

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## Roman Catholic Church

1650 ROUTE 12 GALES FERRY, CONNECTICUT 06335

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH BISHOP MICHAEL COTE**

A Holy Hour is a devotion in which we spend one hour in prayer, dedicating that time to be with Jesus.

**Thursday, January 20, 2022**

**Sacred Heart Church**

56 Sacred Heart Drive  
Groton, CT 06340

**6 - 7 PM**

**COME and join in prayer with Bishop Cote and our faith communities for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life.**

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.\* Matthew 18: 20

Eucharistic Holy Hour Live-Stream: [facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/](https://facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/)

### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass  
 Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Live Stream) & 5:00 PM  
 Monday: 9:00 AM Mass, Divine Mercy Novena  
 Tuesday: 9:00 AM Mass, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena  
 Wednesday: No Mass  
 Thursday: No Mass  
 Friday: No Mass

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
 Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM at St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT  
 First Friday of the Month (February 4., 2022) 9:30-Noon Sacred Heart Church, 56 Sacred Heart Drive, Groton, CT

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Sundays after the 8:30 AM Mass or upon request

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM or by appointment

### BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS BY APPOINTMENT

**Baptismal Preparation** - Please contact the Rectory  
**Wedding Arrangements** - Please contact the Rectory to schedule at least six months in advance

### CURRENT MEETINGS

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Back Conference Room  
**Bereavement Support Group** – Next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the back conference room of the rectory. .  
**Bible Study** - Next meeting is Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Rectory Front Conference Room.  
**Knights of Columbus:** 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month by on line Zoom Meeting. Contact Vincent LaBarbera for more information 860-572-0026.  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Guild:** Please contact Kathy Capon at [kbcapon@gmail.com](mailto:kbcapon@gmail.com) for more information.  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Next meeting January 20, 2022 at 12:30 PM in the Rectory Back Conference Room.  
**Workshop Ladies** - Every Monday at 10:00 AM in the Hall Library.  
**Youth Group** - Meeting in person. Please contact our Religious Education Director, Josephine Cometa at 860-464-7251.

### PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Brian J. Converse, CH (COL) CT ARNG,  
 Dean of New London Deanery  
 Parochial Vicar, Rev. Brian Maxwell  
 Deacon William McGann, CDR, USN (RET)  
 Parish Business Manager: Debra Sajkowicz  
 Administrative Secretaries: Mrs. Josephine Cometa & Mrs. Hillary Geoly  
 Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Karen Hodgdon

### FAITH FORMATION

Mrs. Sheila McGann, RCIA  
 Mrs. Josephine Cometa, PreK-9th Grade Religious Education Director

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Jesse N. Glaude, Director of Music

### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

50 Sacred Heart Drive, Groton, CT 06340  
 Dr. Gail Kingston, School Principal, 860-445-0611



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 Bulletin Announcement Email: [secretary@ololgf.org](mailto:secretary@ololgf.org)  
 Please Remember Our Lady of Lourdes Endowment Fund in Your Will.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 15** - Weekday; BVM

5:00 PM Wendy Cooper req. by her Classmate

**Sunday, January 16** - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM Neville Greaves req. by a friend

11:00 AM Frederick Gadue req. by Loretta and Lionel Cadorette

5:00 PM Msgr. Michael T. Donahue

**Monday, January 17** - Saint Anthony, Abbot

9:00 AM Special Intention (Living) req. by Stephanie Carnaroli

**Tuesday, January 18** - Weekday

9:00 AM Carl and Anna Annino req. by their son Carl, Jr.

**Wednesday, January 19** - Weekday

**No Mass**

**Thursday, January 20** - Weekday; Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

**No Mass**

**Friday, January 21** - Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

**No Mass**

**Saturday, January 22** - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

5:00 PM Wendy Cooper req. by a friend

**Sunday, January 23** - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM Msgr. Michael T. Donahue

11:00 AM Juanito Agagon req. by the Datu Family

5:00 PM Doreen Bush req. by a neighbor



## CALENDAR

Please visit our Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com @ololgf](http://www.facebook.com/ololgf)

or website [www.ololgf.org](http://www.ololgf.org) for updated information.

