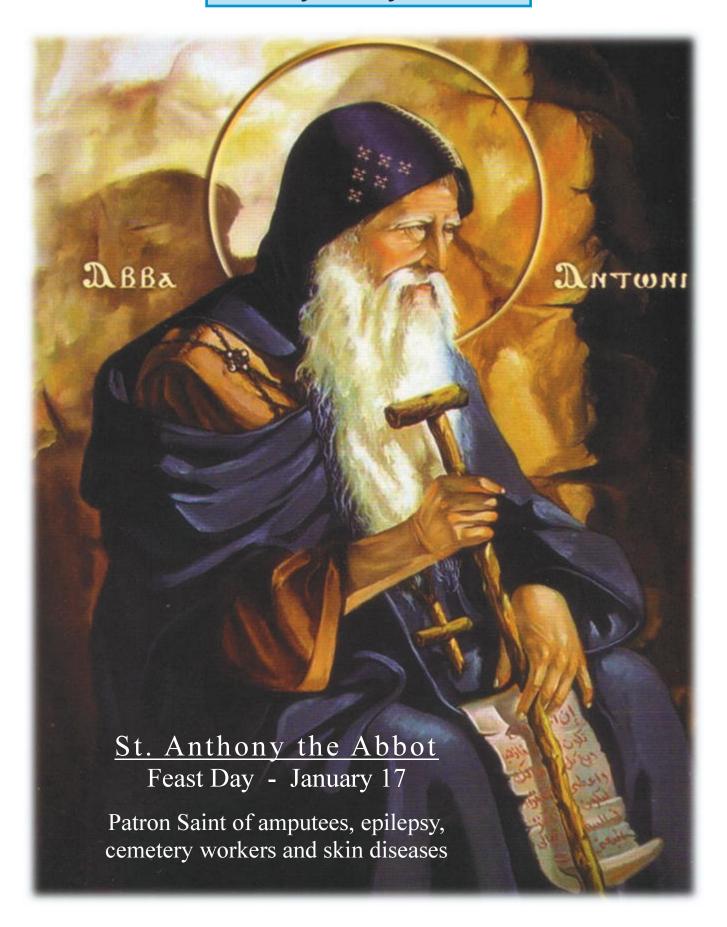
Saint Mary Church of the Visitation



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 15, Weekday

- 9:00am Mass for Mrs. Czeslawa Brozonowicz Healing Intentions for Joy Pozefsky & Family req. by Paul Kominis
- 3:00pm Confession
- 4:00pm Mass for the Jack Reynolds req. by Patrick Markovics & Family Carol Conklin req. by Kathy Pontillo
- 6:00pm Misa en Español por Georgina Rodriguez req. by Nicky Castaneda Rosa Reyes req. by La Familia

Sunday, January 16, 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Mass for Ronald Polverari, Sr. (1 yr.) req. by Karen Sabia
- 9:00am Mass for Robert Casey req. by The Tucker Family Nicola Panaro req. by Barbara Cerruto
- 11:30am Mass for Michael D. Larkin req. by Gail Larkin Carol Conklin req. by Diana Burkowsky
- 6:00pm Missa Brasileira para todos aqueles no Brasil que sofrem de COVID

Monday, January 17, St. Anthony the Abbot

9:00am Mass for Special Intentions for Dohn Piscioniere & John Piscioniere req. by Joy Pozefsky

Tuesday, January 18, Weekday

9:00am Mass for Special Healing Intention for Ed & Elaine Cowley req. by Faith & Gerry Drechler

Wednesday, January 19, Weekday

9:00am Mass for Special Intentions for Hebert & Ferrigno Families req. by Joy Pozefsky

Thursday, January 20, St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

9:00am Mass for Judy Falango req. by Kathleen Kirby Alice Kresta & Her Family req. by Kathy Wood

Friday, January 21, St. Agnes

9:00am Mass for Neil McGlone by Peter & Gigi Taylor Healing Intentions for Joy Pozefsky by Paul Kominis



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of

PATRICIA LAWRIE

January 15 - 21, 2022

Requested by Darcel & Judy Lawrie and Family

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

- 9:00am Mass for Protection of the Unborn
- 3:00pm Confession
- 4:00pm Mass for Protection of the Unborn
- 6:00pm Misa en Español por Luz Maria Flores req. by Doralba Garcia

Sunday, January 23, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Mass for Vincent Lupone req. by Lupone Family Kathleen Taylor req. by Peter & Gigi Taylor
- 9:00am Mass for Maryanne & James Kirby Bernadette Dooley req. by Her Family
- 11:30am Mass for John Sherwin req. by Patricia Sherwin Peter Gagliardi req. by Anthony Firulli & Patricia Torcello
- 6:00pm Missa Brasileira para todos aqueles no Brasil que sofrem de COVID

CONTRIBUTIONS



www.stmarysclinton.org

Contributions can be made through the online giving option on our website, the collection baskets or the office mailbox. Your support is so greatly appreciated and needed!

