

# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

## St. Colman Church

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## Notre Dame Church

272 Main St.  
Durham, CT 06422  
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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Confessions & Vigil Mass (Notre Dame): Confessions: 3:00 PM • Mass: 4:00PM  
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM (St. Colman) • 9:30 AM (St. Colman)  
Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 1st Saturday 8:00 AM (Notre Dame)  
Holy Rosary: Saturday 8:00 AM (Notre Dame) • Saturday 3:30 PM (Notre Dame)  
PASTOR: Very Reverend Jan Swiderski • DEACON: Peter L. Gill

**Mission Statement:** The Parish, as part of the Mystical Body of Christ, should have Christ's vision of love & should invite & assist all people to respond to God's universal call to holiness by proclaiming the Word, building His community, celebrating His liturgy & serving His people.



For the Week of May 01, 2022—May 08, 2022

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

8:00 Am Mass (Notre Dame) Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary; † Zbigniew Pawlowski , Elzbieta and Wladyslawa Kubiek by Ania & Stanislaw Kubiek

*Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter*

4:00 PM Mass (Notre Dame) † Giuseppe Diglio by Carmine & Maria Trotta; † Joseph Brigante Jr. By the Marran Family

**Sunday, May 01, 2022**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM Mass (St. Colman) Cassie Gordon & Lou Battipaglia (Healing Mass) by Knights of Columbus

9:30 AM Mass (St. Colman) † Mary Jane Malespini by the Finance committee

**Monday, May 02, 2022**

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † Marvin Tobias  
7:00 PM (Notre Dame) Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday, May 03, 2022**

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † David Pasquale

**Wednesday, May 04, 2022**

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † Mary Fulmine. (16th Anniversary of Death) by her daughter, Joanne Albrecht

**Thursday, May 05, 2022**

No Mass

**Friday, May 06, 2022**

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † Marie Albani

**Saturday, May 07, 2022**

*Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter*

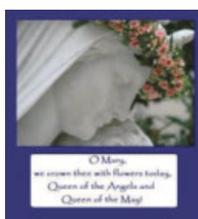
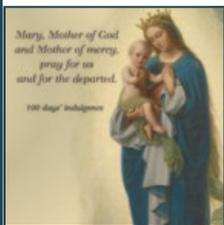
4:00 PM Mass (Notre Dame) † All Mothers Living & Deceased entrusted to the prayers of Father Jan

**Sunday, May 08, 2022**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM Mass (St. Colman) † All Mothers Living & Deceased entrusted to the prayers of Father Jan

9:30 AM Mass (St. Colman) † All Mothers Living & Deceased entrusted to the prayers of Father Jan



**All Daily Weekday Masses**

ALL weekday Masses are being celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Church on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays until further notice.

**Saturday/Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil 4 PM, Notre Dame Church  
Sunday 8 AM and 9:30 AM are being celebrated at St. Colman Church until further notice.  
Confessions- Saturday 3:00pm, Notre Dame Church  
Masks are optional. Thank you!!

**Saturday Vigil Mass (N.D)  
May 07, 2022 4:00 PM**

Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Bonnie Smith	Pat Sicignano

**Sunday Mass (St. Colman)  
May 08, 2022 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM**

Lector	Eucharistic Minister
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**8:00 AM (St. Colman)**

Paul Oville	Carol Banack
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**9:30 AM (St. Colman)**

Maryann Boord	Gail Mullaney
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Father Jan, and the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parish extend the deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers to the families of:  
*Bruno D'Amico, who died April 10, 2022*  
*Marie Albani, who died on April 14, 2022*

*Please keep them In your prayers!*



Father Jan, and parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy wish to welcome our newest member:

*Julian David Valk*  
*Baptism*  
*Notre Dame Church*  
*Sunday, April 24, 2022*  
*Julian is the son of Daniel & Mary-Beth*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all of the parents who have already registered for 2022-2023 Faith Formation classes.

This is a reminder that if you have not yet registered for Faith Formation classes, it's not too late. We need to have registration forms for all children wishing to be in the program asap in order to have the appropriate number of teachers, books and supplies for next year's classes. For further information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 860-349-3059.



