

## 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.*



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3



**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)  
 † Violette Wilette & Edna Gagne (Family)  
 10:30 A.M. Birthday Blessing, Anna Foreman (Fr. John)

**MONDAY, January 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Anthony**

8:00 A.M. † Donald Wilson (Wife & Family)

**TUESDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 A.M. Special Healing

**FRIDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup> - St. Agnes**

12:10 P.M. Special Healing

**SATURDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5:00 P.M. † Bill Donahue (Dorothy Murray)  
 † Joseph Sienkiewicz (Family)

**SUNDAY, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. † Diane Melluzzo (Kathy Tochter)  
 10:30 A.M. † Arthur Labbadia (wife, Wanda)  
 † Lisa Ritchie Baur (Malha Family)



**The Blessed Mother Candle burns for:**

*Joseph Sienkiewicz (Family)*



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

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 Dellonna, Marion Bouthet, Julian, Barbara Abramo, Toni Cubeta, Helen Sutkowski, Mary Looney, Suzanne, Andy Hale, Lisa Ritchie Baur, Nancy & Tom Ritchie, Shantiza Goldburn

**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:*

**Edith Omicioli, Diane Melluzzo, Denise Cordner**

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

**PROTECT OTHERS | WEAR YOUR MASK**



**With the increasing number of cases, we ask that everyone wear a mask in church. We need to protect not only ourselves but each other and especially our children who are the most vulnerable. We are only as safe as the least careful individual among us.**

**Readings for the week of January 16, 2022**

**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

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21





# Faith Formation

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



## Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

Freestone Council 7 has designated CT Special Olympics to benefit from the proceeds donated to the traditional Tootsie Roll Collection. The Tootsie Roll Collection will take place on Saturday and Sunday, **January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at all masses.**

Knights of Columbus Councils across our country sponsor this collection for the benefit of persons challenged with cognitive disabilities.

Brother Knights will be handing out Tootsie Pops and offering the community the opportunity to donate to this great program. This year's project is being chaired by Buddy Hernandez and Ken Woodward. Donations can also be sent to Freestone Council, P.O. Box 7, Portland CT 06480.

## Free Throw Event

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.

If you're having sex before marriage, go to church anyway. If you are a drug addict trying to beat addiction, go to church anyway. If you were out drunk all night the night before, go to church anyway. If you aren't sure what gender you prefer, go to church anyway. Church is a hospital for the broken, lost, empty, confused, desperate, and rejected. Every sinner has a future, and every Saint has a past. How do we break the chains of addiction and bondage? By prayer, prayer for you and prayer with you!

There isn't a single person in the 4 walls of the church that doesn't have something they hate or regret about their past. We've all made mistakes, and will continue to, BUT His Grace is enough!! There's things that I'd never want to admit out loud about myself, but God knows. And He loves me none the less. So whatever you've done, whatever you're doing, whatever you will do... go to church anyway, it might just change your life!!

## Mass Attendance

| Mass/Time   | Ppl. | <u>Online Viewership</u> |             |
|-------------|------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1/8 5:00pm  | 95   | Saturday 1/9             | Views* 80   |
| 1/9 8:00am  | 52   | Live* 42                 | YouTube* 17 |
| 1/9 10:30am | 84   | Catch Us @ -             |             |

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcmSy0y0\\_mYm-JEQpdHSwtw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcmSy0y0_mYm-JEQpdHSwtw)



The **ENTIRE** St. Mary Bereavement Committee extends a **HUGE** thank you to all who contributed in any way to make our Bake Sale such a success. Your generosity was beyond any expectations that we could have imagined! This endeavor was created to allow us to continue with our Ministry due to the Chatham Health District guidelines mandating us to no longer allow our parishioners to make the food in their homes that they provided for us for the receptions. Our mission is to provide comfort and support at this difficult time for anyone who has a funeral service at St. Mary's or is buried in St. Mary cemetery. We have had the honor to be a part of this Ministry for twenty years and were touched beyond words to witness the love, support and kind words that we received for our efforts. We will continue to provide our services and, once again, extend our deepest, heartfelt thanks for all you did to help us succeed. We always welcome new members to experience the joy and satisfaction that we receive from being a part of this vital Ministry in our parish family.

