

Holy Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 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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Monday through Friday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Contact Information

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 5

5:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass

†**Francesco DiMauro & Patricia O'Connell**, by Family
†**Lucia & Vincenzo LoGiudice**, by Daughter In Law Tina LoGiudice
†**Salvatore LoGiudice & Lucy Mazzarella**, by Daughter in Law Tina LoGiudice
†**Rosario & Lina LoGiudice**, by Daughter Lucia & Son Enzo & Family
†**Carmelo & Vincenza Russo**, by Son Sebastian & Family
†**Bernadette DePaolo (8A)**, by Family
†**Bernadette DePaolo (8A)**, by Maryann (Thomas J.) Serra & Family
†**Eugene Rame Sr.**, by Wife Alice & Family
†**Joseph & Rosa Fazzino & Enza Estelle**, by Rosetta & Gino Mazzotta
†**Mario & Rosaria Mazzotta**, by Son Gino & Rosetta Mazzotta
†**Agostino, Marianna & Giuseppe Marchese**, by Frank & Ann Marie Marchese
†**Louis & Elena Garofalo**, by Frank & Ann Marie Marchese
†**Stella, Salvatore & Joey Liseo**, by Frank & Ann Marie Marchese
†**Mary & Joseph Pisa**, by Daughter Concettina Carta & Family
†**Louis & Connie DiMauro**, by Sal & Lucy DiMauro
†**Raimondo Ranno (2A)**, by Family
†**Lello Bongiorno**, by Wife Pinuccia & Children
†**Carmelo & Emanuela Aresco**, by Children
†**Victor Lagana**, by wife Josephine & Family
†**Morello Family & Lagana Family**, by Josephine Lagana & Family
Sunday, November 6 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 AM Sunday Solemn Mass

† **Vincent Munno**, by Wife Angela & Family
† **Salvatore & Maria Stella (8A) & Joseph Liseo (6A)**, by Family
† **John & Anna Russo**, children **Vincenzo, Maria, Albina**, by Son/
Brother Salvatore & Nella Russo
†**Robert "Bobby" Waite**, by Family
†**Sharon Waite**, by Husband
†**Salvatore, Josephine, Anna & Lucia Fazzino**, by Family
†**Angelo LaBella**, by Wife Nella & Family
†**Vincenzina Salafia & Nella Passanisi (Melilli)**, by Sisters Concettina
Scianna & Lucia DiMauro & Family

5:00 PM †Sebastian, Carmelina, Nella & Nicolo Marchese, by Family

Monday, November 7

7:30 AM †Rose Fazzino (BR), by Family

Tuesday, November 8 [St. John's Church]

Wednesday, November 9

7:30 AM †Vincenzo & Carmelina DiMauro and Luigi & Mary Guarino
by Daughter/Son Lucia & Gerald

Thursday, November 10 7:30 AM [St. John's Church]

Friday, November 11

7:30 AM †Rev. Msgr. Richard LaRocque

3:00 PM Wedding: Matthew J. Rowley & Mallory J. Perruccio

Saturday, November 12

2:00 PM Wedding: Anthony Ruffo & Lisa Donato

5:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass

†**Stephen P. Arabasz (BR)**, by Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great
Grandchildren

†**Connie P. Serra**, by Maryann (Thomas J.) Serra

†**Elias & Rose Mori**, by Family

†**Sebastiano Gaudino (A)**, by Daughter Nuccia & Gino Augeri

†**Salvatore, Concettina & son Giuseppe Carta**, by Son/Brother
Sebastiano & Family

†**Salvatore & Nella Bartolotta**, by Brother Sebastiano Carta

5PM Mass intentions continued....

†**Salvatore Mazzotta (11A)**, by Daughters
Emanuela & Tina & Family

†**Salvatore & Sebastian Fazzino**, by Wife/
Mother Lucy Fazzino

†**Sebastiano & Concettina Fazzino**, by
Daughter in Law Lucy Fazzino

**Sunday, November 13 Thirty third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

11:00 AM Sunday Solemn Mass

†**John Russo**, by Parents Salvatore &
Nella, Sister Ann Marie Ruel & Family

†**Gino & Andrew Scianna**, by Wife/
Grandmother Concettina Scianna

†**Gino Fazzino**, by Wife Josie & Family

†**Deceased members of Maltese Family**,
by Family

†**Mary Russo**, by Jim & Anna Milardo

5:00 PM †Concetto Marino, by Wife Mary
& Children

Sanctuary Lamp

Sebastian & Mary Ann Calvo

By Wife/ Mother Anna & Son/Brother
Salvatore

Blessed Sacrament Candles

Angelo & Lina Micciulla

By Daughter Emanuela Micciulla

William "Doc" Holley(BR)

By his Wife Joan & Children

Blessed Mother Candles

Salvatore & Mary DiMauro

By Daughter Mary & Family

Joseph & Sebastiana Imme

By Son Vincent Imme & Family

Saint Sebastian Candles

Salvatore Calvo

By Wife Carmelina & Family

Calvo & Formica Families

By Carmelina Calvo

Weekly Collection

\$5,400. 00

Online offerings will be published once a month

Thank you

Meetings

Franciscan Third Order -Tuesday, November 8
at 2:00 PM

Holy Name Society Wednesday November 9
at 6:00 PM

Knights of Columbus, Monday November 14
at 6:30 PM

Saint Theresa Guild, Wednesday, November 16
at 6:00 PM

Finance Council, Wednesday, November 16
at 6:00 PM (Rectory)

Pastoral Council, Thursday, November 17
at 6:00 PM



Eucharistic Revival



The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?
How is God present to us? God is present to us through both general and particular forms of revelation. We believe that God is present “everywhere” and “always” as the creator and sustainer of our existence. As St. Elizabeth Seton said, “God

is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in this sacrament of the altar, God is as present actually and really as my soul within my body; in this sacrifice daily offered, {God is present} as really as {when} once offered on the Cross.”

