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November 22, 2020



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” - Mt 25:34

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VIGIL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

4:30 PM Anthony & Clarissa DiFrancesca, r/b family
Dec'd. Members of the K OF C
Ore & Aline Joly, requested by family

SUNDAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8:00 AM Phil Belliveau, requested by Pions

10:30 AM John LaLiberty, requested by family
Al Fratoni, requested by friend

MONDAY Saint Clement I
7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

TUESDAY Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY Saint Catherine of Alexandria
7:00 AM Joy Archambault, requested by family

THURSDAY Thanksgiving Day
7:00 AM Aime Pion, requested by Robert & Susan Pion

9:00 AM Phillip Belliveau, requested by friend

FRIDAY
7:00 AM Lorraine White

SATURDAY
8:00 AM Charles Archambault, requested by family

VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 PM David Tetrault, requested by parishioner
Daniel Reguin, r/b Larry & Karen Bouley
Souls in Purgatory, requested by parishioner

SUNDAY First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Kathleen Morano

10:30 AM Eva Phillips, requested by Jim & Leona Phillips

Priest Schedule Sacred Heart Church

	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/21 & 11/22	Fr. Jacinto Fl	Fr. Chris	Fr. Jacinto Fl
11/28 & 11/29	Msgr. Archambault	Fr. Chris	Fr. Chris

SACRED HEART CHURCH
156 Providence Street/P.O. Box 208
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Rectory phone: 860-887-3072
Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00 AM-2:30 PM

RECTORY

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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD: Mother Christina 860-887-1757
Confirmation: Father Tito 860-822-6378

Choir Director / Organist—860-887-3072

PARISH COUNCIL - 3rd Thursday, 6:00 PM, January, March, May, September, November - Rectory

PRAYER MEETING - Thursdays, 6:30 PM - Church

MASSES

Sunday Vigil: 4:30 PM, Saturday
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM Mon.-Fri., 8:00 AM Sat.
Holy Day Vigil: 5:30 PM, Day 7:00 & 9:00 AM
First Friday: 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Summer: 7:30 AM Mon.-Fri., 8:00 AM Sat.
Lent: 7:00 AM Mon.-Fri., 5:15 PM Tues.-Thurs.,
8:00 AM Sat.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM and by appointment

Confessions will be heard at Sacred Heart Church only during regular
Confession hours: Saturday's at 3:30 PM—4:00 PM and by appointment.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Let us know of the ill at home who wish to be visited
by a priest and/or Minister of the Eucharist.



Eucharistic Adoration

The Best Time You Will Spend On Earth—"What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should be humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation." The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration at Sacred Heart Church every Wednesday from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm (please use side entrances). **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be prayed at 2:40 p.m. All are welcome to join us in prayer. St. Mary's Church in Baltic has Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 8:30 am until 2 pm

St. Mary's Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM
Sunday 8 AM & 10:00 AM
Monday 7:00 PM



NOVEMBER 21—22

4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
R Denise	Steve O.	Mike O.

NOVEMBER 28—29

4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
R Tania	Glen R.	Deb O.

**Sacrificial Giving
St. Joseph Church**

Offertory\$2,084.00
Extraordinary Expenses.....\$206.00

Thank you to our parishioners that continue to mail in their weekly offerings. We hope you will continue your support of our parish by mailing your envelope/s to
St. Joseph Church, P.O. Box 256, Versailles, CT 06383. Again, thank you for your continued support. Together, we will get through this. Thank you again and Pray often.



SATURDAY November 21

5:00 PM Mary Comerio r/b family

SUNDAY November 22

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY November 28

5:00 PM Wilfred Lemire, r/b Theresa

SUNDAY November 29

9:00 AM Roland Sr. & Irene Bourdon, Ann., r/b family



Sanctuary Lamp

Priest Schedule St. Joseph Church

	5:00 PM	9:00 AM
11/21 & 11/22	Fr. Chris	Msgr. Archambault
11/28 & 11/29	Fr. Tito	Fr. Tito

Prayer List: What is the definition of "Prayer". The definition is "A solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God".

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jonathan Arpin
Monica Bernier
Simone B.
Joseph Chartier
Carol Dodson
Theresa Doubleday
Isabella Gauthier
Peter Godaire
Shirley Godaire

Christine Houle
Paul J.
Gerry McKeon
Pearl Mitchell
Lorraine O.
Theresa Portelance
Trina Reardon
Cecile Simkowski
Veronica

The names of our sisters and brothers who need prayer will be listed in the Church Bulletin for one month. Our Prayer Line Ministry continues to pray for all who need prayer. To add/remove names to the Prayer Line please call St. Joseph Joint Office at 860- 887-3072.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Joint Office Hours : (Sacred Heart Church, 860-887-3072)
Monday-Wednesday 8:00 AM-2:30 PM

PARISH COUNCIL— 2nd Tuesday in October, November, February, March, May and June

ORGANISTS: Alan McNeely and Patricia Johnson

MASSSES

Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confessions: Sacred Heart Church: Saturday 3:30-4:00 PM

Banns of Marriage:

III. Alice Pudvah and Norman Pelletier



"The St. Joseph Parish would like to extend our sympathy to the Godaire family for their loss of "Raymond" Godaire.