The following will be Live Streamed and can be viewed

on [www.facebook.com @ololgf](http://www.facebook.com @ololgf)

If you do not have a Facebook Account you can view the Live Stream Mass on:

[http://facebook.com/ololgf/live\\_videos](http://facebook.com/ololgf/live_videos)

The Church will be open for private prayer

daily 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday, January 16, 2022 - 9:00 AM

Sacred Heart Church (on Facebook follow "Sacred Heart Parish Groton, CT" to view live streamed Mass)

No Live Stream at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday, January 23, 2022 - 11:00 AM

### Faith Formation Volunteers Needed!

Our Lady of Lourdes is looking for volunteers for the Faith Formation program to assist catechists or be a substitute when needed. Also, we are looking for a 1st grade catechist. Lesson plans will be provided a head of time. For more information please contact Josephine Cometa 860-464-7251 or [ffo@ololgf.org](mailto:ffo@ololgf.org).

### Please Join Us for Adoration

Please join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church and Sacred Heart Church for Adoration. Adoration will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 AM-8:45 AM and at Sacred Heart Church on the first Friday of the Month (January 7, 2022) from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Noon.

### Offertory Update

January 8/9

**Not available at time of publication**

We wish to express our thanks to Carmen and Ruben Jose, Katherine Miller, Nancy and John Pistel and Julie and John Stallcop for their donations to the Our Lady of Lourdes Endowment Fund. We appreciate all you do to help sustain the viability of our Church.

If you are unable to attend Mass please go to [www.ololgf.org](http://www.ololgf.org) and follow the "Online Giving" tab on our website.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

St. Vincent de Paul Place

120 Cliff St, Norwich, CT

**Free Vaccination Clinic for Ages**

**5 to 11 yrs. old & 12+, adults**

1/19/2022

2pm-6pm

Offering Pfizer, Moderna, J&J Boosters Shots to Eligible Individuals

A vaccination clinic will be at St. Vincent de Paul Place providing FREE COVID-19 vaccinations for children between the ages of 5-11

yrs old & 12+, adults— walk-ins welcome, no appointment required.

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.



**Lector Schedule**

**January 22, 2022**  
**5:00 PM - G. Morea**

**January 23, 2022**  
**8:30 AM - D. Sargent**  
**11:00 AM - W. Olsen**  
**5:00 PM - S. Vincent**

**Bulletin Deadline: Fridays at 12 Noon**  
**RCIA Inquirers: Josephine Cometa: 860-464-7251**  
**Baptism Class: Dcn. Bill McGann as needed**



**Tuesday, January 18**  
**at 10:00 AM in the**  
**Front Rectory**  
**Conference Room**

**Have you been wanting to study the Bible but aren't sure where to start or how to go about it?**

Bible Study group will meet each week Tuesday's 10-11:30AM in the back conference room to walk through Ascension's Bible in a Year plan with Father Mike Schmitz & spend additional time deepening our Faith and relationship with God through personal witnesses, courses and testimonials. Attendees are asked to wear masks. Please RSVP to Jody Triche by calling 860-287-1241 or by emailing [trichejody@gmail.com](mailto:trichejody@gmail.com)

**Bookkeeper Needed**

Our three parishes are looking for a part time bookkeeper (10-12 hours a week). Ideal candidates will have experience with Quickbooks, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and Payroll. Minimum two years experience a must, payroll tax knowledge required. For more information or to submit resumes, please contact: **Debbie Sajkowicz Email: [businessmgr@ololgf.org](mailto:businessmgr@ololgf.org)**

**Rectory Office Hours & Locations**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**  
 1650 Route 12 - Gales Ferry, CT 06335  
 860-464-7251/ [secretary@ololgf.org](mailto:secretary@ololgf.org)  
 Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Saint Mary, Mother of the Redeemer and Sacred Heart Churches**

