SAINT MARY PARISH

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Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Mass:
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Services:
Monday at 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.
Friday at 12:10 p.m.

Holy Hour Benediction:
First Friday of every month following the 12:10 Mass

Mass For The Blessed Mother:
First Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

Baptisms:
Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Blessings of Marriages:
During Masses on the first weekend of every month.

Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
If this time is not convenient, please contact Fr. John.

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

SATURDAY, November 13th - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
5:00 P.M. † Sr. Laura Marie Meskill (Mother's Circle)

SUNDAY, November 14th - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. † Maryann Traska Monds (Ladies Guild)
10:30 A.M. † John Arceri (Family)
† Rosario "Tommy" DiMauro (Mom & Dad)

MONDAY, November 15th - St. Albert the Great
8:00 A.M. † John Arceri (Rose)

TUESDAY, November 16th - Sts. Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude
8:00 A.M. For All Victims

FRIDAY, November 19th
12:10 P.M. In Thanksgiving (Christy Venka Taswamy)

SATURDAY, November 20th
5:00 P.M. † Gene Orlowski, Jr. (Fr. John)

SUNDAY, November 21st - Our Lord Jesus Christ
8:00 A.M. † Jean Dufrat (Terry & Children)
10:30 A.M. † Anthony & Josie Parnasso (Ida & Family)

The family of St. Mary expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of:

Sr. Laura Marie Meskill, Gerald Parisi, David Unikewicz, Joseph Maudsley

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

We pray for all who are in active military service for our country:

Patrick Moynihan, Gregory Ulrick, Tyler Ghent, Deniz Pine, Kyle LaPila

Names will remain on list for one year unless otherwise requested.

Report Abuse

To report suspected sexual abuse of minors or sexual misconduct by someone acting in the name of the Catholic Church, call:

The Police: *911* **CT DCF**: *1-800-842-2288*

The Diocese of Norwich Reporting Line:

1-800-624-7407

Please remember the following loved ones in your daily prayers.

Alexandra Babcock, Fr. John Ashe, Jack K., Barbara Perigny, Mark Brzycki, William McGrath, Sandi Wardwell, Pauline Maudsley, Andy Hale, Tom, Tom Ritchie, Tom Delldonna, Marion, Helen Sutkowski

Names will remain on the list for four (4) weeks unless otherwise requested.

The Blessed Sacrament *and* **Blessed Mother Candles burn for:**

Alex Wiezbicki

Please Be Aware

Due to renovations, church entrances are not available. Entrance to the hall will be from the office/school doors and the red door to the left of the kitchen door from the rear parking lot.

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Faith Formation

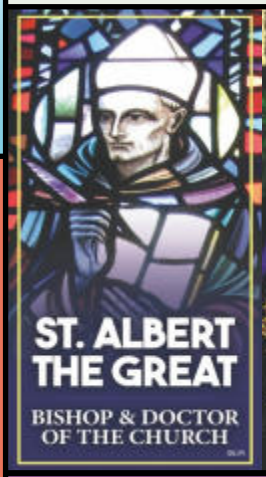
Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
12:00 - 3:00
Closed Wednesdays

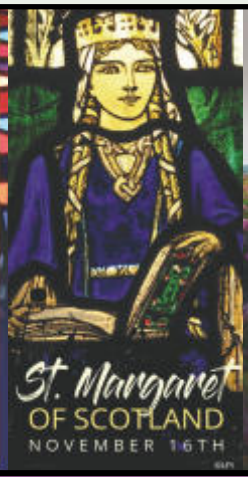
Mass Attendance

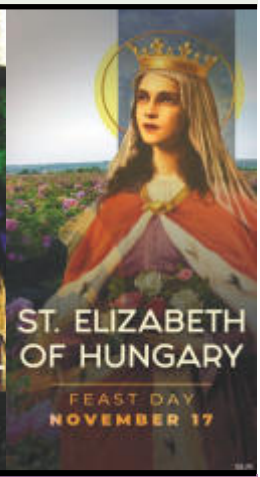
Mass/Time	Ppl.	Online Viewership	
Sat. 5:00pm	104	Sunday 11/7*	*Views** 32
Sun. 8:00am	130	*Live** 7	*YouTube** 4
Sun. 10:30am	141	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcmSy0y0_mYm-JEQpdHSwtw	

THANK YOU
for the bday wishes

Thank you everyone who helped make my birthday so special. Those who came up to me after Mass, in the Hall, those who helped organize the gathering in the Hall after all the Masses, as well as the many cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered and appreciated. God bless you all and know that you're a blessing to me (and Patsy).
Fr. John







Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 pm in the Fr. McGinley hall. Our committee has prepared a holiday for us all to enjoy. We will be making a Thanksgiving favor with a kit containing all the necessary supplies. We welcome our new members Mary Ellen Nocera, Joan Pestritto, Sheila Sale, Betty Tollefson, and Paulette Bacon. Our membership is growing adding new talents to our group. We look forward to continuing our growth while becoming a vibrant fun group. So, bring a prospective member with you to enjoy the fun and see what we are all about. Following the meeting we will enjoy our usual coffee and dessert treat.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Prayer to Saint Joseph
O Thou head of the house of God upon earth,
in faithful imitation of **Jesus and Mary**,
I place myself and all my concerns
under thy care and protection.
Forsake me not.
Adopt me as a little one in your
household.
Watch over me at all times,
but especially in the last awful hour
of my life on earth;
then visit, console and strengthen me
with them, and thee, that
I may praise the Adorable Trinity.
Dear St. Joseph, receive me for thy
client, instruct me in every doubt,
comfort me in every affliction,
defend and protect me in the hour of
my death.
Amen.

