Holy Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM (4:00 PM Saint John Church)
Sunday: 11:00 AM; 5:00 PM (9:00 AM Saint John Church)
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM
(Saint John Church Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 AM)

Sacrament of Baptism

1st & 3rd Sundays after 11 AM Mass
Please call the Parish Office to schedule 860-347-2638.
Baptismal preparation classes required for all parents.

Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation must begin one year in advance. Please call the Parish Office before other arrangements for marriage are made.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 10:15 to 10:45 AM
(Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM
Sunday 8:15 to 8:45 AM Saint John Church)

First Fridays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 PM, Mass 7:00 PM

Religious Education Classes

Sunday 9:30-10:50 AM for Grades 1, 4, 5, 6
& First & Second Confirmation Classes (Grades 7 & 8)
Monday 4:45-6:00 PM First Reconciliation
& First Communion (Grades 2 & 3)

Pastoral Visits

Sick Calls - Please call the Rectory.
Holy Communion - Please call Ralph Coligan at 860-716-1182, Fred Terrasi at 860-347-9042, or any Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion.

Registration

Please notify the Parish Office of any change of address or phone number. New Parishioners, please register as soon as possible. Visit our website **saintsebastianmiddletownct.weebly.com** to download the membership form, fill in and email or drop in collection basket.

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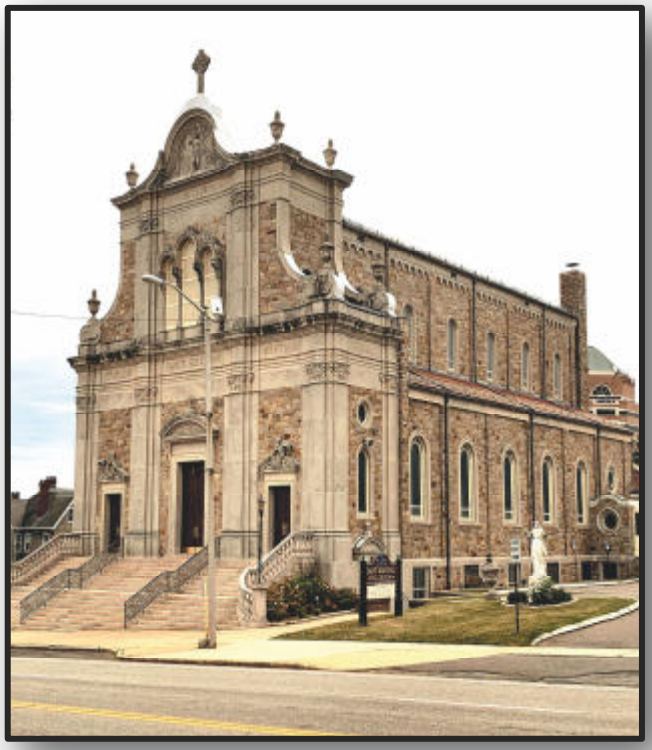

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9
5:30 PM Vigil Solemn Community Mass
†Filomena Lagana (BR), by Daughter Mary Marino & Family
†Vincenzo LoGiudice, by Daughter-in-Law Tina LoGiudice
†Biagio & Carmelina Filingeri, by Son Frank & Daughter-in-Law Nelli
†Raimondo Ranno, by Claudio & Nella Colombo
†Attilio & Angelina Emanuele, by Family
†Yolanda Urbanetti, by Carmela Bartlett & Paula Menta

Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord
11:00 AM†Sebastiano Musumeci, by Family
†Sebastiano Scianna, by Wife Edda & Family
†Sebastian "Mike" Marino (BR), by Daughter/Son-in-Law Tina & Mark Loomis

5:00 PM †Paul & Angela Maltese, by Family

Monday, January 11
7:30 AM †Deacon Roland LaCasse

Tuesday, January 12 7:30 AM [St. John's Church]

Wednesday, January 13
7:30 AM †Maria Grazia Zimmitti Marchese, by Family

Thursday, January 14 7:30 AM [St. John's Church]

Friday, January 15, 2021
7:30 AM †Paul Sucholet, brother of Reverend James Sucholet, Parochial Vicar of Divine Mercy Community in Quaker Hill, Uncasville, and Oakdale

Saturday, January 16
5:30 PM Vigil Solemn Community Mass
†Filomena Lagana (BR), by Daughter Antoniette & Joseph Didato
†Salvatore LoGiudice (BR), by Wife Tina
†Sebastian Magnano, by Wife Maria, Carmelo & Linda
†Santina Stimolo, by Sister Maria, Carmelo & Linda
†Raimondo Ranno, by Friend Anna Pizzo
†Josephine LoGiudice (BR), by Family
†Lucia Aresco (Month's Mind), by Family
†Dominick Onofrio (1A), by Wife Joyce & Children

