

# St. Pio Parish

January 23, 2022



## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

161 Main Street  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### Confessions:

Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm and by appointment

### \*Daily Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7:15 am

Rev. Grzegorz P. Brozonowicz, Pastor  
Rev. Martin Noe, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Nicholas Iassogna 860-510-0060  
Deacon Thomas Rymut



*"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless.  
God is merciful and will hear your prayer."  
St. Padre Pio pray for us.*

Rectory Office Phone Numbers: (860) 388-3787 or (860) 399-9207

Rectory Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Tues. through Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon and 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Email: [office@saintpioct.org](mailto:office@saintpioct.org)

Website : [www.saintpioct.org](http://www.saintpioct.org)

St. Pio Faith Formation

Mrs. Lisa Collison, Director: [faithform@saintpioct.org](mailto:faithform@saintpioct.org)



## ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

222 McVeagh Road  
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### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

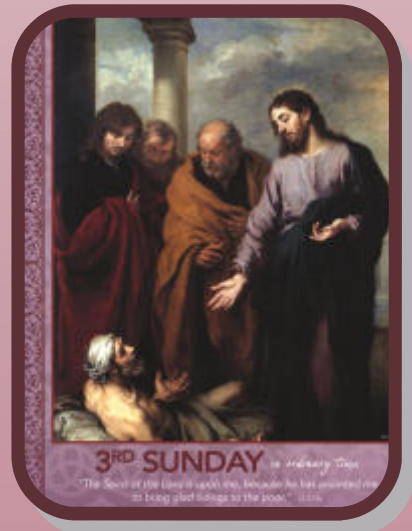
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

### Confessions:

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### \*Daily Masses:

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*Churches of St. John, Old Saybrook and St. Mark, Westbrook*



*At St. Mark Church*

**Saturday January 22**  
**4:00 PM Confessions**  
**5:00 PM +Marge Holdebrandt**  
 Requested by Her Sister  
**+Alice Palmer**  
 Requested by a Friend

**Sunday January 23**  
**8:00 AM +Jeanne Szostak**  
 Requested by Her Daughters Suzanne,  
 Cindy & Nancie  
**10:00 AM +Lois Waters**  
 Requested by Her Family  
**7:00 PM +Phyllis Ricciuti**  
 Requested by Her Daughter

**Tuesday January 25**  
**7:15 AM +Helen & Tom Stratton, Rose & John Bannerton and Marion Hamill**  
 Requested by Bridget Stratton

**Friday January 28**  
**7:15 AM +Joseph & Anne Chojnowski**  
 Requested by Their Daughter Joanne

**Saturday January 29**  
**4:00 PM Confessions**  
**5:00 PM +Deacon Michael L Pucas**  
 Requested by St. Pio Parish  
**+Floyd Morley (1st Anniversary)**  
 Requested by His Daughter Karen  
**For All Parishioners**

**Sunday January 30—Catholic Schools Week**  
**8:00 AM +Msgr Michael T. Donohue**  
 Requested by St. Pio Parish  
**10:00 AM +Dinorah Altagraco Rodriguez** Requested by  
 Anthony & Elizabeth Stratidis  
**7:00 PM +Sue & Keith Stedman**  
 Requested by Rich & Rachel Higgins



**VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Please continue to remember our own Brian Daley in your prayers as he explores his vocation into the priesthood.



*At St. John Church*

**Saturday January 22**  
**3:00 PM Confessions**  
**4:00 PM +Mickey Nolin**  
 Requested by Patty & David Shuck  
**+Barbara Dannaher**  
 Requested by Her Friends  
**+John Z. Larese**  
 Requested by His Family

**Sunday January 23**  
**7:30 AM +Czeslawa Brozonowicz**  
 Requested by Sue & Bob Daley & Family  
**9:00 AM +Alexander Strand (7th Anniversary)**  
 Requested by His Family  
**11:00 AM +Salvatore & Joanne DiBella**  
 Requested by The Leonard DiBella Family

