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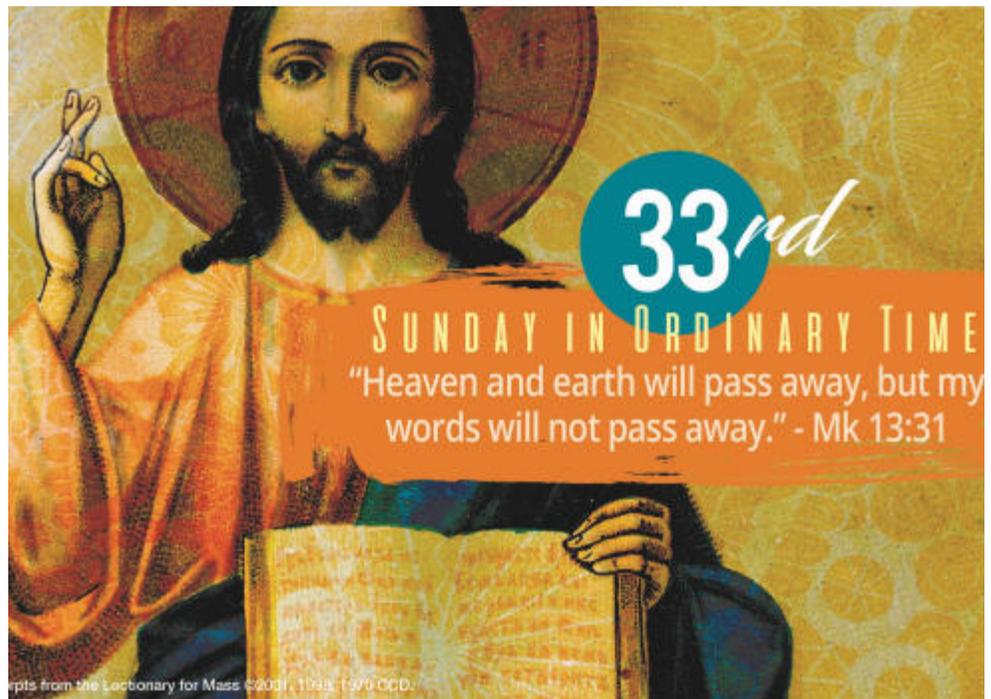
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### Masses

**Vigil Mass Sat. Evening:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday morning Mass:** 8:30 am

**Wednesday:** 8 am

**Thursday:** 8 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3—:3:45 pm

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**Email:** [secretary@stmarys1845.org](mailto:secretary@stmarys1845.org)

### Masses / Eucaristia / LaMes

**Vigil Mass Sat Evening:** 4:00 pm (*English*)

**Domingo:** 10:00 am (*Español*)

**Dimanch:** 12:30 pm (*Kreyòl*)

**Monday:** 8:00 am (*English*)

**Martes:** 6:30 pm (*Español*)

**Vandredi:** 10:30 am (*Kreyòl*)

### Reconciliation/Confesiones/Konfesyon

**Saturday:** 3:00—:3:45 pm

**Martes:** 5:30 —:6:15 pm



# STS. PETER & PAUL

181 Elizabeth Street | Norwich, CT 06360

## Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Mass Intentions

- SAT. (11/13) 4:00 pm +Ms. Gigi Mayne**  
For the repose of the soul  
*Requested by the parish*
- SUN. (11/14) 8:30 am + Jane T. Vargo**  
memorial Mass  
Requested by her children
- WED. (11/17) 8:00 am +John Mulcahy**  
A Birthday memorial Mass  
Requested by Evon Mulcahy
- THUR. (11/18) 8:00 am + Kristina Quarto**  
memorial Mass  
*Requested by her grandmother*
- SAT. (11/20) 4:00 pm + Fr. Thomas Smith**
- SUN. (11/21) 8:30 am + Zoltan Ferencek**

## STEWARDSHIP AT STS. PETER & PAUL

To meet our goal of \$80,000 this fiscal year, we need  
Offertory contributions of \$1,554 each week.

