 1-5

I. Introduction

When we express the hope for things to improve, it suggests that the current situation is less than ideal or not what we would prefer.

Some individuals may encounter genuinely challenging circumstances, while others may simply require minor adjustments. We also express our hopes and dreams for things to come true, maybe something you have been waiting for, for a while. We hope for answers to come, and we wait in anticipation for that to happen. We feel deep gratitude when our circumstances improve, because what we hoped for came to pass.

II. The Son of God, our Hope and our Salvation

The Book of Isaiah is divided into three parts. In this first section Isaiah receives the vision from God, warning the people of Judah, in the Southern Kingdom about their forthcoming suffering, because of their religious failures. Jerusalem will be destroyed, but will be renewed later, because of Yahweh’s grace and mercy upon them.

He later prophesied that a Saviour would be born to save the nations from their iniquities. In Chapter 1 we read about Israel’s rebellion and injustices and refusal to submit to the ways and values of Yahweh. We read about warfare and injustices, and how “the nation that postures as the stronger one, tramples on the weaker on, and then violence follows”, says John N Oswalt in his commentary on Isaiah.

Then here in verses 2 – 5, the author describes to the

people of Israel the promise that in future days the renewal of Israel will come. They will become a light to the nations who will stream to it to hear the message of God, and they will walk in the light of God’s ways. This is a message of hope and change, despite their rebellion; the hope they have in Yahweh, who will forgive and renew them.

They will become God’s instruments in bringing the nations together to hear God’s message of peace. Isaiah describes how God will settle disputes between the nations and bring peace; and transform their ways so they will lay down their weapons and change them into useful tools. They will beat their swords into plow shares, using the blade in front of the plow instead, and their spears will become pruning hooks to use for pruning grapevines and trees.

This image is a transformative vision for the people of Israel and the nations who will stream to Zion to learn the truths about Yahweh, about peace and love, instead of violence, conflicts and war, destruction, chaos, despair and uncertainty. Yahweh will give them hope and bring them comfort and peace.

III. Conclusion

Isaiah’s message is intended for Israel then and for future generations, to know that God, in the words of Paul Wedner, “is not finished with Israel”, or with the world of our day. The world, as we know it, is not always a place of justice and peace.

For many, there is very little or no hope for better lives. There are many efforts to provide for the poor, to bring about change and peace into various settings and contexts, but to bring about change and peace is hard work. From God’s perspective, peace can only

fully be realized when people walk in the light of God (verse 5). Jeremiah 6:14 addresses those who claim to pursue peace and frequently speak of it, yet their actions do not result in genuine peace. Jesus Himself in John 14 v 27 says “I do not give peace the way the world gives.”

Instead, He left us His true peace that cares and comforts, heals the sick, and makes living worthwhile, where compassion and loving kindness are the ingredients of the lives of those who follow Christ and Yahweh. The birth of Christ gives us hope, because in Christ we have what we need to bring about a world the way God envisioned it. As the church of Christ, we know that our hope is in God through Christ, even when things look grim and our lives seem to fall apart. God is still not done with us and the world of today, even though it increasingly feels and looks like hope and peace remain elusive.

Despite their rebellion and iniquities, the people of Judah and Israel were given another chance, a message of hope that would transform their lives.

We too, as individuals can return to God when we feel we have sinned and strayed away from the ways of God, and found ourselves in situations of conflict and strife, and so can the nations of the world. May the God of hope make us instruments of this hope and help us to pray and trust that we will see our prayers heard, and experience peace and joy during this advent time. This is why the Son of God was born, to give us hope and our salvation.

Amen.

Pastor Margaret Keyser
Barre Congregational Church
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Public Notices

Barre Conservation Commission Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on a Notice of Intent for an after-the-fact filing for addition to existing house and driveway/lawn regrading located at 401 Old Coldbrook Road, Assessors Map H, Lot 242 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds Book 63637, Page 0299. From: Paul Perkins 401 Old Coldbrook Road Barre, MA 01005 To be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005. Ronald Rich, Chairman 12/04/2025	PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON December 20, 2025 AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE: 2017 Acura MDX VIN 5FRYD4H86HB022945 2012 Nissan Sentra VIN 3N1AB6AP9CL729928 1998 Toyota Corolla VIN 2T1BR18E6WC066748 2005 Lexus GX 470 VIN JTJBT20X850095467 2014 Volkswagen Jetta VIN 3VW4T7AJ1EM215980 2006 Pontiac G6 VIN 1G2ZG55846261930 2012 Ford Fusion VIN 3FAHP0HA1CR253074 2009 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD VIN 1GCHK53K49F165339 2002 Ford F-250 Super Duty VIN 1FTNF21L62EC99976 2022 Hyundai TUCSON VIN KM8JFCAE2NU103513 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee VIN 1C4RJFAG5FC675627 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee VIN 1C4RJFBG5KC671604 2011 Volvo VNM 4V4MC9DG2BN296105 The sale will be held at Early’s on Park Ave. 536 Park Ave. Worcester, MA 01603 12/04, 12/11, 12/18/2025
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