



**ST. JOHN BOSCO**  
*Parish*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**"DO YOU WANT OUR  
LORD TO GIVE YOU  
MANY GRACES? VISIT  
HIM OFTEN."**

**ST. JOHN BOSCO**

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# SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH

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*St. Mary*

731 MAIN ST, BRANFORD

*St. Therese*

105 LEETES ISLAND RD, BRANFORD

## Welcome TO SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH!

UNITING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. ELIZABETH, ST. MARY, & ST. THERESE

*Established June 29, 2017*

### PARISH OFFICE

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Frank Hall (St. John Bosco)

Barbara Travisano (St. George)

### BAPTISM

Please contact the  
St. Mary Office to schedule  
baptisms at either church.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact us at least six  
months in advance so we can help  
you start planning your big day.

### VOCATIONS

Interested in the priesthood or  
religious life? Contact the Office of  
Vocations at vocations@aohct.org

# MASS SCHEDULE

LIVE-STREAM EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

DAILY MASSES	MON—FRI - 7:30 AM ST. MARY
SATURDAY VIGIL	4:00 PM ST. THERESE   5:00 PM ST. MARY
SUNDAY MASSES	7:30 AM ST. MARY   9:30 AM ST. MARY   11:30 AM ST. THERESE
CONFESSIONS	SATURDAY - 4:00-4:30 PM ST. MARY   OR BY APPOINTMENT

## SANCTUARY LAMPS are lit this week in memory of:

ST. MARY	ST. THERESE:
Lena & Nick Morizzo	People of SJB Parish

Let's pray for  
our departed  
loved ones...

Eternal rest, grant  
unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual  
light shine upon  
them. Amen

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Alfred Angelo, Charlene Apuzzo, Violeta Atienza, Alice Austin, Barbara Baisley, Elaine Balogh, Roseanne Barocini, Peter Bassermann, David Boyle, Rich Bradley, Polly Brancato, Lena Briganti, Linda Burns, Carmine & Rose Calandrella, Frank & Carol Casapulla, John Cassella, Richard Chiappa, Jean Cimmino, Richard Costanzo, Mary Frances Coughlin, Catherine Criscuolo, Diane Cusack, Jill Daly, Rose DeJager, Gina Depukat, Maria Devlin, Henry Dziekan, Carol Duell, David Eschrich, Denise Farina, Joseph Fattore, Joseph & Michelina Fazzino, Steven Fernicola, Pasquale Fico, Toni Florentine, Concetta Frase, Tonia Gaffney, Frances Gambardella, Sophie Gassira, Janyce Gilman, Mary Hahn, Joan Hardwick, Cecilia Hipski, Claire Jannetti, Karen Jensen, Gretchen Korman, Peter Koval, Lynn LaCroix, Richard Lafferty, Anthony Lasala, Ronnie Lazzaro, Florence Litnickas, Catherine Lynch, Nancy Lyons, Albert Maggelet, Cheryl Maiorino, Robert Malaguti, Janet Marotta, Edward J. Marotta, Jr., Daniella Martone, Samantha McGovern, Jacquie McGuire, Scott McHugh, LaVerne McKenzie, Matthew McMinn, Dick & Thelma Merrill, John Migliaro, Anthony Milici, David Milici, Millie Millea, Robert Mobeck, Garrett Modica, Donald Morrissey, Barbara Mullen, Janyce Murphy, Kevin O'Donnell, Irene Pahlsson, Gene Palmieri, Pat Patton, Josephine Perry, Jake Perry, Ann Petrowski, John Pirtel, Zachary Price, Louis Raucci, Priscilla Reynolds, Marsha Roach, Brian Rolka, Melissa SanSouci, Becky Schwartz, Madelyn Shedd, Lynn Siderski, Mark Simpson, Wendy Skelton, Peggy Smith, Michael Staunton, Sheryl Sullivan, Mary Ellen Taddei, Marlene Tarutis, Lyla Rose Theoharides, Marc Ventresca, & Ann Walsh