69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT 06340  
 860-445-1446/ [office@stmarysgroton.org](mailto:office@stmarysgroton.org)  
 Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

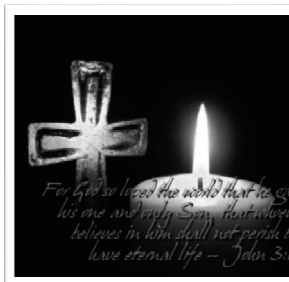


**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2022**  
**at 12:30 PM**

KNT. CROCHET. PRAY.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church combines the skills of knitting and crocheting into a caring, loving, prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Over 4,100 shawls have been completed by parishioners and distributed to those in need of spiritual comfort. They also provide shawls to those being baptized.

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will take place on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 12:30PM in the back conference room in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. We will be socially distancing and you MUST wear a mask at all times while in the meeting room. No food is allowed at the meeting. For more information, please contact Barbara Souder at 860-464-6218 before 8:00 PM. For those requesting shawls for themselves or others they can fill out a form in the Vestibule of the church.



**The Next**  
**Bereavement**  
**Support meeting will be**  
**Thursday, February 10 at**  
**2:00 PM in the back**  
**conference room of the**  
**rectory**

The Support Group is a small group voluntarily sharing their experiences in restructuring their lives from a loss of a loved one or dramatic change in life. We discuss helpful spiritual guidance and lessons learned from other support organizations.

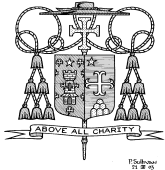
**Bereaving the Loss of Normal Life In a changing Pandemic Environment**

Bereavement is the process of recovering after a dramatic change in our lives such as a loss of a loved one, a job, a pet and now a Pandemic. We go through similar emotions of denial, anger, confusion and others.

The beginning of the year is always a good time to look at the past year to help us plan ahead. We have come a long way, yet we are faced with new challenges in dealing with COVID Variants.

In this session we will discuss a presentation on "**Assessment of Our Bereavement Journey**" to review how well we are coping with the many challenges and resulting changes to our lives.

If you cannot attend, please take a copy of this presentation from the Bereavement Support Folder in the vestibule of Our Lady of Lourdes Church or call the Parish Secretary at (860) 464-7251 and we will send one to you. You may also receive a pdf file of the presentation when you provide us with your email address. If you wish to discuss the presentation, or inquire about the Bereavement Support Group, please call Lou Tedeschi at (860) 464-2453.



MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

Diocese of Norwich  
Office of the Bishop  
201 Broadway  
Norwich, Connecticut 06360  
(860) 887-9294

January 5, 2022

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

"Equality begins in the Womb." This is the theme for the 49th annual March for Life which will be held on January 21, 2022, in Washington, D.C.

January 22, 2022, marks 49 years since the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing (Roe v. Wade) abortion in the United States. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, January 22nd is a particular day of prayer and penance called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." It notes: "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

Scripture affirms the life and dignity of the unborn child. In Jeremiah 1:4-5, we read: "The Word of the Lord came to me: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." King David, in his Psalms, notes: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be." (Psalms 139: 13-16) The catechism of the Catholic Church is clear in its defense of the unborn. It states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life... since the first century of the church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." (Catechism #2270-71).

Why is the church so firm in its defense of the unborn? A civil society cannot stand if its weakest, most vulnerable members are not protected. The catechism states, quoting *Donum Vitae*: "The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to afford them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations a state based on law were undermined." Saint John Paul II also argues that a civil society cannot be maintained if the rights of the unborn are not protected. He notes in *Evangelium Vitae*: "Really what we have here is only the tragic caricature of legality; the democratic ideal, which is only truly such when it acknowledges and safeguards the dignity of every human person, is betrayed in its very foundations; how is it possible to speak of the dignity of every human person when the killing of the weakest and most innocent is permitted? In the name of what justice is the most unjust of discriminations practiced; some individuals are held to be deserving of defense and others are denied that dignity? When this happens, the process leading to the breakdown of a genuinely human co-existence and the disintegration of the state itself has already begun." (EV, 20)