*"The tender mercy of God has given us one another"*  
Catherine McAuley,  
founder Sisters of Mercy



## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

### January 16

Rev. Martin Jones  
Rev. Edward Konopka

### January 17

Rev. Mark O'Donnell  
Rev. Joseph DeCosta

### January 18

V. Rev. Ted Turnicki  
Rev. Robert Bongiorno

### January 19

Rev. Christopher Feeney  
Msgr. Leszek Janik

### January 20

Rev. Raymond Introvigne  
Rev. Walter Nagle

### January 21

Rev. Francis Gilbert  
Rev. Jeffrey Ellis

### January 22

Rev. Richard Breton  
Rev. Peter Langevin





**There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” - Jn 2:1-3**

## 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

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| <i>Offertory for <u>January 09, 2021</u></i> | \$ 5,614.00 |
| <i>Annual Collection</i>                     | \$ 1,258.00 |
| <i>Christmas</i>                             | \$ 620.00   |
| <i>Immaculate Conception</i>                 | \$ 20.00    |
| <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>                     | \$ 40.00    |
| <i>Offertory Goal</i>                        | \$ 9,125.00 |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS!**

**Century Club 27<sup>th</sup> Week Winner**  
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### January 16, 2022 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That we open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us the way God intended.

### **PATSY’S PUPDATE**



**Patsy is exhausted after having plowed through the snow for his morning walk!**

### 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.*





My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

"Equality begins in the Womb." This is the theme for the 49th annual March for Life which will be held on January 21, 2022, in Washington, D.C.

January 22, 2022, marks 49 years since the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing (Roe v. Wade) abortion in the United States. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, January 22nd is a particular day of prayer and penance called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." It notes: "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

Scripture affirms the life and dignity of the unborn child. In Jeremiah 1:4-5, we read: "The Word of the Lord came to me: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." King David, in his Psalms, notes: "You formed my inmost being: you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be." (Psalms 139: 13-16) The catechism of the Catholic Church is clear in its defense of the unborn. It states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life... since the first century of the church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." (Catechism #2270-71).

Why is the church so firm in its defense of the unborn? A civil society cannot stand if its weakest, most vulnerable members are not protected. The catechism states, quoting Donum Vitae: "The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to afford them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations a state based on law were undermined." Saint John Paul II also argues that a civil society cannot be maintained if the rights of the unborn are not protected. He notes in Evangelium Vitae: "Really what we have here is only the tragic caricature of legality; the democratic ideal, which is only truly such when it acknowledges and safeguards the dignity of every human person, is betrayed in its very foundations; how is it possible to speak of the dignity of every human person when the killing of the weakest and most innocent is permitted? In the name of what justice is the most unjust of discriminations practiced; some individuals are held to be deserving of defense and others are denied that dignity? When this happens, the process leading to the breakdown of a genuinely human co-existence and the disintegration of the state itself has already begun." (EV, 20)

We must pray to heal the culture. Healing the culture begins with a respect for life in its most vulnerable moments. There are many points of light. I think of the crisis pregnancy centers that offer material emotional, and spiritual support to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. I think of the work of the Sisters of Life in New York who offer healing retreats for women who have had abortions and the many faithful in our diocese who work so untiringly to build a culture of life. Thank you for our important work. "Equality begins in the womb." Together let us both work together for a more just society -- a society that recognizes and affirms the equality and gifts of the most vulnerable in our midst--the unborn.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

