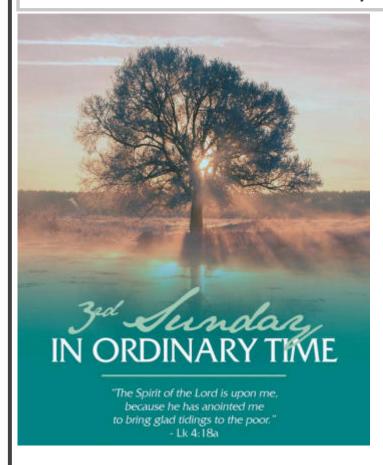
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MASS TIMES

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 25, 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 for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Next meeting February 3, 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.



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



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

Monday, January 24 - Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Czeslawa Brozonewicz

Tuesday, January 25 - Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

9:00 AM Glenda Obrero (Living) req. by Elizabeth

Collantes

Wednesday, January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus,

Bishops No Mass

No mass

Thursday, January 27 - Weekday; Saints Angela Merici,

Virgin and Religious Founder

No Mass

Friday, January 28 - Saint Thomas, Aquinas, Priest,

Religious and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Saturday, January 29 - Weekday; BVM

5:00 PM Noel K. Yeh req. by a friend

Sunday, January 30 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

8:30 AM Ryan and Joshua Schantz (Living) req. by

the Applegate Family

11:00 AM Irving Andrzejewski reg. by Jerry and Nancy

Johnson

5:00 PM Rosina Tedeschi reg. by family

Offertory Update

January 8/9

Weekend Offertory: \$6,688.23 Endowment: \$551.00

January 15/16

Weekend Offertory: \$6,954.86 Endowment: \$275.00

We wish to express our thanks to Katherine Miller, Alex Richard and John and Julie 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 and follow the "Online Giving" tab on our website.

Thank you for your generosity!



Please visit our Facebook Page www.facebook.com @ololgf

or website www.ololgf.org for updated information. The following will be Live Streamed and can be viewed

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http://facebook.com/ololgf/live_videos
The Church will be open for private prayer
daily 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 23, 2022 - 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 30, 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. Lesson plans will be provided a head of time. For more information please contact Josephine Cometa 860-464-7251 or 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 (February 4, 2022) from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Noon.



It has come to our attention that some parishioners are being contacted by email to purchase gift cards for Father Brian Converse. Please be aware that Father Brian Converse and Father Brian Maxwell will **NOT** ask for monetary or gift card donations by email or text. If you receive an email from **ANYONE** saying they are from Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart or St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Churches asking for a donation please contact the rectory at 860-464-7251 or 860-445-1446 immediately.

Lector Schedule

<u>January 29, 2022</u> 5:00 PM - C. Annino

<u>January 30, 2022</u> 8:30 AM - D. Patterson 11:00 AM - K. Tomaszewski 5:00 PM - F. Geoly

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



Tuesday, 25 January 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

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Vacation Bible School- July 11-15 2022



We are excited to be offering a Vacation Bible School during the week of 11-15 July 2022 here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

In order to have a successful Vacation Bible School we are looking for adult volunteers to lead groups. We are delighted to have teens assist as well.

If you are interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School (VBS) please join us for a meeting on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 6:00 PM in the front conference room in the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1650 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT.

For more information please contact Claudine Thomas

443-254-4361 or sailingonltd@gmail.com



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Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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, February 3, 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.

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, Michael 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 or 860-464-7251.



Save the dates!
Fridays starting February 25, 2022 through
Good Friday. April 15, 2022
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CareNet Table Host Needed For Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, March 17, 2022

For more information contact

Caitlin Sullivan, Development Coordinator caitlin@carenetsect.org, 860 449 0386



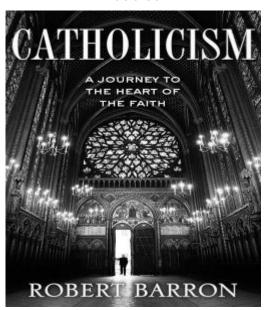
Project Rachel Healing Program

Are you grieving from an Abortion? Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: "The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord." (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call Project Rachel, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: 860-861-4439.