We must pray to heal the culture. Healing the culture begins with a respect for life in its most vulnerable moments. There are many points of light. I think of the crisis pregnancy centers that offer material, emotional, and spiritual support to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. I think of the work of the Sisters of Life in New York who offer healing retreats for women who have had abortions and the many faithful in our diocese who work so untiringly to build a culture of life. Thank you for our important work. "Equality begins in the womb." Together let us both work together for a more just society -- a society that recognizes and affirms the equality and gifts of the most vulnerable in our midst--the unborn.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



**Sacred Heart School  
News and Information**

The students at Sacred Heart School celebrated Three Kings' Day on Thursday, January 6, 2022. As one teacher told the students, The Three Kings brought them the gift of a snow day on Friday, January 7!

All K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students began their NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) MAP (Measures of Academic Process) testing this week. These tests are given multiple times throughout the year to measure our students' academic growth.

All the students are excited to participate in the upcoming Holy Hour for Vocations this Thursday, January 20 from 6:00-7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church celebrated by Bishop Cote. Please come and join us as we pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life.

We are presently accepting registrations for the upcoming 2022/2023 school year. There are only a few spaces available for pre-k3 and pre-k4. Financial Aid is available. Please call Sacred Heart School 860-445-0611 for more information.

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50 Sacred Heart Drive, Groton, CT

**Prayer for Our Troops**

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices about a lasting and just peace in those lands. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for: SGT. John Richard Reza, Jr, SPC Megan Brawner, CAPT Michael Chin, CAPT Alison Cowie, Patrick LaJoie, USMC, CDR Colleen Perle, Christopher Gagnier, MA2 Travis LaFlamme, LTJG Benjamin McHale, USN LCDR Robert O'Donnell, Michael Friess, Chris Guilfoil, Patrick Olsen, Michele Olsen, Michael E. Lewis, Michael Pietrallo, LCDR Shea Quinn, OSC Jeremy Sotomayor, CAPT Jack Houdeshell, CDR Gary Montalvo, CAPT Lloyd Alex McDonald, USMC, SPC Matthew Carmack, MA3 Michael J. Sargent, LT Kevin Schwenk, IT2 Austin Graber, Nicholas Morales USMC, MAJ Phillip Hanf, USMC, CAPT Connor Downie, A1C Cameron Zihlman, LT, USA Sam Jacey, Christine Smith, USMC, Noah Browning, USMC, Devan Wawrynowicz, US Navy, CAPT Daniel DePasquale, CDR Sarah McGann, SSGT Aubrey Mattice, A1C Mario Tedeschi.

**Any changes or additions to this list, please contact the Rectory Office at [secretary@ololgf.org](mailto:secretary@ololgf.org) or 860-464-7251.**

**Nominations for Queen of Hope Award Needed**

This coming Spring, during the 2022 Virtual Women's Conference, the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee will vote on and name the recipient of the second annual Our Lady Queen of Hope Award. This award honors a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. She displays strong faith, and is committed to living out Catholic values, displaying leadership, love and service, and has been a part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church and has helped to move parish communities forward. You can nominate a woman of the Norwich diocese for this award by visiting [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) and downloading the nomination form or contacting Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

**Handmade Scarves Needed!**

To our gifted and talented Knitters of the Norwich Diocese, please join the Office of Faith Events in reaching out to the community during the cold winter months by donating handmade scarves. Whatever you could do to help support our new "**Street Ministry**" to the poor would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought or sent to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. We will be accepting donations until February 28. Thank you so much for donating your time and talent! Questions? Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)



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— Jackie K.