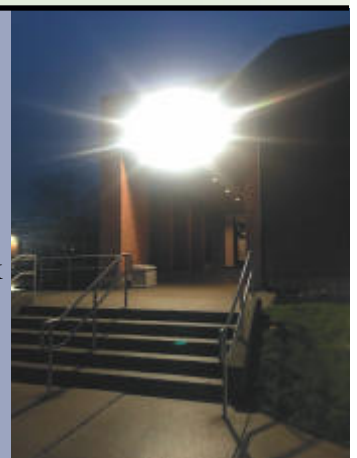
*Fr. Michael R. Cates*

Bishop of Norwich



Fr. John & Kitty Seymour (St. Mary Parishioner) united after a year long of waiting to meet in person! After several attempts to get together they finally did so last week with an impromptu visit. They had a great visit while getting to know each other. Although Kitty loves her new home, she misses her friends at the Atrium and wants them to know she values their friendship.

Thank You to **Gary & Cathy Scholl** for their generous donation of the new security light and the recessed lights that were installed last week at the exterior area of the church which is once again well lit and much safer!





Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
for the District of Connecticut

Notificación oficial aprobada del Tribunal de Quiebras  
de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito de Connecticut

## Sexual Abuse and General Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

## Reclamos por abuso sexual y reclamos generales en la quiebra de la diócesis católica romana de Norwich, Connecticut

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary.

La Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, también conocida como la diócesis católica romana de Norwich (en adelante, la "Diócesis" o el "Deudor") ha declarado la quiebra con el fin de reestructurar su organización sin fines de lucro. Por favor, lea detenidamente esta notificación, ya que se refiere a sus derechos contra la Diócesis y proporciona información sobre el caso *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (quiebra, Distrito de Connecticut). Esta notificación es un breve resumen.

### Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

### ¿Quién debe presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

Cualquier persona que haya sido abusada sexualmente hasta el 15 de julio de 2021 inclusive y crea que la Diócesis puede ser responsable del abuso sexual. Esto incluye el abuso sexual relacionado con cualquier entidad o actividad asociada a la Diócesis. Los reclamos por abuso sexual pueden comprender, entre otras cosas: conducta sexual inapropiada, tocamientos, contacto inadecuado o comentarios sexuales sobre una persona u otros comportamientos que derivaron en un abuso, independientemente de si usted pensó que el comportamiento constituía abuso sexual o no.

### When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.

### ¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

Independientemente de su edad actual o de la fecha en que se produjo el abuso sexual, debe presentar su reclamo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022.

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

Si no presenta un reclamo por abuso sexual dentro de dicho plazo, puede perder sus derechos contra la Diócesis y contra las entidades relacionadas con la Diócesis, incluido cualquier derecho a indemnización.

Se mantendrá la privacidad de su información. Para ver una lista de nombres de clérigos que han sido identificados en relación con demandas por abuso sexual, visite <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. Para más información sobre el caso de quiebra, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> o llame al 1-855-654-0902.

La fecha límite para presentar reclamos por abuso sexual, el 15 de marzo de 2022, no está sujeta a una nueva prórroga, incluso aunque se modifique la ley de plazos de prescripción aplicable. Usted debería considerar la posibilidad de presentar una prueba de reclamo incluso si cree que su demanda puede estar sujeta a una defensa afirmativa como la prescripción.

### When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

### ¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo con fecha límite general?

Si tiene un reclamo que no es por abuso sexual, deberá presentarlo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022. Para obtener más información, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

### ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:

You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.

### Actúe ahora antes de que se agote el tiempo:

Puede descargar y presentar un reclamo a través del sitio web o llamar a la línea gratuita que figura a continuación para obtener ayuda acerca de cómo presentar un reclamo por correo.



File a Proof of Claim.



Have questions?  
Call or visit the website  
for more information.



If your claim is approved,  
you may receive compensation  
from the bankruptcy.



Presente una prueba de reclamo.



¿Tiene preguntas?  
Llame o visite el sitio web para  
obtener más información.



Si su reclamo es aprobado,  
puede recibir una indemnización  
por la quiebra.



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