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

November 14
Priests who have left the ministry

November 15
Rev. John Welch
Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz

November 16
Rev. Marek Masnicki
Rev. Stanley Szczapa

November 17
Rev. Richard Sliwinski
Rev. Brian Maxwell

November 18
V.Rev. Laurence LaPointe
Rev. Raymond Introvigne

November 19
Rev. Robert Buongirno
Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki

November 20
Rev. David Zercie
Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte

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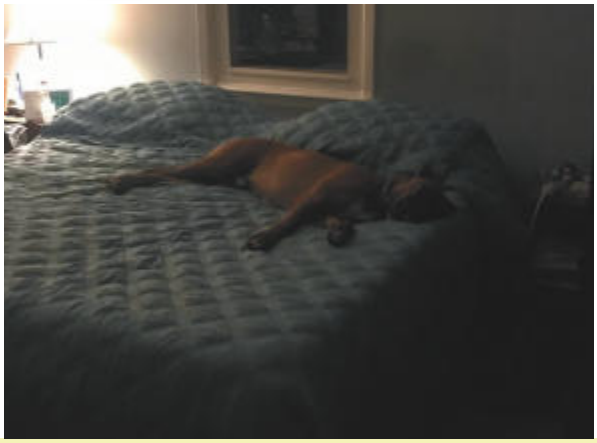
All Are Welcome

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, gender identity or orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Mary.

Patsy's Pupdate



It's been a hectic, busy week for Patsy.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask that You inspire
young people whom you call to
priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.
Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Offertory

Offertory for November 7, 2021	$	3,931.00
All Saints	$	255.00
All Souls	$	224.00
Annual Collection	$	2,309.00
Mission Combined	$	40.00
National Combined	$	50.00
Offertory Goal	$	9,125.00

Please enter the donation amount on your envelopes.

Thank You for your Donations!

Century Club — **18th Week Winner** — **CONGRATULATIONS** *Ann Burgess* — **$50**

Fr. John thanks Richard & Janet Lagana for donating the plagues and their installation on the occasion of his 15th anniversary of ordination.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense
against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

New Coats for Kids

The Portland Foodbank provides for some of the needs of over 100 families in Portland including winter coats for children. The Knights of Columbus is working to provide ***new*** winter coats for kids in need in our Portland community. Mark Creighton, Grand Knight of local Council 7, announced that council will for the 8th consecutive year match dollar for dollar, up to $500, cash contributions made to this great program.
The contribution of funds is made possible from the proceeds of the recently held Knights of Columbus Car Show. A special monetary donation box will be set up in the Day Chapel/Cry Room at the Church of Saint Mary for the "Coats for Kids" Fund Drive.

Donations for *New Coats for Kids* can also be sent to K of C Council 7, Box 7, Portland CT 06480.

Its COLD, pass along the warmth

Freestone Council 7 Knights of Columbus, Saint Mary Church is sponsoring an "Adult Used Coat Collection". Ruth Maio, Director of the Portland Food Bank, has requested the local Knights to once again sponsor a town-wide Coat Drive this Fall appealing for "gently used coats for adults".
Mark Creighton, Grand Knight, has said Council 7 will, *"once again request winter coats, hats, gloves & scarves for adults. Portland is a town with a heart".*
To donate a much-needed adult used coat, a large receptacle will be available in the Chapel/Cry Room at the Church of Saint Mary, 45 Freestone Ave.

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The Gift of Hope

The Christmas Season is almost here and we have started preparations for our Gift of Hope program. Thank you to all the individuals, churches and businesses who have agreed to participate in "adopting" one of our client families for the holidays. Your support of this program ensures all the children in our parenting program will receive joy this Christmas season.
The Gift of Hope will culminate in a **festive event Saturday, December 11th, at the ABC Center**. If you would like to be a part of our Gift of Hope festivities, contact Idalis Moreno at idalis@abcwomenscenter.org.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Sin on the Soul

Q: Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?
A: All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.
In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth. *@LPi*

2021 ACA Update (October 29, 2021):

Congratulations to **Saint Mary Parish, Portland** for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is $88,830.50 with 23.05% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2021. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Tis the Season to be Thankful!

Catholic Charities would like to thank all those who have given time, talent, prayers, and treasure to help those who are struggling in our communities. Sometimes when life seems empty for those we serve, and they feel alone, they discover the importance and kindness of others. Thank you for being a light in a dark and difficult time for so many. Visit ccfsn.org to see how you can help someone in need!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

With the beginning of a new school year, the Fall also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate *Discover Catholic Schools Week* which is being held from November 14 – 20, 2021. This is the first of two national celebrations marking the importance and value of Catholic education in our nation. In the new year, from January 30 – February 5, 2022, we will likewise celebrate *National Catholic Schools Week*. This year's theme is: "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve and Lead."

These celebrations have been designated as 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, which sadly limits access to our facilities, our schools have nevertheless 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.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael R Cote

Bishop of Norwich

All Souls Day memorial candles made a beautiful display of love for the deceased of our parish family.

Festival of Trees

The Office of Faith Events will be donating two Christmas trees this year to the *Festival of Trees* at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. We are still seeking ornaments to help complete our tree entitled "The Nativity". If you have a nativity themed ornament/s you would like to donate to adorn this tree, please drop them off at or send to The Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360 by **November 19, 2021**. Questions? Please email us at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or give us a call at 860-848-2237 ext. 304

Virtual Diocesan Advent Mission

Join the Office of Faith Events for our Virtual Diocesan Advent Mission, **Tuesdays, November 30th, and December 7th, 14th and 21st, 7- 7:45 PM.** Take this opportunity and join Vicar General Msgr. Les Janik and Director of Catholic Family Services Mary- Jo McLaughlin, to deepen your faith and take up the call to conversion while you renew your commitment to the newborn Christ and His Church. To register please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237, ext. 304

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