Please help by doing the best that you can.
God bless you!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Sunday at 7:00pm

Monday at 10:00am

Monday Men's Group at 7:00pm

Tuesday & Friday at 12:00pm

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Thursday Women's Group at 11:30am

Visitation Hall of St. Mary's Please wear a face covering if you are not vaccinated.

ALL ARE WELCOME



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,

+ Mucyael R Cots

Bishop of Norwich



O Evangelho (Jo 2, 1-11)

fala das Bodas de Caná. O motivo da escolha deste texto, para este domingo – o segundo depois da Epifania – é explicado na frase conclusiva: Jesus, em Caná da Galiléia, deu inicio aos sinais e manifestou sua glória e seus discípulos creram nele (Cf. Jo 2, 11).Em Caná aconteceu uma nova epifania de Jesus: ele se manifestou como havia se manifestado no início aos magos e a João Batista no Batismo do Jordão. Segundo o costume da época a festa, o banquete, durava oito dias. Depois de alguns dias começou a faltar o vinho; a alegria daqueles esposos e de sua família estava ameaçada.Em Caná, ninguém pede à Santíssima Virgem que interceda junto de seu Filho pelos consternados esposos. Mas o coração de Maria, que não pode deixar de ser compadecer dos infelizes, impele-a a assumir, por iniciativa própria, o ofício de intercessora e a pedir ao Filho o milagre. Se a Senhora procedeu assim sem que lhe tivessem dito nada, que Teria feito se lhe tivessem pedido que interviesse?" (Sto. Afonso Maria de Ligório). Que não fará quando - tantas vezes ao longo do dia! lhe dizem "rogai por nós" ? Que não iremos conseguir se recorremos a Ela?

"Maria põe-se de permeio entre o seu Filho e os homens na realidade das suas privações e dos seus sofrimentos. Maria faz-se de Medianeira, não como uma estranha, mas na posição de Mãe, consciente de que como tal pode – ou antes, tem o direito de – tornar presentes ao Filho as necessidades dos homens" (São João Paulo II). Jesus não nos nega nada; e concede-nos de modo particular tudo o que lhe pedimos através de sua Mãe. Maria continua dizendo a nós, seus filhos: "Fazei o que Ele vos disser



"The unborn BABY is created in the image of God for greater things, to love and be LOVED."

- St. Mother Teresa



The Xavier High School raffle is back and \$5K richer.

Tickets are \$100 each. Only 800 will be sold and it is winner takes all.

The drawing will be at 11 a.m. on April 1 at Xavier High School. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years old to purchase. All tax liabilities are borne solely by the purchaser.

Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (no cash) to Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown CT 06457. They also can be purchased online. For more information, contact the advancement office at 860-346-7735. Good Luck!

COMPARTIENDO EL EVANGELIO. San Juan 2, 1-11

Hoy la liturgia en este primer domingo del tiempo ordinario nos pone la primera manifestación de Jesús en su vida publica y es precisamente en una boda, donde Jesús a petición de su Madre la Santísima Virgen María, obra el primer Milagro.

Que enseñanzas nos deja este acontecimiento aplicadas a la vida matrimonial?

- 1. La pareja de novios pudo obtener el milagro del agua convertida en vino por que en su lista de invitados estaban Jesús y la Virgen María. Que maravilloso es que en tu relación de pareja estén Jesús y María para que cuando se acabe el vino del amor, de la comprensión, del respeto, del dialogo, de la fidelidad, de la ternura; tengas a quien acudir para que se realice el milagro.
- 2. Si te fijas, el milagro se realiza, contando con lo que ya existe, las seis tinajas de agua que se utilizaban para las abluciones, seguramente que el agua no era muy limpia en el fondo. Que significa esto? Que Dios hace el milagro con lo que tu puedes poner, quizá lo único que tengas para ofrecerle a Dios sea tu egoísmo, tu tristeza, tu angustia, tus fracasos, tus desilusiones etc., pero cuando hay ese deseo firme de conversión, cuando hay dolor y arrepentimiento del desperdicio de la gracia, Dios en Jesús actúa, devolviéndonos el vino del gozo, de la paz, esperanza.
- 3. Aunque Jesús dijo que aun no era su hora, a petición de la Madre hizo esta primera señal. Aquí encontramos el papel fundamental de la Virgen como intercesora, que buen hijo niega algo a su madre? Acojámonos a la intercesión de Nuestra Madre del Cielo y pidámosle por cada matrimonio y para que puedan entender la grandeza del sacramento.