Eucharistic Adoration Monday Night Notre Dame Church 7:00—8:00 PM

Join Fr. Jan and others in prayer, meditation and personal time with our Lord! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass Saturday, May 7 at 8:30 A.M Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich

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.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our Daily Virtual Rosary starting Sunday, May 1st through Wednesday, May 31st. Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary with us to bring peace to the world, and to bring an end to war. We welcome you to join us in this important time of prayer. We will start at 7:00 PM each evening. Please email Kum Cha Soja for the Zoom link. scndfaith@gmail.com



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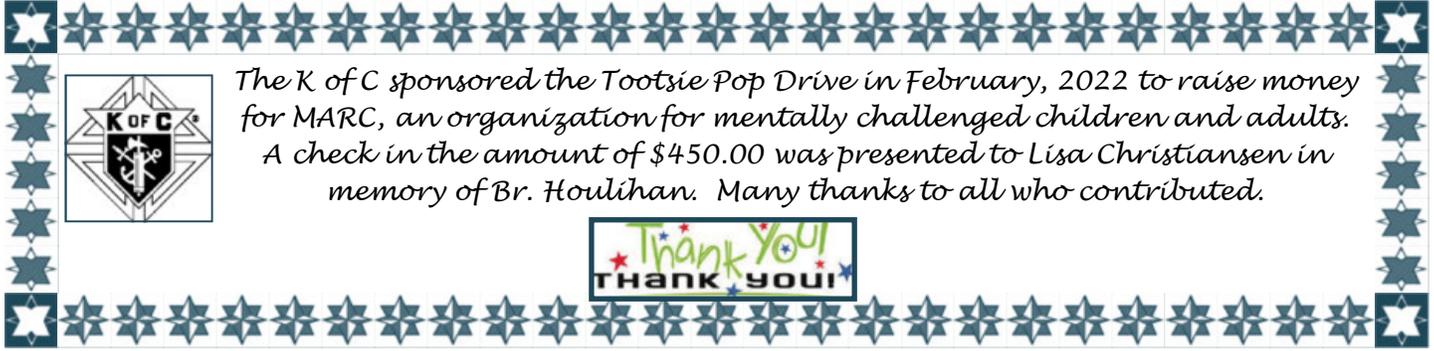


WE ARE BACK 2022! NOTRE DAME CHURCH MONTLY TAG SALES, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, SATURDAY, MAY 7 at 272 Main St., Durham from 8 AM to 1 PM RAIN OR SHINE! OUTSIDE you will find records, tapes, cd's, books, pictures and frames, baskets, stuffed animals, electronics, sporting equipment, religious items and a full range of miscellaneous tag sale items. INSIDE our Church Hall we have a huge assortment of clothing, toys, jewelry, china, a variety of linens, kitchen supplies, craft supplies, and more. Refreshments in the church hall will offer breakfast sandwiches, pastries, hotdogs, hamburgers, coffee, soda and water. There will not be any outside vendors. See you at our next Saturday TAG SALE June 4.

The Apparitions performed at Xavier:

A play based on Mary's apparitions at Guadalupe in 1531 will be presented at Xavier High School on Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. This will be the first performance of the work which was written by scholar/author Cooley Taylor in 1982. Donations are accepted.

Those interested in attending can call Xavier teacher John McGrath at 860-638-7989.



*The K of C sponsored the Tootsie Pop Drive in February, 2022 to raise money for MARC, an organization for mentally challenged children and adults. A check in the amount of \$450.00 was presented to Lisa Christiansen in memory of Br. Houlihan. Many thanks to all who contributed.*

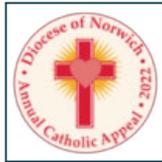


**Please Join Us: 2022 ACA Ministry Fair  
Reservations Required**

The 2022 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held May 15, 2022, from 11- 12:30, in Norwich.

We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, **“One Faith, One Family”**,

support our ministries and programs please contact Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or [dodadm@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:dodadm@norwichdiocese.net) for further details or to register for this event. Reservations and **RSVP by May 2nd** are required due to space limitations.



**MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL VOCAL CHORDS  
SPRING CONCERT**

The MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL VOCAL CHORDS (MHVC) will present their 32nd Annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at 7pm at Portland High School, 95 High St., Portland, CT.

SAMUEL TUCKER will make his debut as the new Musical Director. Sam brings a wealth of musical knowledge and expertise to this choral family which has become a community staple. His overall philosophy of music is that it should bring connection, beauty, healing and joy to our lives. Year after year, MHVC has performed to packed houses and this performance is expected to be no different. Some selections included in this show will be “The Impossible Dream”, “Chicago in Concert”, “Down by the Riverside” and “Phantom of the Opera”. This program promises an ambiance of the medleys continually moving forward to a triumphant conclusion.