A Grateful Heart : "Joy springs from a grateful heart. Truly, we have received much, so many graces, so many blessings, and we rejoice in this. Let us think back on our lives remembering when we were first called, remembering the road travelled, remembering graces received and, above all, remembering our encounters with Jesus Christ along the way. Let us grow in the spirit of gratitude and ask ourselves: Are we good at counting our blessings, or have we forgotten them?

A grateful heart is spontaneously impelled to serve the Lord and to find expression in a life of service. Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self sacrifice, of working for God and for others, becomes a privileged way of responding to his great love."

-Pope Francis

*Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral,
New York City (September 24, 2015)*

Missalettes: Missalettes we are currently using will expire at the end of November. New Missalettes will be available by the middle of November and located on the entrance table for you to stop by and pick one up for your personal use. We ask that you please take the new missalette home with you and bring it back when you attend mass and do not leave them in the pews or return them to the entrance table. Thank you for your cooperation.

Church Reopening and Time Change: With daylight being shorter, we will be locking up the church at 4 PM on Sunday afternoon instead of 6 PM. Saturday the church opening will remain the same, 8 AM until 6 PM and on Sunday the church will be open from 8 AM UNTIL 4 PM. The vigil mass on Saturday is 5 PM and Sunday mass is at 9 AM. If you are unable or not comfortable attending a Mass but would like to spend some quiet time or pray in Church please feel welcome to do so. Please note the time change for Sunday.

Christmas Giving Tree has been set up with green and yellow gift tags. ALL gift tags ask for gift cards:
 Green Tags are for Martin House (deal line 12/14)
 Yellow Tags are for **Seminarians** and **Taftville Needy**
Please place your gifts in the basket provided under the tree.
 And as always, *Thank you* for your generosity!



Sacred Heart School Mission Statement

Sacred Heart School fosters Gospel values built upon the foundation of the teachings of Jesus. The school community nurtures sound academic development and encourages positive individual growth and self-discipline. We live out our motto "Love Serves" by instilling within our students a desire for serving others.

In this time of social distancing due to Covid-19, the Diocese of Norwich Office of Faith Events seeks to support grieving families whose loved ones have died by including the names of their deceased loved ones on a **Memory Page** on the Diocese of Norwich Website. If you have lost a loved one in the past few months and would like his or her name included on this page, please email his or her full name, birth, and death dates to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin Catholic Family Services mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net The names will be changed periodically. Let us all honor and remember those we have loved and lost holding them in thought and prayer.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer: Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. Accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

The nine 9th-graders in the current Confirmation class (with anticipated date of Confirmation around Easter 2021) would appreciate prayer support from our Sacred Heart parishioners. They now attend class each Sunday online, but they need the encouragement of our parish as they prepare for the reception of this once-in-a-lifetime sacrament.

If parishioners would like to send a message to the class, please email a note to smandre@sacredhearttaftville.org or mail to Sacred Heart Convent 15 Hunters Ave. Taftville, CT 06380 with Attention to Sister Marie-Andre.

The students will accept notes under these names: Daniel, Haley, Robert, Griffin, Hannah, Kalynn, Danny, Hailley, and Jacob.

Thank you for your kindness and many blessings,
 Sister Marie-Andre

If anyone begins to be seriously sick, please call the rectory so that a priest can administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Sacred Heart Parish 860-887-3072, St. Mary's 860-822-6378

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sacred Heart Parish

C.G. Ken Ann Sue Janet Harry Sherry Dianne N.
 Barbara Krauss Jose Isabella G Lorraine O. Dawn
 Simone B. Ronnie S. Nora Murphy Erin Julie Irene Neale
 Stan Mark K. Jeremy Thoma Jeanette Nancy S.
 Hayley VB JB HG Peter B. P.A.M.

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First Holy Communion

It is our great pleasure to recognize these children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14 November:

Evangeline Carroll	Makayla Casaol
Jaden Gignac	Autumn Gwiazdowski
Julianna Lariviere	Abigail Lougee
Valerie MacFadden	Clara Plummer
Addison Rorke	Nathanael Thomas
Vanessa Torres	Connor Walker

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

November 22, 2020

That we are generous with our gifts of time, talent and treasure especially when it's not always convenient for us.

Thanksgiving: Although Thanksgiving is a national holiday, its celebration can certainly be enhanced because it echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. So let us not only thank God for the abundance of goods and freedoms we share as citizens, but also for the gift of God's abiding presence in our lives.