We also believe that God chooses to reveal God’s own reality to us through particular created realities, most importantly, through the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Theologian Richard McBrien in his book *Catholicism* (p.262) explains that “Because God is totally other than we are, because God is totally of the spiritual order, because God, therefore, is not visible to our bodily senses, our experience of God is always mediated. We experience the reality of God through our experience of created things, or particular persons, or particular events, or through a psychic sense of divine presence (mysticism). Consequently, every contact with God is mysterious, or sacramental. The hidden God completely permeates a visible reality. In grasping that visible reality we grasp the hidden God.”

The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?

If God is invisible, how do we experience God’s presence? Perhaps Pope Benedict XVI can be our guide here. In his encyclical *On Christian Love* (2005), he explains that while it is true that “no one has ever seen God as God is, yet God is not totally invisible to us; God does not remain completely inaccessible. God has become visible in Jesus. God is also visible in a number of ways. In the love story recounted by the Bible, God comes towards us and seeks to win our hearts.”

The religion of the Bible is always dominated by the experience, the memory or the hope of the divine presence. We know about God’s presence with us through the biblical story of salvation- God’s efforts to be with us so that the relationship between God and ourselves that was established at creation, and then broken down through sin, could be restored. Through this story, we learn of God’s desire for a covenant community in which all who believe and dedicate themselves to God and to God’s ways can live as God wanted from the beginning.

The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?

How do we recognize God’s presence in the Old Testament? The Bible reveals that God chooses to be with us so that we can be in the right relationship with God. The Old Testament describes several ways that God freely chooses to be present with us (local/temporal/personal) through something that is “sense perceptible” so we can experience it. For example, God appears to persons in dreams, to Moses in the burning bush, to the exodus community in the pillar of fire and cloud, to worshippers in the temple, to the prophets in God’s word and to the people in social and personal situations. .

Amazing Grace Food Pantry, a ministry of St. Vincent DePaul Middletown, gratefully acknowledges your recent generous donation of 63 pounds of healthy food items on 10/26/2022.

Each month, more than 800 families ‘shop’ at our Amazing Grace food pantry, and over 24,000 food items are distributed free of charge to those families. Your generous contribution helps keep the pantry shelves stocked so that we are able to meet the needs of families in our community.

Whether you bring food to Amazing Grace once a year or every month, please know that your commitment to helping families in need is greatly appreciated.

May God continue to bless you and your family this year.

Sincerely,
Brenda Riley
Coordinator
Amazing Grace Food Pantry



NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Four County Catholic our Diocesan Bulletin

After 34 years the official publication of the diocese will become a magazine. This is a very exciting development for the Four County Catholic and an exciting time for our Diocese. Our circulation will more than triple, reaching 42,000 Catholic households in the Diocese of Norwich. Additionally, we will be increasing our social media presence in order to engage a wider audience. Since the magazine will be bi-monthly, more current Diocesan news will be posted weekly in our digital newsletter and social media. We will need your help to spread the word. Especially encourage your parishioners to sign up for our weekly newsletter: <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/> This is a significant undertaking, but we are confident that with the support of Bishop Cote and our parishes, the Four County Catholic Magazine will be a resounding success.

Bereavement Day of Prayer

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: ***Praying Your Goodbyes*** on **Saturday, November 12** from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by November 8 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Couples' Happy Hour – The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a virtual Couples' Happy Hour the second Friday every other month. Our next hour will be November 11, from 7-8:15 P.M. Each evening will include a presentation on topics relevant to today's couples, their relationship, and families. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the evening's topic. The program will take place online via a Webex platform. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Grab your favorite beverage and join other couples for an uplifting 'Couples' Happy Hour' that will inspire you and offer different perspectives about romance, relationships, and family life.



A special triennial collection for the Military Services, U.S.A. This appeal will be taken up on November 5-6, 2022. The collection's theme is "Serving Those Who Serve." The mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. is to provide pastoral care and ministry (as any other Catholic Diocese does) to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, and to those enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, to any of those undergoing treatment in the 153 Department of Veteran Affairs' medical centers in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Guam, and to those working civilian jobs for the federal government beyond the borders of the United States as well as to families of these populations.

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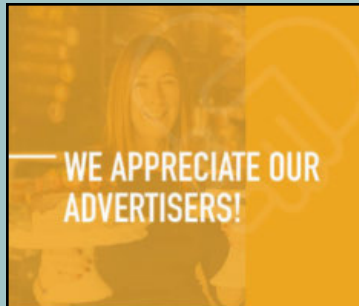
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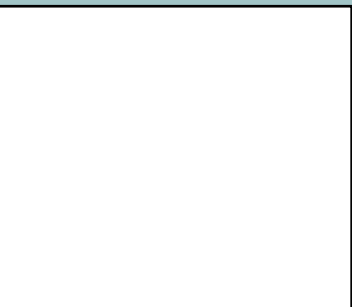
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