Come and share this experience! Tickets (\$20) can be obtained by calling 203.537.1498/860.342.3120 or 860.205.2067/860.347.2787. Visit us at [www.vocalchords20.org](http://www.vocalchords20.org) and like us on Facebook.



Did you know...What is happening in the diocese to protect Children?  
**Training is provided** for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all. **A designated Victim Assistance Coordinator is available** to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey. **A volunteer independent Review Board assists** the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving Forward. **A Safe Environment Coordinator assists** parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children. **An audit is conducted** by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the Charter for the Protected of Children and Young People. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report.

**Let us pray to the Lord for the children who are wounded and tearful, that they mind find comfort and healing!**

**Andre Gagne Knights of Columbus Fourth  
Degree Memorial Scholarship**

Once again, the Christopher Columbus Assembly #1858, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree of Wallingford is making available the Andre Gagne Memorial Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is perpetuate the memory of Andre Gagne, Past Faithful Navigator, Boy Scout Chaplain, Eucharistic Minister of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Wallingford, and Volunteer in the Wallingford area by providing an annual scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 for a deserving graduating high school senior planning on attending an institution of higher education. The Scholarship is open to High School Seniors who are Catholic and live in the towns of Wallingford and Durham. The Scholarship is based upon completion of an essay. If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate to contact the Scholarship Chairman, Michael Gagne, by telephone 203-444-0597 or by email at [MagicGagne@aol.com](mailto:MagicGagne@aol.com)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Month of May, we remember Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. She is the spiritual mother of all the faithful, and in a special way the mother of priests. In his 1950 apostolic exhortation on the sanctity of priestly life, *Menti Nostrae*, Pope Pius XII writes, "Our Lady loves everyone with a most tender love, but she has a particular predilection for priests who are the living image of Jesus Christ" (No. 142).

We are grateful for our priests here in the Diocese of Norwich. They respond daily to the Lord's call to "Follow me" by serving and accompanying God's people in the day to day circumstances of life.

We are grateful for our seminarians. They are currently finishing up another year of priestly formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. In a couple short weeks they will return to the Diocese for their summer assignments. Let's pray for them, for a successful completion of their coursework and a smooth transition home. Please also join me in praying for Deacon Jacob Ramos who will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. May Mary, Mother of priests, protect and guide Deacon Jacob to a closer union with her Son, the Eternal Priest.

Lastly, and most especially, we are grateful for you. We are grateful for the role you play in supporting our priests and seminarians. A seminarian's journey to priesthood is long and arduous. Preparation typically requires six years of formation beyond college. The average annual cost for tuition, room and board and health insurance per seminarian is approximately \$42,000 per year.

To help offset these expenses, a special collection is taken up each year in support of the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Donations to the Seminarian Education Fund provide tuition, room and board, and health insurance for our seminarians. I ask you to consider making a contribution to this year's Seminarian Education Fund collection. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of the men preparing for the priesthood in our diocese.

As St. John Vianney once said, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." I ask you to continue praying for our priests, our future priests, and for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. May the Lord Jesus Christ raise up men in our diocese who will follow in His footsteps to serve the Church as priests.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



Catholic Charities is celebrating our **100th Anniversary** on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Mystic Aquarium! The Centennial Celebration will be fun for the whole family with face painting, a scavenger hunt, raffle, silent auction, and various food stations, while enjoying all the amenities of Mystic Aquarium. Come celebrate this amazing milestone with us! For more Information visit [ccfn.org](http://ccfn.org) or contact Sally at 203-556-0115 for . Sponsorships available! Tickets: \$100.00 per adult, children 12 and under are free (Limit 2 children per adult).



“Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.” — Jn 21:18-19

**Parish Collection: April, 23-24, 2022**

*Our Lady of Mercy*

Weekly Collection 81 Envelopes	\$3,582.00		
Online Giving 49 Contributors	\$2,998.00		
		<b>Goal</b>	<b>Diff +/-</b>
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY</b>	<b>\$6,580.00</b>	<b>\$8,800.00</b>	<b>-\$2,220.00</b>
Monthly Collection	\$95.00		
Easter Collection	\$161.00		
St. John Paul School	\$418.00		
Mother's Day Intentions	\$235.00		
Sick/Infirmed Priests	\$55.00		

**Readings for the week of May 01, 2022**

- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



The Parish of Our Lady of Mercy wishes to give "Thanks" to: **Alex Pandolfe, our Lectors, Organists & Choir** for bringing the Tridium to the Easter Celebration for all who share in the Risen Lord.

