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### SAINT MARY PARISH

45 Freestone Ave. Portland, CT 06480

### 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.



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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SATURDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00 **P.M.** † Bill Donahue (Mary & John Nork)

† Ray Bankoski Sr.

SUNDAY, January 9th - The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 **A.M.** † Theodore Warzecha (Family)

10:30 A.M. Special Intentions

MONDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 **A.M.** People of the Parish

TUESDAY, January 11th

8:00 A.M. † Diane Melluzzo (Bill & Anna)

FRIDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup>

12:10 **P.M.** † Susan Starkowski (Family)

SATURDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>

5:00 **P.M.** † Rosemary Filanda & James Pasquarelli

(Family)

† Joseph & Rosina Farinella (Family)

SUNDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 **A.M.** † Rose & Carol Castelli (Family)

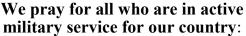
10:30 A.M. † Violette Wilette (Family)

+ Edna Gagne (Family)

Birthday Blessing, Anna Foreman

(Fr. John)





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

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, Debbie Blancato, Tom, Damien, Tom Delldonna, Marion Bouthet, Julian, Barbara Abramo, Toni Cubeta, Helen Sutkowski, Mary Looney, Suzanne, Andy Hale, Lisa & Nancy & Tom Ritchie,

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



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

### Edith Omicioli, Diane Melluzzo, Denise Cordner

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

# BAPTISM of THE LORD

### Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 **or**, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 **Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-10/2 ft 14-20

19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5,

7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/

Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



# Faith Formation

Office Hours:

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





After cooking 60 plus meals of pasta, meatballs, salad, rolls and brownies in our Church kitchen, the Knights delivered and served them to the St. Vincent DePaul Center. The guests enjoyed their meals and came up



for seconds! Additional meals were then delivered to the Shelter at the Connecticut Connection facility where 40 more meals were enjoyed.

We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus Council 7 for all their efforts in serving the less fortunate and making us proud.

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.	Online Viewership						
12/24 4:00pm	324	Friday 12/24	Views* 152					
12/24 7:00am	56	Live* 58	YouTube* 32					
12/24 10:00am	115	Saturday 12/25	No Live Stream*					
12/25 9:00am	83	Sunday 12/26	Views* 35					
12/25 11:00am	112	Live* 9	YouTube* 7					
12/26 8:00am	47	Sunday 1/2	Views* 73					
12/26 10:30am	82	Live* 25	YouTube* 12					
1/1/22 10:00am	78	Catch Us @ -						
1/1/22 5:00pm	103	https://www.youtube.com/						

Catch Us (a) https://www.youtube.com/
channel/UCcmSy0y0\_mYmJEOpdHSwtw

Due to early submission requirements for the holiday schedule, the attendance for <u>January 2, 2022</u> will be reported in next week's edition.

The Portland St Mary's Council 7 Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual youth basketball free throw event at Portland Middle School, 95 High St,

January 14, 7:00pm.

Girls and boys age 9 thru 14 are invited to participate.

Entry forms will be there for parents or guardians to fill out.



### **APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

### January 9

Priests who have left the ministry

### January 10

Rev. Izydor Sadowski M. Rev. Daniel Reilly

### January 11

Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot

Rev. John Ashe

### January 12

Rev. Aguirre Palacio Rev. Timothy Roth

### January 13

Rev. Michael Sequira Rev. Richard LaRocque

### January 14

Rev. Michael Glannitelli Rev. Brian Romanowski

### **January 15**

Rev. Mark Curesky Rev. Jonathan Ficara





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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.



## 🕸 <mark>Patsy's Pupdate</mark> 🅸



Patsy was very happy to be out in the first snowfall of the season.

#### **Offertory** Offertory for December 26, 2021 7,493.00 Annual 7,379.00 Christmas Flowers 53.00 Christmas Offering 273.00 Immaculate Conception 144.00 Offertory for January 2, 2021 \$ 5,829.00 Annual 2,975.00 Christmas Flowers 320.00 Solemnity of Mary 452.00 Offertory Goal 9125.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS!

Century Club 26<sup>th</sup> Week Winner Congratulations Dan & Laura Burgess

\$50



UNBELIEVABLE!

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JESUS WHO NEVER
SINNED BECOMING
OUR SIN ON
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I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT OF A PLAN LIKE THAT IF I WERE GOD.

ME EITHER. I'M GLAD NEITHER ONE OF US IS GOD.



CONTROLUTES!