Thanksgiving for a specific event is common in human experience. Indeed, such thanksgivings have given rise to the characteristic liturgies of both Judaism (the Passover Seder) and Christianity (the Eucharist, Greek for "thanksgiving"). In the Middle Ages, days of special thanksgiving were held to praise God for deliverance from famine, plague and war. This tradition was preserved by the Puritan settlers of Massachusetts.

The winter of 1620 had devastated the Puritans' colony with famine and disease. Help from the Native Americans and a good growing season resulted in a generous harvest in 1621, an event the colony celebrated by proclaiming a public day of thanksgiving. Thus Thanksgiving was the first holiday celebrated by the Puritan settlers of Massachusetts. In 1789 President George Washington recognized an official day of "sincere and humble thanks." Later, in 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November. In 1939 congress changed this to the fourth Thursday.

Today we celebrate Thanksgiving as Christians and citizens. As we remember all the blessings that come from our faith and from our citizenship, we give thanks and dedicate ourselves to the responsible use all our gifts to do God's will. Thank you, Lord!

GUARDIAN ANGEL STORY

"Out of sight is out of mind" goes the saying. How often this is true with respect to our relationship with our Guardian Angel; we forget him because we do not see him. Guardian Angel stories serve as a tonic helping us cultivate a personal relationship with our Guardian Angel and bolster our confidence in him.

Nocturnal First Aid

This story occurred during the Great Depression in the early 1930's in Chicago. It was told to me by a priest, Dr. Brown's brother.

In the wee hours of the morning Dr. Brown was jarred from sleep by the insistent ringing of the phone. He remembers groggily groping for the receiver; a husky, strained voice implored: "Is this Dr. Brown?"

"Yes, I am he."

"Could you come quickly? It's urgent, a matter of life and death!"

"Yes, I'll come. Where do you live?"

"Seventeen Alan Street, please, come quickly."

Dr. Brown dressed quickly, got his things together and was soon headed off to Alan Street; how lonely it was traveling alone through the dark streets at night. The neighborhood towards which he drove was on the "far side of the tracks", where even during the day one might not feel too comfortable walking around.

Dr. Brown found the house easily enough, a single residence; only it was peculiar that no lights were on. He went to the door and knocked; after a pause, he knocked again. Still there was no answer. His third knock, however, elicited a gruff response, "Who's there?"

"It's Dr. Brown. I received an urgent call for medical help. Is this seventeen Alan Street?"

"Yes it is, but nobody called you, get out of here!"

As he withdrew, he scanned the street searchingly for lights that might indicate where his help was really needed. Seeing none, he reproached himself again, thinking he had failed to jot down the right street number. Or perhaps, it was just a bad prank. In any case, there was nothing he could do but return home. And as there was no follow up phone call, he simply forgot the matter in the days that ensued.

Several weeks later, though, he received another call during the day from the emergency ward at the hospital. The nurse explained that a man, a certain John Turner, who had just suffered a severe accident and was clearly dying, was begging to speak with Dr. Robert Brown. "Doctor, could you come by quickly? He doesn't have much time. He will not tell us why he needs to speak to you."

Dr. Brown agreed to go, yet he was rather puzzled, for he knew no one by the name of John Turner. This conviction was verified by the patient, who said: "Dr. Brown, you don't know me, but I just had to speak with you before I die and beg your forgiveness. You will recall having received a telephone call several weeks ago in the dead of the night."

"Yes, I remember the call, but..."

"It was I who called you." The dying man explained: "I had had no work for months and months. I had sold everything of value in the house, and still could not feed my family. I could not bear the imploring, hungry looks in my children's eyes. In my desperation, I resolved to call a doctor for help in the middle of the night. My plan was to kill him, take his money and sell his instruments."

Though horrified, Dr. Brown could not help but protest: "Yes, but I came, why didn't you kill me?"

"I was expecting that you would come alone, but when I saw that big, powerful young man at your side I was afraid; and so I just sent you off gruffly. Please forgive me."

"Yes, of course," muttered Dr. Brown in a daze.

A cold chill had come over him; he had had no inkling that what had seemed to him like an irksome error or even a bad prank had been really such a close call with death. And even less had he suspected that his Guardian Angel (to whom he ever after attributed this intervention) had saved his life that night; for indeed, the "powerful young man" had appeared only to his would be assailant, who now dying, was imploring his forgiveness.

How awesome are the ways of God. How often our Angels preserve us from harm without our ever adverting to the fact.

Some people believe that our guardian angel remains by our side from the moment of our birth until the hour of our death.



We thank you *Sacred Heart and St. Josephs Parishioners* for your continuous support to helping the needy. We were able to help to feed many families for

Thanksgiving because of your generosity. We are grateful for the hearts of our parishioners. You truly are the BEST! We would like to thank our Food Pantry Ministry: Joan Jette-Lotreck, Eric Lotreck, and Michelle Wetmore for their good works in sharing of their time and treasure. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their gift to purchase turkeys.

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