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Lt. Thomas Daly, Ens. Denis Daly, E5 John P. DePalma, Lt. Jacob Hallgren, SGM Edward Masotta, Cpl. Christopher Masulli, LCpl Vincent Morton, Cpl. Brendan F. O'Neill, TSgt. Philip M. Pagnotti, PO2 Nicholas Sekscenski, 1st Lt. John Schmaltz, Cadet Oliver Shannon, Capt. Matthew Spaziante, PO3 Charles Termini, SPC Nick Termini



## WELCOME BACK!

For those still unable to attend in person,  
LIVE-STREAM MASS 9:30 AM EVERY SUNDAY

FACEBOOK.COM/SAINTJOHNBOSCOBRANFORD  
YOUTUBE.COM/SAINTJOHNBOSCOBRANFORD



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 4:00 PM (St. T) + Mary Edwards (Family)  
5:00 PM (St. M) + Timothy A. Hanchuruck (Brothers)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 7:30 AM (St. M) + Conroy & Brown Families (Shelley Conroy-Chebuske)  
9:30 AM (St. M) + Melissa Marottoli, Gina Parisi, & JoAnne Viscuso (Family)  
11:30 AM (St. T) + Frank Nesi (Elaine & Ed Schwartz) — Birthday Remembrance

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

- 7:30 AM + Grace McPadden (Family)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — St. Matthew, Apostle

- 7:30 AM People of St. John Bosco Parish

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 7:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving (Ziaks Family)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — St. Pius of Pietrelcina

- 7:30 AM + John Barletta, Sr. (Family)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 7:30 AM + Marie Masotta (Family)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 4:00 PM (St. T) + Angela Joan Rynne (Mary Rynne & Family)  
5:00 PM (St. M) + Anita Shanoff (Francis Shanoff, Jr.) — Birthday Remembrance

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 7:30 AM (St. M) + Alexander A. Palluzzi, Sr. (Traca Family) — Birthday Remembrance  
9:30 AM (St. M) + Frank J. Kinney, III (Wife & Children)  
+ John Miranda (Bosco Miranda)  
11:30 AM (St. T) + Iaia, Lisella, & Grimm Families (Family)



**Live-Stream Assistant Needed!** — We are looking for an adult or teen to assist with the weekly live-streaming of Sunday Mass. Contact Jorge Prego at [jprego@saintjohnboscobranford.org](mailto:jprego@saintjohnboscobranford.org).

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## CURRENT IN-PERSON MASSES

Daily Masses (Mon-Fri)

7:30 AM - ST. MARY

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM - ST. THERESE

5:00 PM - ST. MARY

Sunday Masses

7:30 AM - ST. MARY

9:30 AM - ST. MARY

11:30 AM - ST. THERESE

Saturday Confessions

4:00 PM - ST. MARY, or by appt.

\*The dispensation from the Sunday obligation expires on MAY 22, 2021 except for those with valid health concerns

FOR MORE GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.SAINTJOHNBOSCOBRANFORD.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTJOHNBOSCOBRANFORD.ORG)

## COVID GUIDELINES & DISPENSATION

The Archdiocese of Hartford released the following information based on the State's guidelines which took effect on May 19, 2021. Please read all of the information below carefully, and reach out to the Parish Office with any questions. You can also visit [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus) where both letters dated May 10th are posted. We look forward to continuing to safely welcome you and your family back to Mass!

**1) AS OF SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021, THE GENERAL DISPENSATION TO ATTEND MASS IN-PERSON ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION HAS BEEN LIFTED.**

*However, since the risk of infection, though diminished, still remains, the following individuals with valid health concerns or fears about the virus may legitimately decide not yet to attend:*

Those suffering from serious pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible to COVID-19; Those who are ill or homebound or who are caregivers in close contact with someone who is; Those who have tested positive for any contagious disease, including COVID-19; and Those who are in quarantine due to exposure to any contagion, or who reside with someone who is quarantined.