### **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.

# 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.



Dear Parish Family,

It is with a very heavy heart, that I have to inform you that our long time parishioner and friend Diane Melluzzo has been called to the Lord on December 31, 2021.



Diane was a long time member of our parish community, faith formation program, choir member, sacristan, decorator and many other church activities. Her presence will be surely missed as she was a strong pillar of our church.

Please pray for her husband Michael Melluzzo and their family in this difficult time for them.

May God bless the Melluzzo family in their time of need.

God bless, Fr. John

January 9, 2022 - The Baptism of Our Lord

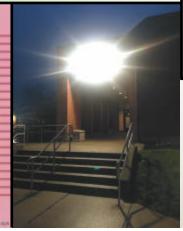
"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His call to holiness.





### WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### **Baptismal Bib**

*Q*: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

A: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. @LPi

Dear Pro-life Reps,

January 22, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life. On Friday, January 21, 2022, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Connecticut Right to Life Eastern Chapter will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March For Life on Friday, January 21, 2022. Bus fare is \$57 per person.

If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

That's not the Star of Bethlehem - but the security light and the recessed lights that have been not functioning for a while. Figuring what was wrong and fixing the problem is part of the continuing work in progress here at St. Mary's thanks to our Facilitator Mark Creighton and maintenance person Eric Rowe. Now that exterior area of church is lighted and safer.

June 30, 2020   June 30, 2021	SAINT MARY PARISH - PORTLAND							
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	Year Ending June 30 Statements							
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Revenue:           Weekly & Holy Day Donations         \$ 435,583         \$ 425,573           Annual Donations         \$ 87,093         \$ 105,971           All Other Donations         \$ 137,164         \$ 50,131           Total Revenue         \$ 659,840         \$ 581,675           Expenses:         Liturgical & Music         \$ 23,920         \$ 35,803           Education / Sacramental         \$ 32,444         \$ 24,991           Facilities         \$ 156,128         \$ 183,545           Personnel         \$ 270,280         \$ 310,399           Archdiocese Payments         \$ 69,211         \$ 41,149           Charity         \$ 6,964         \$ (16,750)           Property Improvements         \$ 33,322         \$ 33,229           Total Expenses         \$ 592,269         \$ 612,367           Net Income (Loss)         \$ 67,571         \$ (30,892)           STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION         Assets:           Cash and Investments         \$ 552,184         \$ 517,122           Receivable - Cemetary         \$ 53,713         \$ 58,086           Fixed Assets         \$ 4,662,334         \$ 4,662,334           Total Assets         \$ 5,288,231         \$ 5,237,542           Liabilities:		Jur	ne 30, 2020	Jur	ne 30, 2021			
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### 2021 PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The St. Mary Parish Finance Committee presents the 2021 Parish Financial Statement for period ending June 30, 2021. First, we would like to thank the parishioners for your continued support of the parish through weekly collections and the annual collection during these unprecedented times.

Additionally, you may have seen work being done around the parish campus. Three projects are currently underway. The first, and largest, is the church entrance floor. This is the final portion of the project that was started several years ago. We look forward to the completion of this project very soon. The second will be replacement of the 54 windows and exterior doors of the rectory. The rectory is our oldest building on the campus and is in need of several improvements, which the window project is one. The new energy efficient windows will also help save us heating expenses over the long term. The last was a new floor in the hall's kitchen. This is the final piece of the kitchen renovation project that many of the parish's groups have partnered with the parish to make over the last several years.

The Finance Committee has prepared a display for each of these projects which will be located in the rear of the church. We encourage parishioners to take a moment to look at these. They will help explain more about each project and why these projects needed to be done. We are working to fund these projects without a separate donation campaign. We hope that you consider a contribution or increased donation to the 2022 parish collection to help fund these and future projects around the campus.

Thank you!

St. Mary Parish Finance Committee

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### OUR LADY QUEEN OF HOPE AWARD

This coming Spring, during the 2022 Virtual Women's Conference, the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee will vote on and name the recipient of the second annual Our Lady Queen of Hope Award. This award honors a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. She displays strong faith, and is committed to living out Catholic values, displaying leadership, love and service, and has been a part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church and has helped to move parish communities forward. You can nominate a woman of the Norwich diocese for this award by visiting <a href="www.norwichdiocese.org">www.norwichdiocese.org</a> and downloading the nomination form or contacting Marianne at <a href="manicholas@norwichdiocese.net">manicholas@norwichdiocese.net</a>.

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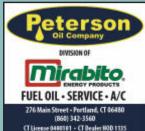
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