Offertory for November 6/7 \$ 2049.75  
Saint Bernard \$ 203.25

**Congratulations! We made our Goal!**  
***Thank you for supporting us!***

## Our October Count

here is the weekly attendance average of the last 3  
years for **Saints Peter and Paul Church.**

### 2018

5:30 p.m. 49 worshippers  
7:00 a.m. 43 worshippers  
10:00 a.m. 127 worshippers

### 2019

5:30 p.m. 43 worshippers  
8:30 a.m. 100 worshippers

### 2020

5:30 p.m. 20 worshippers  
8:30 a.m. 36 worshippers

### 2021

4:00 p.m. 40 worshippers  
8:30 a.m. 82 worshippers

**Saint Mary's Church** October count will be  
published in the upcoming Bulletin.

# ST. MARY

70 Central Avenue | Norwich, CT 06360

## Office Hours:

Varied - Please Call 860-887-2565 in advance  
Para citarse con: P. Roberto o Sor Leidy, llame al 860-  
887-2565 de emergencia, llame al 860-281-2595

## Mass Intentions

### Intenciones de Misa / Entansyon Mès

- SAT. (11/13) 4:00 pm +Carmelia Huffman**  
For the repose of the soul
- DOM. (11/14) 10:00 am +Olga Torres**  
Petición de su familia
- DIM. (11/14) 12:30 pm + Martin St. Justin**  
Birthday thanksgiving Mass
- MON. (11/15) 8:00 am + Juana Colon**  
requested by Narcissa Milan
- MAR. (11/16) 6:30 pm + Juana Colon**  
Requested by Narcisa Mllan
- VAN. (11/19) 10:30 am +**  
**Pou entansyon pawas nou an**
- SAT. (11/20) 4:00 pm + Fr. Thomas Smith**
- DOM. (11/21) 10:00 am + Roxana Nunes Vasconcelos**
- DIM. (11/21) 12:30 pm +**  
**Pou entansyon pawas nou an**

## STEWARDSHIP AT ST. MARY CORRESPONSABILIDAD EN LA PARR. ST. MARY KORESPONSABILITE NAN PAWAS ST. MARY

To meet our goal of \$95,000 this fiscal year, we need  
Offertory contributions of \$1,800 each week.  
*Para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$ 95,000 este año  
fiscal, necesitamos contribuciones de \$ 1,800 cada  
semana.*

Pou nou rive nan objektif nou an de \$ 95,000 pou  
ane fiskal sa a, nou bezwen yon kontribisyon de \$  
1,800 chak semèn.

Offertory for November 6/7 \$ 1531.00  
All Saints \$284.00  
All Souls \$ 557.92  
Saint Bernard \$ 396.36

***Short of our goal, but close.***  
***Gracias casi se alcanzo la meta***  
***Mèsi pipre objektif La***

***Thank you for supporting us!***  
**Mèsi pou sipò nou!**  
**¡Gracias por apoyarnos!**

# CLUSTER NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the Diocese of Norwich filed bankruptcy on July 15, 2021. During this past week, I attended a meeting of pastors where more information was presented about the bankruptcy and how it directly affects our parishes.

**History and background.** To have a better understanding about what is happening, it is important to understand recent events and how they impact us now. Historically, whenever the diocese was sued in a case alleging the sexual abuse of minors, the location where the abuse was alleged to have occurred was also sued. So, when abuse was alleged to have occurred in a parish, the parish corporation was sued as well as the diocesan corporation. In such a case, the diocese sought legal counsel on behalf of the parish, negotiated a settlement on behalf of the parish, and paid all the legal expenses of the parish as well as any financial settlement leveled against the parish that was not covered by insurance. According to *The N.L. Day*, the average settlement amount was one million dollars.

**The Situation.** As the diocesan bankruptcy case proceeds, at some point an injunction will be issued for the diocese that will bar future lawsuits for matters that occurred before July 15, 2021, including lawsuits alleging the sexual abuse of minors.

**The Challenge.** Once the injunction is established by the bankruptcy court, the parishes will no longer have the protection of the diocese; so the parishes will be responsible for legal costs, legal counsel, and financial settlements regardless of amount. In addition, the insurance coverage would provide very little, if anything. Insurance payouts will soon be exhausted by the bankruptcy settlement.

**A Solution.** A solution to this challenge is for the parish to be included as part of the injunction. This is called a channeling injunction. To be part of the channeling injunction, however, the parishes will have to make a court-ordered payment as part of the bankruptcy settlement. To participate in negotiations for inclusion in the injunction, the parishes will also have to hire and retain legal counsel. It is possible to have our 51 parishes work together and hire one legal counsel for the entire group. This seems to make the most sense as our parishes seek to gain the protections of the channeling injunction.

