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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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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52



SATURDAY, December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord
** NEW TIMES*

9:00 A.M. † Joseph Maudsley (Kathy Tochter)
 11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 26th - The Holy Family

8:00 A.M. † Vincent & Stella Leopizzo
 (Son & Family)

10:30 A.M. † Armando Medina (Family)

MONDAY, December 27th - St. John

8:00 A.M. † Genevieve Inglis (Family)

TUESDAY, December 28th - The Holy Innocents

8:00 A.M. Marie Rowe (Friends)

FRIDAY, December 31st - St. Sylvester I

6:00 P.M. *Vigil*; Denise Cordner - Special Healing

SATURDAY, January 1st - Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 A.M. Andrews Family (Friends)

5:00 P.M. † Bill Donahue (Family)

SUNDAY, December 2nd - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 A.M. † Deceased members of the Antonelle
 & Liontonio Families

10:30 A.M. † Fr. Arthur Golino (Fr. John)



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, Dylan, Pauline Maudsley, Andy Hale, Damien, Tom Ritchie, Tom Dellonna, Suzanne, Marion Bouthet, Helen Sutkowski, Julian, Barbara Abramo, Tom, Mary Looney

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



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

Michael Kirchberger, Mark Hetzel

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



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Faith Formation

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Congratulations to Rev. Larry Barile on his ordination into the priesthood on Wednesday, December 8th and his First Mass on Thursday, December 9th.
He has been assigned to St. Bernard, Rockville, CT.
We happily welcome him to our Norwich Diocese.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LAURA MARIE,
ST. MARY CHURCH WILL HOLD
A FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION
IN THE CHURCH GATHERING SPACE.
1ST WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH

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.



Mass Attendance

Mass/Time	Ppl.
12/11 5:00pm	130
12/12 8:00am	126
12/12 10:30am	144

*Due to early submission requirements for the holiday schedule, the attendance for **December 19, 2021** will be reported in next week's edition.*

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcmSy0y0_mYm-JEQpdHSwtw



Dear Parishioners,

As in past years I write to seek support from you regarding the Advent/ Christmas Gift Card Campaign for our eight seminarians. These gift cards, especially this year as they are receiving smaller stipends, will assist with their personal expenses, study related expenses or ministry related items for the rest of this academic year. Please choose a tag of one of the seminarians which are located on the giving tree in the chapel. Please mail them directly to the seminarian. All God's blessing be with you this Advent/Christmas season. Thank you for your continued prayers for vocations and assisting us with this special and important show of support to our hopefully future priests.

Fr. Jonathan Ficara
Director of Vocations

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

December 26

Rev. John Moskus
Rev. Aguirre Palacio

December 27

Rev. Joseph Castaldi
Rev. Thomas Griffin

December 28

Rev. Paul Boudreau
Rev. Roland Cloutier

December 29

Rev. Patrick Martin
Rev. Robert Washabaugh

December 30

Rev. Thomas Sickler
Rev. Russell Kennedy

December 31

Rev. John Ashe
Rev. William McNulty

January 1

Our Holy Father





He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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.



Offertory

<i>Offertory for <u>December 12, 2021</u></i>	\$ 6,994.00
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	\$ 365.00
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	\$ 75.00
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	\$ 581.00
Offertory Goal	\$ 9125.00

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS!

**Century Club 24th Week Winner
CONGRATULATIONS Sandra Castelli \$50**

PATSY'S PUPDATE



Patsy takes the meaning of lapdog quite literally to the amazement of Emily



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.



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.



Portland's Saint Mary Freestone Council 7, welcoming new Knights of Columbus members since 1884, inducted three new members on Sunday, December 12th. Joining Freestone Council 7's 100 brother knights were William Schneider, David Shovlin, and Ian Akins.

The induction, called an Exemplification, focused on 3 Principles of the Order; that is Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Friends and family were in attendance to witness and support these men at their induction ceremony. Exemplifications are now inclusive and open for all to attend.



Sir Knight, Jerry Duclos, presenter of the Degree Team said, "the new format is simple, elegant, and explains why Catholic men join the Order". The installation Degree Team included Duclos, Buddy Hernandez, Ken Woodward, Ryan Curley, and Father John Antonelle. Grand Knight Mark Creighton presented the inductees with rosary beads and degree medals. John McNickle, CT State District Deputy, welcomed the new members to this international faith brotherhood.



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Coming Back to Church**



Q: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

A: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. @LPi



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4TH ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS

On Sunday, January 30th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center following the liturgy.

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, January 9th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It is always great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

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All inquiries will remain anonymous.

And the light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it - John 1:5

CHRISTMAS



A GATHERING FOR THE NEW YEAR ON ZOOM

January 2, 2022 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Choose Your Offering)

As we enter a new year, let's gather together to pray especially through the grace of our authentic desires. Our authentic desires can lead us more deeply into the very heart and love of God.

What do you desire for our world, our church, our country, our family and friends, and our self? What does God desire for all of us? What invitations is God offering to you/us as we begin this new year? Our authentic desires can inspire all of us to imagine more possibilities for the 'greater good.'

Presenter: Virginia Blass, D.Min. is a member of the OLC retreat team and is an experienced spiritual director, preacher, author, and retreat presenter.

To register for this program call (860) 677-8519. Find more information on our website <https://bit.ly/3o3d5JO>




"INTENSE LOVE DOES NOT MEASURE, IT JUST GIVES."

- SAINT MOTHER TERESA

The Covid pandemic continues on, and the uncertainty of employment is great. Catholic Charities has seen many of our neighbors reaching out for assistance. With your help, we can assist them in their hour of need. All donations are welcome especially monetary donations of any size, non-perishable food, baby items such as diapers & wipes, and toiletries. Visit ccfsn.org or call (860) 889-8346 for more information.



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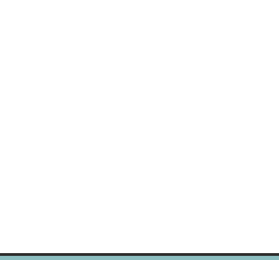
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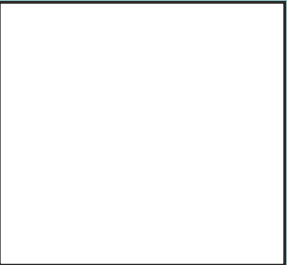
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