Where: Sacred Heart Church, 56 Sacred Heart Drive  
Groton, CT

When: Sundays, January 30 - April 3, 2022

Time: 2:00 -3:30 PM

Registration Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

Checks made payable to: Jaimala Herrador

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 17, 2022

For more Information & to Register Contact:

Jaimala Herrador 571-356-8165 or malabr10@gmail.com

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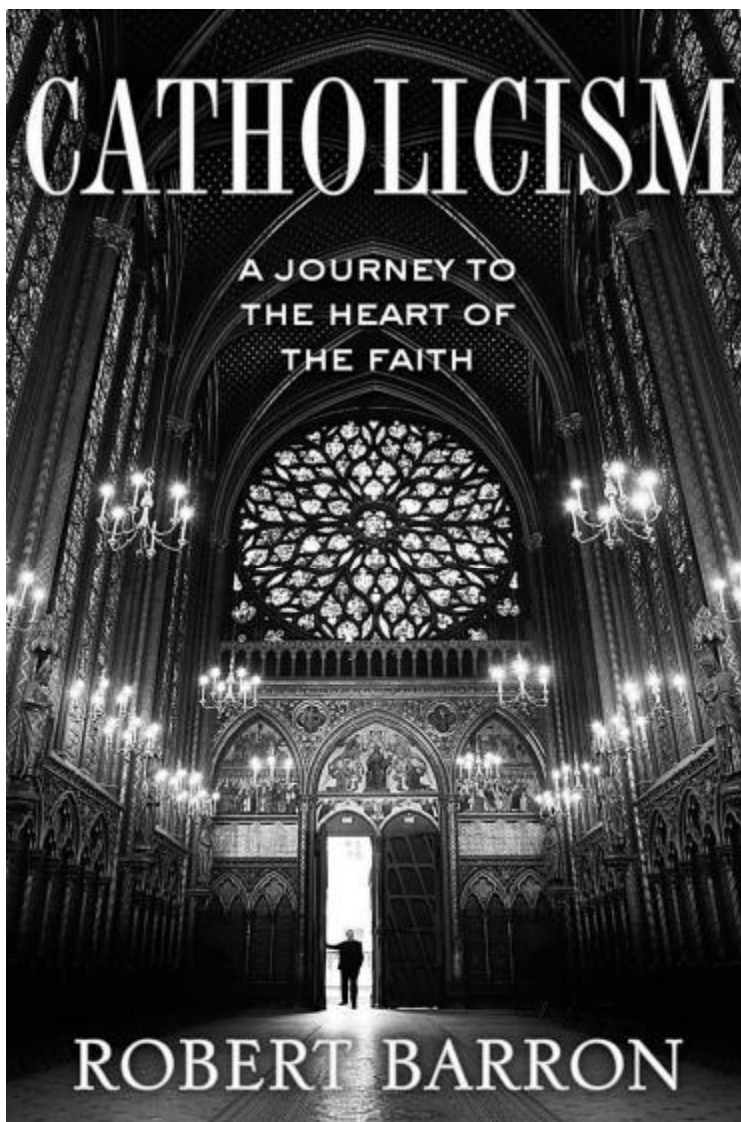
## **Free Adult Education Class**

**Every Friday through March 18, 2022**

**At Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall at 10:00 AM**

**Starting every Monday on January 17-March 21, 2022**

**At St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church Hall at 6:30 PM**



Join us for the free Adult Education Class, **Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith** by Bishop Robert Barron. This comprehensive DVD presentation goes straight to the core of the Catholic faith. Bishop Barron first examines the foundations of Christ's incarnation, life and ministry, and then works through the essentials of the Catholic tradition: from sacraments, worship and prayer, to Mary and the saints, and on to salvation, heaven and hell. Throughout this epic journey, Bishop Barron uses art, literature, personal stories, Scripture, theology, philosophy and history to present a complete picture of the Church to the world. Father Brian Maxwell and Deacon Doug Hoffman will present the same program at each church on different dates and times for your convenience.

**Questions? Contact:**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1650 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT 06335 - 860-464-7251**

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