In presenting this to you, it is also important to note that inclusion in the channeling injunction is not about the diocese; it is about the parish. While this solution is not ideal, it is the best we can do right now. I dislike it as much as anyone, but I do not see any way around it. At the very least, I want to share this development with you, and I welcome your thoughts on it as well.

I pledge you my prayers and I ask for yours. Pray for the victims of sexual abuse and for their families. Also, pray for Sts. Peter and Paul's and St. Mary's and all our parishes in the diocese. None of us, victims, survivors, families, parishioners ever wanted to go down this road. Nevertheless, here we are. As the Lord's disciples, we are challenged to do all things in hope and charity, this included.

Sincerely, Fr. Robert Washabaugh

NOV  
19TH

## La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia, Patrona de Puerto Rico.

Todos invitados a celebrar esta gran fiesta de Nuestra Señora, María Santísima. Hay misa a las 6:30 de la noche y en seguida un compartir de refrescos y amistad. predicador invitado Deacon Mario Ramos. Los dos días antes de la fiesta, miércoles y jueves, 17 y 18 de noviembre, hay oración preparatoria que comienza a las 6:30 de la noche: en fin, un triduo de celebración! En St. Mary's.

### The Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence, Patroness of Puerto Rico.

All invited to celebrate this great feast of Our Lady, Holy Mary. There is mass at 6:30 at night and then a sharing of refreshments and friendship. guest speaker Deacon Mario Ramos. The two days before the party, Wednesday and Thursday, November 17 and 18, there is preparatory prayer that begins at 6:30 pm: in short, a triduum of celebration! At St. Mary's.

## Thanksgiving

Several agencies in the area will be providing thanksgiving baskets please check the bulletin board for the flier.

On Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate 8 a.m. Mass both at Sts. Peter and Paul's and at St. Mary's. At St. Peter and Paul Church, Mass will be in English only. At St. Mary's, Mass will be multicultural, English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

### Acción de Gracias

*Varias agencias en el área proporcionarán canastas de acción de gracias, por favor revise el tablero de anuncios para ver el volante.*

*El Día de Acción de Gracias, celebraremos la misa de las 8 a.m., ambos en Sts. Peter y Paul's y St. Mary's. En la iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo, la misa será solo en inglés. En St. Mary's, la misa será multicultural, en inglés, español y criollo haitiano.*

### Thanksgiving

*Plizyè ajans nan zòn nan pral bay panyè Thanksgiving tanpri tcheke tablo afichaj la pou depliyàn an.*

*Nan Jou Thanksgiving lan, nou pral selebre mès 8 a.m. nan tou de Legliz St. Pyè ak Pòl ak St. Mary. Nan Legliz Sen Pyè ak Pòl, mès la ap fèt an Angle sèlman. Nan St. Mary's, mès yo apmiltikiltirèl, angle, panyòl, ak kreyòl ayisyen.*

# IN OUR DIOCESE OF NORWICH



We are happy to announce:

**Deacon Lawrence Barile** will be ordained to priesthood by Bishop Michael Cote at St. Patrick Cathedral on Wednesday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend the Ordination Mass. We give special thanks for Deacon Larry who served Sts. Peter and Paul Parish as a seminarian several years ago.

## Catholic Social Teaching Hope and Faith Video Series

Each Wednesday for six weeks, the Norwich Diocese will broadcast on its web page a short teaching issues that we are called to our attention by Catholic Social Teaching. These videos will be available on both the diocesan web site and on our parish web site as they appear.

Starting November 17, **Prison Life** with Deacon Deskus  
Next Sunday Evening, Nov. 21 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## **TRASHED! Human Life / The Environment / The Migrant**

Join in a video conversation led by Deacon Dennis Dolan on the connection between three moral issues central to Catholic Social Teaching.

Video Conference Participants:

Todd Scribner, Assistant Director of Education and Outreach, USCCB, Migration and Refugee Services.