ADIOS A LA NAVIDAD:

Con el bautismo del Señor, despedimos la navidad y damos la bienvenida al tiempo ordinario. Que es el tiempo ordinario?

En la liturgia significa que volvemos a lo mismo, en el buen sentido de la palabra, es decir que no hay grandes celebraciones durante este tiempo hasta la cuaresma. Algunas fiestas dedicadas a los santos irrumpen en algunos días.



Liturgia significa celebración y esta simboliza nuestro diario vivir donde hacemos lo mismo cada día pero que cuando lo vivimos de la mano de Dios, cada día será una experiencia novedosa. Estamos llamados a vivir de manera extraordinaria los eventos ordinarios.

LA RISA ES SALUD: ¿QUE HACES TIRANDO LOS COMPUTADORES EN EL RIO? PERO MIRA COMO BEBEN LOS PC,s EN EL RIO...

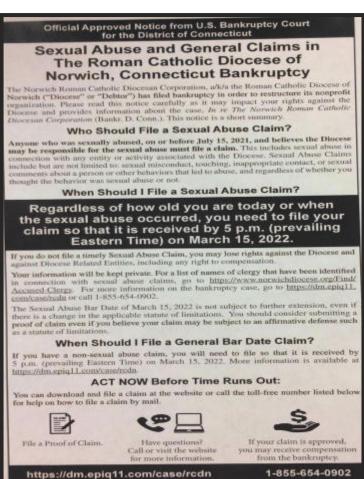


RELIGIOSAS OBLATAS AL DIVINO AMOR.

Fundadas por la Sierva de Dios Madre Margarita Diomira Crispi en Sicilia Italia el 17 de Enero de 1923. Este Instituto tiene como carisma EL AMOR Y LA OBLACION, es decir que cada religiosa se ofrece a la Santísima Trinidad en un acto de amor.

Como se aproximan los 100 anos de fundación, a partir del 17 de enero del 2022 se inaugurara el ano jubilar, donde se estarán desarrollando varias actividades conmemorativas al Centenario. Gracias por compartir la misión de las Oblatas al Divino Amor que sirven en la Diócesis de

RECUERDA QUE CADA TERCER MARTES DEL MES ESTAS INVITADO DE 7PM A 8PM A LA HORA SANTA. EL MARTES 18 TE ESPERAMOS PARA QUE JUNTOS ALABEMOS Y ADOREMOS A JESUS EN EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR. TRAE TUS INTENCIONES Y TU BIBLIA.





Office of Faith Events

Please Save the Date and join us **March 26**, **2022** for the Virtual Spring

Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference

Keynote speaker, author, and certified spiritual director Liz Kelly will present ideas from her book Love Like A Saint. The morning will also include a message from Bishop Cote, the naming of this year's Our Lady Queen of Hope Award recipient and much more all from the comfort of your own home!

For more information, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or

manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services

Virtual Marriage Enrichment – For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a virtual enrichment entitled *The Joy of Love* on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of *Love*, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

GUILFORD FUNERAL HOME

& The Sullivan Family for Over 50 Years

203-453-3558

George F. Sullivan III & George F. Sullivan, Jr., Directors

115 Church Street, Guilford



Phone (860) 669-5058

Fax (860) 669-7004

P.O. Box 910

Clinton, CT 06413



Voted Best Family Dining Restaurant Statewide & Middlesex County

Connecticut Magazine Readers Poll

Come Taste for Yourself!

24 West Main Street Clinton, CT 860-669-DINE (3463) chipspub3.com

THE SHORELINE GUYS

Landscaping | Hardscaping

20% Military Discount theshorelineguys.com

860-287-8476

ANDERSON BROS.

Sanitation & Excavating SEPTIC CLEANING & REPAIR



Bob & Vin Anderson, Owners Free Estimates 860-664-9692

Joe Plumber

860-744-4511

Clinton, CT



Dependable Plumber Reliable Service

General Plumbing Repairs • Drain Cleaning **New Construction & Additions** Bathroom & Kitchen Remodels **Hot Water Heaters**

Well Pump Installation & Repairs Gas Pipe Installation & Repairs

JOBS AVAILABLE Part-time & Full-time



- · Flexibility, competitive wages and benefits
- · Friendly working environment
- · Internal programs for Growth Opportunities

Apply at Shoprite.com/careers or stop in and speak with a manager

Owned and operated by the Garafalo Family

Dedicated, Professional, Results.