**2) LIVE-STREAMING WILL CONTINUE FOR THE TIME BEING FOR THOSE WHO STILL CANNOT ATTEND IN-PERSON.**

**3) OUR TEMPORARY COVID MASS SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE (see graphic) UNTIL ATTENDANCE NUMBERS WARRANT THE RETURN TO 6 MASSES PER WEEKEND.**

The St. Mary Hall will continue to be set up for overflow seating in some capacity, for those who choose to sit there instead of the

main church. Confessions will not resume at St. Therese until proper updates are made to the Reconciliation room.

### 4) THE FOLLOWING INDOOR GUIDELINES HAVE TAKEN EFFECT:

- 100% capacity with no pew tape/ropes or specific social distancing (*Socially distanced seating available in St. Mary Hall*)
- **Masks are still optional for those who have been fully vaccinated, although highly recommended**
- Congregational singing is permitted once again with masks, *although we will not encourage full congregational singing at St. John Bosco until a later date, to allow our parishioners time to ease back into in-person Mass.*
- Use of restrooms available during Mass
- Sign of Peace can resume but with no hand contact
- Holy water fonts will remain empty and there will still be no Offertory procession
- We will continue to use the offertory boxes at both churches in lieu of passing the basket

### 5) MINISTRY MEETINGS WILL FOLLOW THESE SAME GUIDELINES:

- 100% capacity in the Hall with use of tables and no specific social distancing
- **Masks are still optional for those who have been fully vaccinated, although highly recommended**
- No sanitization afterwards by volunteers (parish staff will handle)
- Multiple meetings can be scheduled at the same time in the St. Mary Hall with the use of the room dividers, as needed.
- Coffee and.. and any other food gathering is still suspended until further notice

# PARISH NEWS, MINISTRIES, & EVENTS



## Online Giving

### Online Giving Platform UPDATE

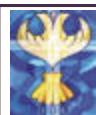
Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email from “[hub@osvhub.com](mailto:hub@osvhub.com)” with instructions on how to log into the new system—*this is not spam*. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more info coming very soon. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to sign up for Online Giving, visit [www.saintjohnboscobranford.org/onlinegiving](http://www.saintjohnboscobranford.org/onlinegiving).



### HOPES Collection — The

HOPES Collection (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by

providing our schools with individual HOPES grants, including our own East Shoreline Catholic Academy. These grants help fund vital advances in technology, safety and the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools. Please help us continue to provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by contributing to the 2021 HOPES collection next weekend. Thank you for your support! You can also use our Online Giving system for donations.



### Congratulations...

With great joy we welcome Francesca Bee Pivrotto, Jacob Anthony Leblanc, and Brycen Patrick Elijah O'Connor to our parish family. They were baptized last weekend. Congratulations to their families!



**Congratulations...** to Kimberly Jassil and Stephen Tarquino, married last weekend. May the Lord always keep them close to each other and to Himself!



### RCIA

It's not too late for anyone still interested in taking a closer look at the Catholic faith and would like to be a part of this year's RCIA — to become Catholic or complete your sacraments. Please join us at 10:30 AM every Sunday in the St. Mary Conference Room. Contact Nadine Toren at 203-671-8002 or [nadine528@att.net](mailto:nadine528@att.net) for more information.



### Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser — The

Women's Group will be sponsoring a Lyman Orchards Pie & Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sale as a parish fundraiser starting next weekend (Sept 26-Oct 24), to be delivered on November 23 just in time for Thanksgiving! Stay tuned for more order information next weekend.



### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Saturday, October 2 at 1:00 PM**

Drive-Thru Blessing at St. Therese

**Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 PM**

Blessing on the Branford Green

Animal Awareness Day 12:00-5:00 PM



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 22 — October 31

Please join the Life & Dignity Ministry in prayer and fasting, and various events, to help bring about a greater respect and reverence for the dignity and sanctity of human life. Every morning during Daily Mass we will place a white cross and the Monument to the Unborn at St. Mary. Stay tuned for more events and fundraisers during these upcoming 40 days! Some resources:

#### IMPRINT Magazine

Pick up a free copy of the Sisters of Life's *Imprint* magazine in either church vestibule, with inspiring content about the beauty and dignity of human life at all stages.