**Monday January 24**  
**7:15 AM +Thomas Doherty**  
 Requested by Ellen Murphy

**Wednesday January 26**  
**7:15 AM +Czeslawa Brozonowicz**  
 Requested by Ellen Murphy

**Thursday January 27**  
**7:15 AM +Mary Aery**  
 Requested by The Frosini Family

**Saturday January 29**  
**3:00 PM Confessions**  
**4:00 PM +Katie Stavola**  
 Requested by Rich & Aimee Finnegan  
**+Romeo & Lucienne Lachance**  
 Requested by Daughters Luce Buhl &  
 Pauline Peterson  
**+Jim Bohan**  
 Requested by His Wife & Family

**Sunday January 30—Catholic Schools Week**  
**7:30 AM Blessings upon Hank Finnegan**  
 Requested by The Finnegan Family  
**9:00 AM +Anthony & Barbara Palumbo**  
 Requested by Henry & Kathy Talbot  
**11:00 AM +David Hoffman**  
 Requested by Patty & David Shuck

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A Prayer for 2022

*Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights,  
seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year  
and fill the months ahead with  
the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ.  
You are our God, living and reigning,  
forever and ever.  
Amen*



#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

If St. John School is canceled or delayed due to bad weather, there will be no 7:15 a.m. Mass at either church that day, but a 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mark church instead. If two Masses were scheduled for that day, the intentions will be combined. The parish office follows the school schedule for weather delays/closures throughout the year.

#### PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (feast day Jan 28)

Saint Thomas Aquinas, you are called by Holy Mother Church, the Angel of the Schools. Your wisdom, gathered through long meditation from the source of all wisdom, the Most Holy Trinity, has long been a shining light in the Catholic Church. Ignorance of the things of God is a darkness now enveloping the minds of many of our countrymen. In this darkness, we need an angel like you who will protect, foster, and nourish St. John School, Old Saybrook for the instruction of our children in the ways of Christ. Help and bless the generous priests, sisters and teachers who labor so unselfishly in the classroom to spread the knowledge of Christ. Inspire our Catholic men and women to be most generous in the support of St. John School Charitable Foundation Trust. Grant to parents the wise generosity they need to give their child back to God when that child wishes to follow a priestly or religious vocation. Help us, Saint Thomas, Angel of the Schools, to understand what you taught, and to follow your example. Amen.



#### ST. JOHN SCHOOL - CON- TINUING ENROLLMENT FOR 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

We have been open every day and conducting continuous in-person learning since September 1, 2020. Private tours have resumed— please call the school office to make an appointment. We are still enrolling new students for the 2021/22 academic year. All required forms are available online. We invite you to visit our website to read about our PreK3 to Grade 8 challenging curriculums, extracurricular after-school programs and clubs, our competitive athletics, campus information, before/aftercare program, testimonials, and much more. Please also visit our social media Facebook page for recent activities. Our mission is to “Educate the Whole Child” - academically, spiritually and emotionally. If you would like to speak with the St. John School Principal or teachers, have questions about St. John School or our successful Covid program and plans for next year, please call our office at (860) 388-0849. For all information, please visit [www.saintjohnschool.org](http://www.saintjohnschool.org). All are welcome.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

St. John School is looking for a **Spanish Teacher**: For grades 1—8. Responsibilities include: Developing lesson plans and curricula based on the needs of individual students, providing conversational classes where pronunciation and important words and phrases are taught, teaching writing and Spanish composition classes, monitoring student’s progress by writing up reports and grading assessments, as well as teaching students about Spanish culture, which may include festivals, traditional food and dress, and social conventions. Please contact Mother Elaine at: 860-388-0849 or email: [principal@saintjohnschool.org](mailto:principal@saintjohnschool.org).

#### ST. JOHN SCHOOL – OPEN HOUSES 2022

Saint John School, Old Saybrook is having Open Houses on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am–noon and Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am and 6-8pm. Please register online to attend. We invite you to also visit our website to read about our PreK3-Grade 8 challenging curriculums, extracurricular after-school programs, our competitive athletics, campus information, before/aftercare program, testimonials and more. Please also visit our Facebook page for recent classroom activities. You are invited to hear about “Educating the Whole Child” – we believe in educating our students academically, emotionally and spiritually. Come see our facilities and campus, talk to our staff, and learn about our challenging curriculum, enrichment & extracurricular programs including our after school sports and clubs. Registration for 2022/23 academic year will commence in February 2022. For more information see our website, [www.saintjohnschool.org](http://www.saintjohnschool.org). If you have any questions, please call the school office at (860) 388 0849. All are welcome.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Jan 9	2021	2022
	\$ 7,663	\$ 8,738
Haiti Food	\$ 2,420	\$ 3,188



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Please make checks payable to: ST. PIO PARISH

*Thank you for your generosity to St. Pio Parish*



END OF YEAR OFFERTORY STATEMENTS

Any parishioner who would like an end of year statement for their contributions this past year, 2021, may receive one by emailing (office@saintpioct.org) or calling the parish office (860-388-3787). Please leave your name and phone number (in case there is a question) and we will mail it to you.