Free Adult Education Class

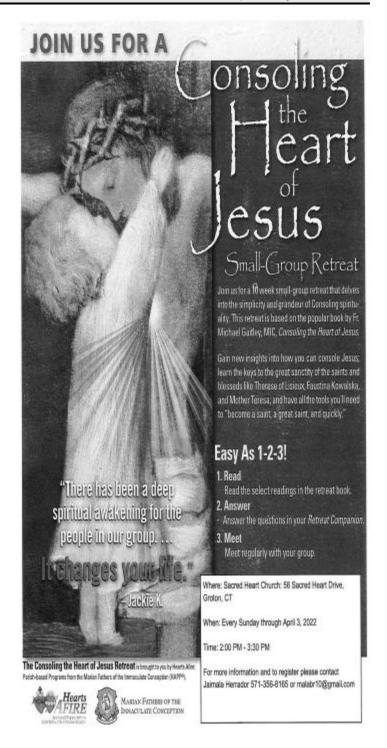
Fridays through March 18, 2022 At Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall at 10:00 AM

Mondays through 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. comprehensive DVD presentation aoes 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:
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Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut

Sexual Abuse and General Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary.

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn.

ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:

You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.



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File a Proof of Claim.

Have questions? Call or visit the website for more information. If your claim is approved, you may receive compensation from the bankruptcy.

Notificación oficial aprobada del Tribunal de Quiebras de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito de Connecticut

Reclamos por abuso sexual y reclamos generales en la quiebra de la diócesis católica romana de Norwich, Connecticut

La Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, también conocida como la diócesis católica romana de Norwich (en adelante, la "Diócesis" o el "Deudor") ha declarado la quiebra con el fin de reestructurar su organización sin fines de lucro. Por favor, lea detenidamente esta notificación, ya que se refiere a sus derechos contra la Diócesis y proporciona información sobre el caso *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (quiebra, Distrito de Connecticut). Esta notificación es un breve resumen.

¿Quién debe presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

Cualquier persona que haya sido abusada sexualmente hasta el 15 de julio de 2021 inclusive y crea que la Diócesis puede ser responsable del abuso sexual. Esto incluye el abuso sexual relacionado con cualquier entidad o actividad asociada a la Diócesis. Los reclamos por abuso sexual pueden comprender, entre otras cosas: conducta sexual inapropiada, tocamientos, contacto inadecuado o comentarios sexuales sobre una persona u otros comportamientos que derivaron en un abuso, independientemente de si usted pensó que el comportamiento constituía abuso sexual o no.

¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

Independientemente de su edad actual o de la fecha en que se produjo el abuso sexual, debe presentar su reclamo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022.

Si no presenta un reclamo por abuso sexual dentro de dicho plazo, puede perder sus derechos contra la Diócesis y contra las entidades relacionadas con la Diócesis, incluido cualquier derecho a indemnización.

Se mantendrá la privacidad de su información. Para ver una lista de nombres de clérigos que han sido identificados en relación con demandas por abuso sexual, visite https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy. Para más información sobre el caso de quiebra, visite https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn o llame al 1-855-654-0902.

La fecha límite para presentar reclamos por abuso sexual, el 15 de marzo de 2022, no está sujeta a una nueva prórroga, incluso aunque se modifique la ley de plazos de prescripción aplicable. Usted debería considerar la posibilidad de presentar una prueba de reclamo incluso si cree que su demanda puede estar sujeta a una defensa afirmativa como la prescripción.

¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo con fecha límite general?

Si tiene un reclamo que no es por abuso sexual, deberá presentarlo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022. Para obtener más información, visite https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn.

Actúe ahora antes de que se agote el tiempo:

Puede descargar y presentar un reclamo a través del sitio web o llamar a la línea gratuita que figura a continuación para obtener ayuda acerca de cómo presentar un reclamo por correo.







Presente una prueba de reclamo.

¿Tiene preguntas? Llame o visite el sitio web para obtener más información. Si su reclamo es aprobado, puede recibir una indemnización por la quiebra.



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