Sunday, January 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 AM †John Russo, by Parents Salvatore & Nella; Sister Ann Marie Ruel & Family
†Sebastian Fazzino, by Wife Franca & Family
†Sebastiano Giuliano (BR), by Grandson Sebastian & Family
†Diego Francisco "Frankie" Salcedo, Jr., by Mother Alice, Sister Maybelline & Brother John
†Carmela (BR) & Louis "Gino" Fazzino, by Husband/Brother Benito

5:00 PM †Sebastiano Bartolotta (BR), by Wife Carmelina & Family

Sanctuary Lamp
Fr. James Thaikoottathil

Blessed Sacrament Candles
God, Baby Jesus & All the Saints
By Filomena Bafumi

For a Special Intention
By Anna Milardo

Blessed Mother Candles
Carmela Marchese
By Daughter Anna & Son John

Lena Cannata
By Zia Anna Calvo

Saint Sebastian Candles
Antonio Cannata
By Zia Anna Calvo

Sebastiano Pizzo (2A)
By Family

Collection Report
Weekly: $6,262.00
Fuel/Maintenance: $735.00

Donations Have Been Made to Saint Sebastian's Renovation Fund

In Loving Memory of Lucia Aresco
By Tony & Mary Aresco & Family

Newly Baptized in our Church
Giuliana Hope Griswold
Daughter of
Paul Michael & Sabrina (Caico) Griswold

Banns of Marriage
Raymond Leo Douglas IV &
Gabriella Elizabeth Alves

Thanks for your understanding and patience during this past Christmas Season. Bulletins had to be prepared and submitted weeks in advance and unfortunately not all requests for masses met the deadline.

Palma

Unveiling of the Statue of Saint Sebastian

Saturday, January 16, 2021
5:30 PM Solemn Feast Mass

Sunday, January 17, 2021
11:00 AM Mass

Closing of the Statue
Sunday, January 24, 2021
5:00 PM Mass

Baptism of the Lord

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" - MARK 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

Additional 2020 Christmas Flower Donators

Guarino, Gerald M/M
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Prayer for the Coronavirus

Dear Lord, we ask for your divine intervention to bring a quick end to this pandemic. Please heal the sick and comfort the grieving. May your peace replace every worried, anxious, and fearful thought

We ask for strength, protection, and energy for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers. We pray for wisdom, knowledge, and guidance for leaders in every arena.

Please reverse and minimize the financial devastation that is occurring. Please provide for all who are displaced and in need in any way. We ask for your grace and mercy and for you to do what only you can do. May people look to you to be their source of help, strength, and hope during these uncertain times.

In the name of Jesus, we ask these things.

2021: Beginnings that Look Very Different

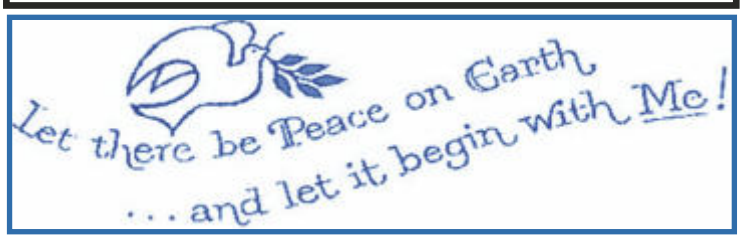
A new year brings hope and expectation – the wonder and anticipation of many joy-filled moments yet to come. It gives us a fresh start and a different perspective that motivates us to try new things and be better people. This year, we have a slightly different attitude as we usher in 2021; the world is still grappling with a pandemic and all the uncertainty that goes along with it. We are all trying to stay positive and hopeful despite the constant barrage of negativity and a feeling of general exhaustion. This is not the best way to welcome a new year, but we know that God is journeying with us every step of the way and that gives us courage and fortitude. As the psalmist writes, *Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.* Psalm 124:8.

"Prayer is very important.
Never forget to pray!
Nobody can tell when we are praying … .
We pray in silence, with the heart,
so let's take advantage
of these opportunities to pray"

Pope Francis

Marriage Preparation Classes

With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Services Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. All formal live classes have been suspended through July 1, 2021. Couples getting married in 2021 or beyond should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



Have a Beautiful Week

Readings at Today's Mass

First reading Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second reading Acts 10:34-38 God had anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realize' he said 'is that God does not have favorites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said:

'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you.'

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