OPENINGS FOR MASSES,  
SANCTUARY AND ADORATION LAMPS

Our 2022 Mass book is in the office. Now is the time to reserve a Mass, or Sanctuary or Adoration Lamp for a loved one. Have the candle burn for a week for someone you want remembered. Call the office to check for availability. 860-388-3787.



*The Lord, my God lights up  
my darkness.*



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mark Church will burn January 23—29

**For All Priests in our  
Diocese, Living & Deceased**

The Adoration Lamp will burn  
January 23—29



**In Loving Memory of Jeanne Szostak**

Requested by Her Daughters  
Suzanne, Cindy & Nancie

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. John Church will burn January 23—29



**For All Those Who Have  
No One To Pray For Them**



ST. PIO PRAYER LISTS

Please remember the following  
parishioners in your prayers.

If you would like your name added or removed from any of the below prayer lists, please call/email the office and leave your name. If you are calling for someone else, please **check with them first** to make sure they want their name on the list. Thank you.

FIRST RESPONDERS/FRONT LINE WORKERS:

Chief Michael A. Spera and the Old Saybrook Police Dept, Matthew Giampietro, the Rochette Family, Darrell Ponzio, Calvin Ponzio, James Ponzio, Dominic Giampietro

**SICK:** J.J. Evola, Torin Perret, Pat Creco, Rich and Nancy Ronne, Kimberly Doobee, June Brown, Tom M., John K., Terry Anselmo, Dolores Cardon, Fr. Richard Albamonti, Anna Mavrianos Cesare, Edgar Gorneau, Jim Carroll, Bill Miller, Mary M., David Duddie, Dottie Dreisbach, Barbara Merritt, Bruni Levin, F. Inzitari, R. Inzitari, Paul Connelly, Skip Beebe, Joseph Tencza

**MILITARY:** Greg Allen, Sean Heenan, Michael Gallagher, Christopher and Wendy Perrotti, Benjamin Long, Joseph Finnegan, Hank Finnegan, Alex Fortier, Timothy Vinton, Dominick Reynolds

LISTEN TO US ON THE RADIO!

You can remain in your car and tune your radio to 91.9 at St. John Church or 92.7 at St. Mark Church and participate from your car.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 23©LPi

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30. **Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20. **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43. **Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32. **Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13. **Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29. **Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34. **Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 23©LPi

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. **Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest. **Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life. **Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop. **Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr. **Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs.

## THE MONTHLY DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

Our Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, Feb. 5 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 23, 2022

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi

### KNITTERS NEEDED!

To our gifted and talented Knitters of the Norwich Diocese, please join the Office of Faith Events in reaching out to the community during the cold winter months by donating handmade scarves. Whatever you could do to help support our new "**Street Ministry**" to the poor would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought or sent to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. We will be accepting donations until February 28. Thank you so much for donating your time and talent! Questions? Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)



### ST. RAPHAEL PRAYER MINISTRY

Due to COVID—19 our Prayer Teams are not currently meeting. We will update you when we begin meeting again.



### PRAYER CHAIN (860) 388-2307

To place a name on the Prayer Chain, please call Elaine Alfano at the number above. If it's someone else's name you want to add, please be sure to get their permission before adding their name.



### PRAYING THE ROSARY —ON HOLD

Join us on the 13th of each month at 6:00 pm in St. Mark Church when we pray the Rosary and prayers requested by Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome. For questions, please call Domenica 860-853-8414



### THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

at St. Mark Church is Open, and Needs Adorers for Jesus Monday through Friday 6:00am to 9:00pm. Please accept one hour to visit with our Lord. See sign-up sheets in the back of the Church.