**St. Rose Venerini | May 7**

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality. Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome. St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

*Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound*

PLEASE NOTE: the prayer list for those in our community who are ill or homebound will be published as space permits. Please check it over to see if there are names that may be removed/added. Please contact the Rectory (860-349-3058) with your corrections/additions.

- Carol R., Fr. Dan Kelley, Sandy, Alyce Felt, Nancy Glenn, Paul Simpson, Ellen Kelley, Emma and Joseph Afflitto, Stuart Larabee, Denyse Earley, Scott Hurlburt, Maria Thody, Ronald Smith, Linda T., Mary Regan, Susan Hurlbert, Jack Grotti, S.W., B.M., Brent Manzara, Mark Folce, Kegan Marero, Karen Carbone, Anthony Bazydola, Sylvia Fazzino, Linda Roque, Marguerite Wilkins, Dolores Caturano, Shirley Bielefield, Gabby, Marie Kaczynski, Faith Y., Adam Verchinski, Beatrice Berretta, Joseph Graham, Christina Almeida, Phyllis Amoit, Rosemarie Naples, Rose Dunlop, Teresa Searcy, Matthew Cyrus, E. & D., Elaine & Henry Genga, Joseph Romboli, Jim Potash, John, Mr. & Mrs. Rowsome, Mary Shannon Lombardo, Joseph Sullivan, Sr., Mike Paoletto, Sr., Carin Plante, Kim & Ethan Fountain, Mike D., Cheryl G., Ann Marie Uliano, Sharon Hines, Audrey Helen Pavlak, Anthony Ciccomascolo, Jr., Michael Bentz, Sandra Miller, Andrew Pavlak, Patty Van Dolson, Dorothy Wallett, Betty Kindschi, Carol Wilkas, Joann Nothangle, Lynn Fiducia, Greyson & Chloe Aldinger, a beloved friend, Mark Pagnozzi, Marie Giordano, Joel Rivera, Ethan, Gloria Lake, Karen, William Mulvey, David Mastroianni, Christina Mastroianni, Melissa Rodgers and Steven Dinello, Keelin Simpson, Catherine Villwolch, Kailey, Stella Rudaitis, Pauline Duquette, Mary Ennis, Janet Gmyrek, Dave Marran, Pat Miederhauset, Laura Consiglio, Brenda Dion, Charlie Spinacci, and Enza Bombaci, Jenna Mallico, Barbara Carangelo, Emily Annino.

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*\*Please contact the Parish Office with all Baptism, Wedding, and Funeral inquiries*



**Knights of Columbus**

**WANTED!!** Men the age of 18 and older to join the Notre Dame Council #12289 Knights of Columbus. As a Knight you have the opportunity to support our Parish as well as giving back to your community and grow in your faith. For more information, please contact George Gorton, Grand Knight at (860) 930-7931. Thank you for your cooperation!

**God Bless Our Military**



Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times. Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude. Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life. Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Please pray for all of our members of the United States Armed Forces serving in our country and abroad including:* Michael Molnar, USMC and Captain Andrew Krebs, USMC, Alec Surprenant, Army Staff Sgt., Travis Menard, John Menard, Domitilo Pastorin, US Navy, and LCdr. Sarah Zieminski, US Navy, Louis Menard, Coast Guard, Andrew S. DiSilvestro, Jr., William Malcolm, 1st Lt. George Planeta IV, USMC and his wife, Lt. JG Jillian Planeta, USN, 2nd Lt Jonathan Planeta, USAG, Lance Corporal James Planeta, USMC, Lt. Com. Brennan Dougherty, US Coast Guard, his wife, Lt. Com. Dana Tomc Dougherty, US Coast Guard, Sgt. Jeremy Cannon, US Navy and Captain Peter Woods, USMC, Lt. Michael P. Tewksbury, U.S.N., Lauren Melchionne 2nd Lt. USA, 101st Airborne Brigade Officer. Tyler Crisp, Air Force, Trevor Smith, Air Force

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