#### LET LOVE Podcast

Join the Sisters of Life on Season 6 of their podcast as they dive into St. John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life* and unpack the awesome reality that each person is made in the image of God. Visit <https://sistersoflife.org/let-love-podcast/>.



### Mothers Group Book Study — The Mothers

Group will be sponsoring a women's fall book study using Bishop Baron's new book *Eucharist*, **meeting for four Tuesday evenings on October**

**5, 19, November 2, and 16 at 6:45PM in the St. Mary Hall.** The three chapters of this short book offer a reintroduction to the ancient meaning and power of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol of Christ, but something far more powerful and beautiful. Come as you are, as we learn and discuss together. For more info and to purchase a book, contact Catherine Shannon at 203-767-6670 or [cathshan@gmail.com](mailto:cathshan@gmail.com).



### Midnight Run Resumes!

Back to normal (almost!). We'll be making and bagging sandwiches on **Monday, September 20th at 1:30 PM in St. Mary Hall.** They will be delivered to those in need in New Haven. We'll be making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches this month. If you're interested in making and bagging, just show up a little before 1:30PM. **Our supplies need replenishing, so donations of individual juice boxes, fruit cups or snacks would also be much appreciated.** These should be left in the St. Mary Hall before 9/20 and marked for Midnight Run. Contact Nora Cash at 203-481-8896 or [ncash@snet.net](mailto:ncash@snet.net). Thanks to all as we resume this effort!

# CONNECT WITH US

YOU CAN USE THESE RESOURCES TO FIND GREAT INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

SAINTJOHNBOSCOBRANFORD.ORG |  MYPARISHAPP |  /SAINTJOHNBOSCOBRANFORD

## MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

<p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b></p> <p><b>RCIA — 10:30-12:00 PM in St. Mary Conf. Room</b></p> <p><b>Faith Formation Family Meetings — St. Mary &amp; St. Therese</b></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</b></p> <p><b>RCIA — 10:30-12:00 PM in St. Mary Conf. Room</b></p> <p>Contact Nadine Toren at nadine528@att.net or 203-671-8002</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b></p> <p><b>Midnight Run — 1:30 PM in St. Mary Hall</b> Contact Nora Cash at 203-481-8896 or nscash@snet.net</p> <p><b>Legion of Mary — 6:00 PM in St. Mary Hall</b> Contact Immacula Didier at macdi64@gmail.com</p> <p><b>“The Chosen” Season Finale — 7:00 PM in St. Therese Hall</b> Contact Kim Reinwald at youth@saintjohnboscobranford.org</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</b></p> <p><b>Legion of Mary — 6:00 PM in St. Mary Hall</b> Contact Immacula Didier at macdi64@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</b></p> <p>No meetings or events scheduled</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28</b></p> <p>No meetings or events scheduled</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22</b></p> <p>No meetings or events scheduled</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29</b></p> <p>No meetings or events scheduled</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</b></p> <p><b>Mothers Group — 8:15 AM at Foote Park</b> Contact Catherine Shannon at cathshan@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Women’s Group Craft Group — 1 PM in St. T Parish Center</b></p> <p><b>Bereavement Support Group — 6:30 PM in St. Mary Hall</b> Contact Joanne at jfresco@stmarybranford.org or 203-488-1607</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b></p> <p><b>Mothers Group — 8:15 AM at Foote Park</b> Contact Catherine Shannon at cathshan@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Women’s Group Craft Group — 1 PM in St. T Parish Center</b></p> <p><b>Bereavement Support Group — 6:30 PM in St. Mary Hall</b> Contact Joanne at jfresco@stmarybranford.org or 203-488-1607</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</b></p> <p>No meetings or events scheduled</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1</b></p> <p>No meetings or events scheduled</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25</b></p> <p>No meetings or events scheduled</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2</b></p> <p><b>Drive-Thru Blessing of the Animals — 1 PM at St. Therese</b></p> <p><b>HomeFront Work Day</b> Contact Ron at 203-488-1607 or rshea@saintjohnboscobranford.org</p>

