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# Notre Dame Church

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# 6<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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[Jesus said to his disciples:]
"The Advocate, the Holy
Spirit, whom the Father will
send in my name, will teach
you everything and remind
you of all that I told you.
Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give to you."
- Jn 14:26-27a

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Office Location: 272 Main St., Durham, CT 06422 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM P: 860-349-3058 • E: scndchurches@comcast.net

#### **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 22, 2022—May 29, 2022

## Saturday, May 21, 2022

Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Mass (Notre Dame) † Angelo & Carolina Greco by Patti & Sal Merenda

#### Sunday, May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass (St. Colman) † Helen Dudek by Lisa Mierzejewski & Tom Hughes

9:30 AM Mass (St. Colman) † Gary Perruccio by Debbie & Sarah Spitzmacher; † Frederick H. Perkins Jr. by the Finance Committee

#### Monday, May 23, 2022

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † Gary Perruccio



7:00 PM [ (Notre Dame) Eucharistic Adoration

#### Tuesday, May 24, 2022

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † All Mother's entrusted to the prayers of Fr. Jan

#### Wednesday, May 25, 2022

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † Luke Masztal (Birthday Remembrance, May 26th) by his Family

#### Thursday, May 26, 2022 Solemnity of the Ascension

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † Tadziu Novakowski by Fr. Jan

7:00 PM Mass (Notre Dame) Conversion of Russia & peace in Ukraine

#### Friday, May 27, 2022

8:00 AM Mass (Notre Dame) † Joseph Erazmus (Birthday Remembrance) by Ron & Cynthia Oblon

#### **Saturday, May 28, 2022**

8:00 Am Mass (Notre Dame) Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary; † All Mother's entrusted to prayers of Fr. Jan

#### Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Mass (Notre Dame) † Anthony Bastone by Sal & Patti Merenda; † Giuseppe Diglio by Ron & Kum-Cha Soja

#### Sunday, May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass (St. Colman) † Paul Casey

9:30 AM Mass (St. Colman) † Elizabeth Wyskiel (Birthday Remembrance ) by her Children; † Mary Jane Malespini by the Spitzmacher Family







#### 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!!

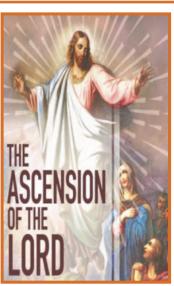
Saturday Vigil Mass (N.D) May 28, 2022 4:00 PM			
Lector	Eucharistic Minister		
Sal Merenda	Guy Tommasi		
Sunday Mass (St. Colman) May 29, 2022 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM			
Lector	Eucharistic Minister		
8:00 AM (St. Colman)			
Elaine Norowski	Jim Norowski		
9:30 AM (St. Colman)			
Nadine Ernst	Joe Morin		



Father Jan, Deacon Peter and the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parish extend the deepest sympathy and assurance of

prayers to the family of Paul Casey, who died May 4th, 2022.

A funeral Mass and Christian Burial was held on May 13, 2022 at St. Colman Church. Please keep him In your prayers!



#### Holy Day of Obligation Ascension Thursday May 26, 2022

This Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation, Ascension Thursday. It is the day we celebrate Christ's ascension. we celebrate the crowning of his Easter victory over sin and death. Two Masses will be celebrated. Masses will be celebrated at Notre Dame Church, at 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

#### SIXTH 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.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our Daily Virtual Rosary starting Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> --Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary with us for the conversion of sinners, 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.

For copy of closing prayers please email scndchurches@comcast.net

May 1, 2022 until May 31, 2022, Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83728349071?

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Meeting ID: 837 2834 9071
Passcode needed to enter meeting: 286004

Additional Mother's Day Mass Intention:
Father Jan will remember in his prayers,
throughout the month of May, the following dear
women held close to your hearts:

+Mary LoGatto by Susan LoGatto and Family +The Mother's of the Norkus Families +The Mother's of Bazydola Families +The Mother's of Glenn Pitruzzello Families +The Mother's of the Pandolfe Families 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.

NOTRE DAME CHURCH MONTHLY TAG SALE! Our Lady of Mercy Parish, SATURDAY, JUNE 4 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 SALES July 2 and August 6



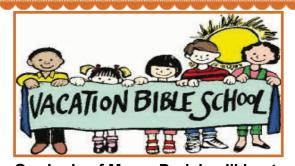


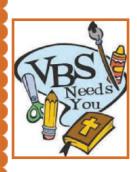
Our Tag Sale Committee is looking for You!