### FOOD PANTRY TUESDAYS 11:30—2:15

In St. Mark Church hall. It takes many people to make the pantry run. We are grateful to all who volunteer or through donations make it possible. Right now the items most needed are: **Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce (no glass jars, please), Canned Vegies/Fruit, Oatmeal**



### ST. PIO VOCATIONS CHALICE MINISTRY

Welcomes parishioners to pray for an increase in holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To receive the Consecrated Chalice into your home for one week, or for more information, please contact Barbara DiBella at 860-227-1215.



### SUPPORT OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI

Donations are always accepted for scholarships or other emergency needs. Please make checks payable to "Walk with Haiti" and send to Walk With Haiti, St. Pio Parish, 161 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."*

(*NEHEMIAH 8:10*)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

### XAVIER OPEN HOUSE

Xavier High School will have an Open House Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6-7:30 p.m. You can sign up at [xavierhighschool.org](http://xavierhighschool.org). Go to Admissions and click on Open House. For questions, Director of Enrollment Management Matthew McCaffrey can be reached at [mmccaffrey@xavierhighschool.org](mailto:mmccaffrey@xavierhighschool.org) or 860-346-7735 x743.



## THE JULIAN CIRCLE AT MERCY BY THE SEA

An ongoing virtual program series with  
Rev. Mark S. Burrows, Ph.D.

Wednesdays, February 9, March 9 and  
April 6, 2022, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Eastern

\*\$60 - Inquire about partial scholarships



Based on the highly popular Julian Circle that piloted in fall 2021, Rev. Mark S. Burrows, Ph.D., will continue to host three once-monthly Julian Circle gatherings on Zoom beginning February, 2022. Both past participants and newcomers are welcomed. This year's Julian Circle will take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 –8:30 p.m. U.S./Eastern: **February 9, March 9 and April 6.** Gatherings will focus on a different text from what Julian of Norwich simply called her “book” (variously entitled either *Showings* or *Revelations of Divine Love*), which will be announced in advance of each session. As a celebrated English mystic (born 1342), Julian's book is generally considered to be one of the most remarkable documents of medieval religious experience. Mark will open each month's session with a prayer and teaching to set it in context and relate it to the wider scope of Julian's thought. Then, there will be an opportunity for focused conversation, first in small break-out groups and then in a closing plenary session. The goal is to explore the wisdom of Julian's “showings,” which were rooted in her courageous and imaginative vision into the depths of divine love. Participants will be invited to do what Julian herself suggested was necessary: namely, to “perform” her “showings” by appropriating the insights she recorded in her writings. In each session, participants will be encouraged to enter into the transformative power of God's love as Julian came to understand it, seeking to enter into the joy of what she called our “one-ing” with God and with one another. **Rev. Mark S. Burrows, Ph.D.** is a scholar of historical theology and a much sought-after retreat leader. He has published widely in the areas of spirituality and mysticism, theology and the arts. An oblate of Glastonbury Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Hingham, MA, Mark is also a widely published poet and an award-winning translator of German literature. Read more about Mark at [mercybythesea.org](http://mercybythesea.org) or at [www.msburrows.com](http://www.msburrows.com). \*Includes the three-part series, some reading and reflection materials, and recording links of each session. For more information or to register, please call 203-245-0401

## WALK WITH HAITI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This is the 24th year of our parish twinning with Notre Dame de Lourdes in Haiti. We provide funding to allow 40 children to attend school and 13 others to attend vocational courses through our scholarship program.

The average yearly cost for tuition and text books is \$650 per child. Gift card sales subsidize some of the tuition costs and we are asking again for pledges for the remaining \$450, but any pledge amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our parish twin and giving a child a chance in life. For more information see: [www.saintpioc.org/walk-with-haiti](http://www.saintpioc.org/walk-with-haiti).

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Fedjyna Celestin joined our scholarship program in 2010, graduated high school in 2014 and has been in medical school ever since. Fedjyna just completed her one-year residency working in different hospital departments at St. Nicolas Hospital in St. Marc, Haiti. We are very excited to report that she returned safely to Port-au-Prince and graduated with her class on December 19 – she can finally be called a doctor! She is now waiting for the government to assign her to a hospital for one year of service to the country. Fedjyna said she would like to become a surgeon, but she will need additional financial help to continue studying.



## WALK WITH HAITI 2021/22 SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

The goal this year is

**55**

**Scholarships paid for to date: 52**

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