Gigi Giordano Taylor



REALTOR® 203.671.2155 ggiordano@pagetaft.com compass.com/agents/gigi-giordano 5 Essex Square, Essex, CT 06426



COMPASS

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com



ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!





TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER

is what community is all about.



203-245-2488 - Madison 860-669-2903 - Clinton 860-388-4106 - Old Saybrook SwanFH.com

SHELLEY BROS. **MEMORIALS**

Excellent service at reasonable prices. 724 Boston Post Rd., Guilford

203-453-9129

Buy from your locally established dealer



20 Pepperbush Drive, Clinton shorelineplumbing.heating@gmail.com



Window Blinds, Shutters & Drapery Carpet Runners & Hard Surface Flooring Wallcoverings

Benjamin Moore Paints

860-669-8842

252 East Main St., Clinton www.clintonpaint.com

Benjamin Moore

35 WESTBROOK

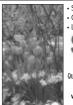
INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD WESTBROOK, CT 06498

SWEITZER WASTE REMOVAL

Your Hometown Waste Company • Trash & Recycling Removal for **Residential & Commercial** Junk Pick-Ups Roll Off Dumpsters

> (203) 245-8840 www.sweitzerwaste.com

Alleviate Your Spring Clean-Up Chores!



Spring and Fall Clean-Up Grounds Maintenance

 Lawn & Sod Installation & More! LANDSCAPES

QUALITY RESULTS, OUTSTANDING SERVICE & FAIR PRICES

Fully Insured, licensed & certified landscaping company staffed by experienced professionals

Call for a Free Estimate 800-411-8280 • 93 Glenwood Rd.

ARONSON'S

24 HOUR TOWING **COLLISION REPAIR INSURANCE BILLING 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENTS**

48 COWHILL ROAD • CLINTON

860-669-7908 ROB ARONSON, OWNER



Premium Home Heating Oil & Service

- 24 Hour Service Price Protection/Budget Plans
- Air Conditioning & Ductwork Automatic Delivery • Service Contracts • Gas Conversions
 - Tank Removal Heating & Cooling Installations



CT License #0403203 HIC #0647483 HOD #416

R. Christopher Damon, CFP®, CRPC®, AWMA®, AAMS®

Private Wealth Advisor, Managing Director **Damon Wealth Management Group**

A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Services, LLC

877.323.9950

r.c.damon@ampf.com Damonwealthmanagement.com

Parishioner since 1987



Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. Member FINRA and SIPC.

Are you a good

listener?

Do you want to help prévent suicide in our community





Take a free suicide prevention training with Clinton Human Services.

CALL US AT 860-669-1103 TO REGISTER FOR **OUR NEXT OPR** TRAINING SESSION.

"And then I just hit delete. I haven't actually

eaten any homework in years.'

TIRED OF EXCUSES?

STUDY HALL TUTORING

PROFESSIONAL, AFFORDABLE

www.studyhalltutor.com • Studyhallclinton@gmail.con 153 Glenwood Road, Clinton, CT • 860-552-2800

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact Mary Hoffman to place an ad today! mhoffman@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6340

Coverage you deserve. Rates you can afford.

15+ Carrier Quote Comparison at www.sfginsurancequote.com or call for a personal appointment!



HOME & AUTO INSURANCE Call today

Mari Lee, Agent

and save! SHORELINE FINANCIAL

11 Post Office Square, Clinton | 860-552-4774





Clinton's #1 Realtor 860.227.5277 DYLAN.WALTER@RAVEIS.COM 33 MAIN ST | OLD SAYBROOK | CT 06475 For Over 36 Years, We Have Strived To Provide The Best Quality, Selection, And Customer Service.



Stop & Shop Plaza, Rt. 1 Clinton, CT 860-669-2145 | christojewelers1985.com



Cost-effective litigation and mediation services Personal Injury • Criminal Defense & DUI **Business Matters • Contract Disputes Conflict Resolution**

Schedule Your Video Consultation Today!

LAW OFFICES of Bradford J. Sullivan ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW

860.664.4440

attorney@bjsullivan.com PO Box 1206 • 588 Boston Post Road

Madison, CT 06443