## Stay in Touch With Us Online!



- Parish Website — [www.saintjohnboscobranford.org](http://www.saintjohnboscobranford.org)
- Evangelus — sign up for parish emails/texts at [eva.us/johnbosco](http://eva.us/johnbosco) or text JOHNBOSCO to 55321
- Facebook page — [www.facebook.com/saintjohnboscobranford](http://www.facebook.com/saintjohnboscobranford)
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# Spark Your Faith

## LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY MINISTRY CORNER

Spreading God's message of life and love, one person at a time — We are called to be Missionaries of Life and for all of Life, building the "Culture of Life" and promoting human dignity through Truth, Beauty and Good Will.

### Simple Lessons from St. Pope John II — On Conscience and Making Choices

#### BE INSPIRED:

"For man has in his heart a law written by God. To obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged."

- Pope St. John Paul II

"Deep within his conscience, man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment."

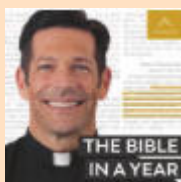
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1954

#### THINK:

Quiet your thoughts, ask yourself "do I listen and attend to a voice deep within me calling me to do good and avoid evil" in situations, interactions, and reactions each day? Do I stop and consider "what ought I do or do whatever I feel like?"

#### SERVE:

This week: set your phone alarm for 3 times per day. Spend 5 minutes listening to your mind and heart, paying attention to the deepest voice within you. As you go about your day, re visit the call to do what is good when you would rather do what you feel like. Practice makes perfect!



Join Fr. John for  
"The Bible In A Year"  
Podcast and Reflections!  
[WWW.SAINTJOHNBOSCO.BRANFORD.ORG/BIBLEINAYEAR](http://WWW.SAINTJOHNBOSCO.BRANFORD.ORG/BIBLEINAYEAR)

**14th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference**  
Saturday, September 25, 2021  
Conference Theme:  
**The Most Holy Rosary**

Keynote Speaker:  **Fr. Ralph Martin**  
Keynote Speaker:  **Fr. Donald Callahan, MHI**

[www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)  
Details/Purchase Tickets

Location:  
**New Britain Stadium**  
An Outdoor Venue  
Doors open at 7:30am  
and the event starts at 8:30am

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 **Fr. Mike Scanlon**  
 **Fr. Robert O'Connell**  
 **Bishop Gene Conroy**  
 **Fr. Tom O'Connell**  
 **Fr. John O'Connell**

**Music By:**  
 **The O'Connells**

*marriage anniversary celebration*

ALL THOSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE WHO HAVE OR WILL BE CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020 AND 2021 ARE INVITED TO JOIN ARCHBISHOP BLAIR FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 2:00 PM

Talk to your Pastor to find out more or register for the event at [bit.ly/uohmarriageanniversary](http://bit.ly/uohmarriageanniversary)



## HomeFront Day — October 2nd

Although we were not able to assemble a team of parish volunteers in time for the June day of service, HomeFront has scheduled a fall work day on **Saturday, October 2nd**, and we are reaching out once again for "handy" parishioners who would like to join our team. As you may recall, HomeFront, Inc. is a community-based, volunteer-driven program (affiliated with the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry) that is dedicated to keeping low-income neighbors in their homes with an improved quality of life through the completion of free home repairs. HomeFront has identified a local homeowner having a "wish list" of repairs that could be addressed in one day. Those interesting in volunteering their skills (and who have not previously submitted their names) should contact the parish business office.



# EAST SHORELINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A STREAM Model and Successor School of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary Schools

East Shoreline Catholic Academy (ESCA) is an inter-parish school of St. George, St. Margaret, and St. John Bosco Parishes, serving Pre-K 3 through Grade 8. We are a “think forward” school that places high priority on learning, leadership, and 21st Century skill applications. We guide our children’s developing relationship with God in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic faith and provide a rigorous learning environment that fosters academic excellence.