We need volunteers from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If you are interested and would like to lend a hand please contact Carol Banack at 860-349-3355 Also in need of donations! Thank You!







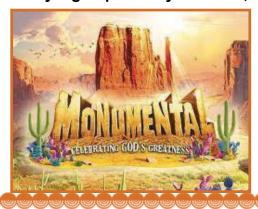


Our Lady of Mercy Parish will host
"Discovery Canyon" Vacation Bible School (VBS)
June 27—July 1, 2022
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon
Saint Colman Church
Kindergarten through 5th grade

Kindergarten through 5th grade
Cost is \$50 for first child and \$25 for additional child
(NO fees for children of volunteers)

Come join the fun!

Bible storytelling, Music, Arts & Crafts and Activities!!! Don't delay sign up now by June 1st, 2022



## 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Many, many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal thus far! Our Lady Of Mercy Parish has donated \$34,141.00 or 63.72% of it's goal, of and 15.36% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family," or would like to make an additional gift, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you for your help!





# **Summer Experiences for Children and Youth**

Would you like your children to have a land-based experience? The Franciscan Life Center is offering two *Franciscan Land-based Experiences* this summer. Monday-Friday, June 27, to July 1, and July 25 to 29,

from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at

405 Allen Avenue, Meriden, CT.

Activities are gardening, animal and environmental care, sports, campfire bread making, arts and crafts.

We also offer a **Youth Leadership Program** for boys and girls transitioning from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school (13-14 years of age).

This program is the week of June 27 to July 1, 2022, on the campus of the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden. Under the direction of Thomas Finn, Ph.D., the youth will engage in confidence and team building activities promoting leadership skills, self-esteem, and communication. You may register at flenter.org or call 203-237-8084.



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." — 10 14127-28

#### Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

[4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a

and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,

7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-

12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn

16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Fr**iday:** Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn

16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn

16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7,

8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday* of *Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn

17:20-26



An Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my
queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose never to
abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit
that aught be done by others to dishonor thee. Receive me, then, I
conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions, and

do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen. — St. John Berchmans

### Parish Collection: May 14 – May 15, 2022

#### Our Lady of Mercy

Weekly Collection 72 Envelopes	\$3,208.00		
Online Giving 58 Contributors	\$1,856.00		
		Goal	Diff +/-
TOTAL WEEKLY	\$5,064.00	\$8,800.00	-\$3,736.00
Monthly Collection	\$110.00		
St. John Paul School	\$537.00		
Ascension 5/26/22	\$75.00		
Seminary	\$155.00		
Sanctuary Wall	\$150.00		

#### St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows. Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

#### 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 Laribee, Denyse Earley, Scott Hurlburt, Maria Thody, Ronald Smith, Linda T., Mary Regan, Susan Hurlbert, Jack Grotti, S.W., B.M., 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, Jim Potash, John, Mr. & Mrs. Rowsome, Mary Shannon Lombaro, 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., Ruth Bugai 6

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(Faith Formation)	Kum-Cha Soja			
Sexton (S.C.)	Tom Capega	(860) 638-8172		
Sexton (N.D.)	Brenden Bidwell	(860) 834-1823		
Parish Ministries				
Altar Servers (N.D.)	Mary Johnson	(860) 349-1120		
Altar Servers (S.C.)	Nikki Ruffino	(860) 685-0661		
Eucharistic Ministers	Elaine Norowski	(508) 847-4390		
Lectors	Nadine Ernst	(860)349-0611		
Music & Choir	Ron Soja	(860) 305-4301		
Music	Renata Kwasnik			
Offertory Counter	Carol Banack			
Children's Liturgy	Kum-Cha Soja	(860) 349-3059		
Pre-Cana Classes	Kum-Cha & Ron Soja	(860) 349-3059		
RCIA	Eileen Kukish	(860) 740-4951		
	Timi Eckhoff	(860) 214-0963		
Welcome Committee	Sylvia Fazzino	(860) 788-7338		

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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 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, JolstAirborne Brigade Officer. Tyler Crisp, Air Force, Trevor Smith, Air Force

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