Teresa Eikel, Interreligious Eco-Justice Network  
Dr. Peter Lee, Director of the Center for Bio-Ethics at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

To register, contact Marianne at  
[manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237, ex 304

### **Banns of Ordination**

The following deacon will be ordained to the Order of Priesthood on Wednesday, December 8, 2021:

Rev. Mr. Lawrence Barile

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest, please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of  
Norwich  
201 Broadway  
Norwich, CT 06360**

## **From our Bishop on Catholic Education**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,  
This week, (November 14-20) is *Discover Catholic Schools Week*. This is the first of two national celebrations marking the importance and value of Catholic education in our nation. In the new year we will likewise celebrate *National Catholic Schools Week*. This year's theme is: "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve and Lead."

These celebrations are an opportunity both to recognize the excellence of our Catholic Schools and to showcase what makes Catholic education a unique and worthy investment of our time, talent, and treasure. In order to keep our schools safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, our schools have found innovative ways to promote their mission through videos, photos, animated clips, websites, and social media.

Some of the many benefits of a Catholic Education are:

Catholic Schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide.

A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities, they demonstrate the values and faith gained through a Catholic education.

- Catholic Schools recognize students' diverse accomplishments.
- Catholic Schools communicate the values of a Catholic education to government leaders.
- By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, Catholic Schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life
- Catholic School students appreciate the teachers, principals as well as administrators and staff who support them in their work and thank those who provide volunteer services.
- Parents, guardians, and other family members also play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at our schools, but they also instill values and set expectations for academic excellence in their children at home. (NCEA)

I invite you to avail yourselves of the opportunities offered through these celebrations to learn more about our Catholic schools and how you can help to support them in their mission of educating our young people. I would likewise ask you to consider a Catholic education for your daughter, son, grandchild, niece, or nephew. Please be assured of my prayers for God's abundant blessings on the school year and upon all the students, parents, faculty, and staff in our school communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Cote".

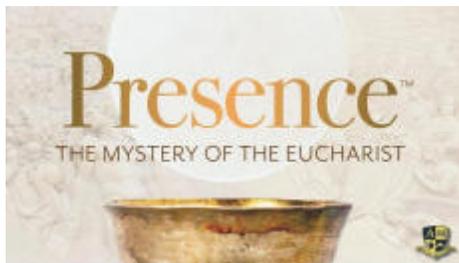
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## REMINDERS:

We are teaching the Safe Environments Curriculum in all catechesis classes today.

Catechists Gathering  
November 21 @St. Mary at  
12:30pm



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**Suggestion for this week!**  
**Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist.**

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

**If you have not registered yet, this is your chance! And it is totally free for you !!**

1. Go to FORMED.ORG/Signup
2. Enter your Parish zip code or name to select your parish  
**(Joint Norwich Catholic Cluster, 70 Central Ave, Norwich CT 06360)**
3. Enter your name and email.

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## RECORDATORIOS:

Estamos enseñando el Currículo de Ambientes Seguros en todas las clases de catequesis hoy.

Encuentro de catequistas  
21 de noviembre @Sta. María a las 12:30 pm



## FORMED.ORG

**Sugerencia para esta semana!**  
**Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía**

¿Por qué es tan especial la Eucaristía para los católicos? Aun cuando a simple vista solo parece ser pan y vino, es en realidad la "fuente y cumbre" de la vida cristiana. Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía explora la verdad y la belleza de la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía, desde sus orígenes en la Sagrada Escritura, hasta su profundo rol en la vida de la Iglesia y sus miembros. Es el crescendo de la Historia de Salvación.

**Si todavía no te has registrado esta es tu oportunidad! Y es totalmente gratis para ti!!**

1. Vaya a FORMED.org/Signup
2. Ingrese el código postal o el nombre de su parroquia para seleccionar su parroquia **(Joint Norwich Catholic Cluster, 70 Central Ave, Norwich CT 06360)**
3. Ingrese su nombre y correo electrónico.

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## Prezans

Mistè ekaristik la.

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**Sijesyon pou semèn sa a!**  
**Prezans: Mistè Lekaristik la.**

Malgre ke Lekaristi a parèt senp pen ak diven, li se ak-tyèlman "sous ak somè" nan lavi kreyen an. Prezans: Mistè Lekaristik la eksplore verite ak bote prezans reyèl Kris la nan Lekaristi a, soti nan orijin li nan Ekriti Sent, rive nan wòl pwofon li nan lavi Legliz la ak manm li yo. Li se crescendo istwa delivrans nou tout antye.

**Si ou poko anrejistre, sa a se chans ou! Epi li totalman gratis pou ou !!**

1. Ale nan FORMED.ORG/Signup
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