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## Rest in Peace



We are deeply saddened by the loss of ESCA Paraprofessional Carol Marra. Carol Marra was a paraprofessional at both St. Mary School and ESCA. Carol truly was the best of us. She loved her “little ones” and made a spiritual impact not only upon our students but to her colleagues and all that knew her. A Eucharistic minister, she shared her strong faith in and outside of the church and school. She loved to read Bible stories to the children and counsel her colleagues with a message of God’s love and strength. She radiated her love for Christ and that love touched all that were blessed to have her in their lives. To say she will be truly missed in our classrooms and lives is an understatement.



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## First ESCA School Mass

Fr. John Gancarz, Parochial Vicar of St. John Bosco Parish, celebrated ESCA's first Mass of the school year for our eighth grade students! The first reading was read by eighth grader Nora, and Sr. Annette provided the music. We are so blessed to have the continued support of our parishes and pastors from St. Margaret, Madison, St. George, Guilford, and St. John Bosco, Branford.



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### Consecration to Mary — Not Too Late!

All parishioners and families of the Archdiocese of Hartford are invited to join Archbishop Blair, our own Fr. John, and other shepherds throughout the Archdiocese in making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary this Fall (September 4-October 7). We will be using the book *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary—Following in the Spirit of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower*. The book approaches the Consecration through the spirituality of St. Thérèse and is ideal for adults and children. Each day of the Consecration participants may follow along with the book and with a daily posted video of an Archdiocesan shepherd leading us in reading, prayer and reflection. **Books are still available in the Parish Office and Faith Formation Office for \$2.** Please also contact the Parish Office if you would like to receive a daily text or email with the link to the daily video.

### 50 Ways to Pray with Your Kids In 5 Minutes or Less

30. In the car at the end of the day have each person share one way they saw God present.



## FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022 REGISTRATION PAST DUE!

We welcome our parish families and children back to fall classes and all the opportunities to continue growing in faith together through instruction, youth ministry, and service.

**First Reconciliation Prep: Grades 1– 2 (Pre-K/K optional)**

**First Holy Communion Prep: Grade 3**

**Knowing and Living Your Faith Study: Grades 4-8**

**Confirmation Prep: Grades 9-10**

Register for this year's classes is now **PAST DUE**. Visit <https://www.saintjohnboscobranford.org/faithformation> for complete schedule of classes and for the online registration form. Contact Faith Formation Program Coordinator Jenny Smith with any questions or concerns at 203-488-2998, ext. 202 or [confirmation@saintjohnboscobranford.org](mailto:confirmation@saintjohnboscobranford.org).

### FAMILY MEETING & BLESSING — TODAY!

**Sunday, September 19**

**Pre-K-Gr 2:** 9:30-11:00AM St T

**Gr 7-8:** 4:30-6:00PM St T

**Gr 3-4:** 1:00-2:30PM St T

**Gr 9:** 5:45-7:15PM St M

**Gr 5-6:** 2:45-4:15PM St T

**Gr 10:** 7:30-9:00PM St M



### Catechists and Volunteers Needed!

Faith grows when it is shared! Visit [www.saintjohnboscobranford.org/catechist](http://www.saintjohnboscobranford.org/catechist) or contact Faith Formation Program Coordinator Jenny Smith at [confirmation@saintjohnboscobranford.org](mailto:confirmation@saintjohnboscobranford.org) or 203-488-2998, ext. 202 for more information. Thank you for any contribution you can make to our youth and our parish!

## Celebrating Children

Dear Parents of our young parishioners,

Our parish enthusiastically welcomes your growing family to fully celebrate with us.

May we suggest:

- **Relax.** God put the wiggle in children; **Don't** feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- **Sit towards the front or aisle** where it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- **Quietly explain** the parts of the Mass.
- **Sing** the hymns, **pray** the prayers and **say** the responses.  
*Children learn from your actions*
- If you must leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but **please come back**. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me" Mt 19:14

### Note to all Parishioners:

The presence of children is a gift to our Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a reminder of the growth and future of our Church. Please welcome our children and their parents, and give them a big smile of encouragement!



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