

## 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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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.

- Lk 4:18



**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)

**MONDAY, January 24<sup>th</sup> - St. Francis de Sales**

8:00 A.M. Elfriede Kessler (Friend)

**TUESDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 A.M. Armando Buongiorno

**FRIDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup> - St. Thomas Aquinas**

12:10 P.M. Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 P.M. † Diane Melluzzo (Elaine Carella)

**SUNDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. Special Intentions  
 10:30 A.M. † Phil Sullivan (Family)  
 † Deborah Blancato (Friend)



*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*

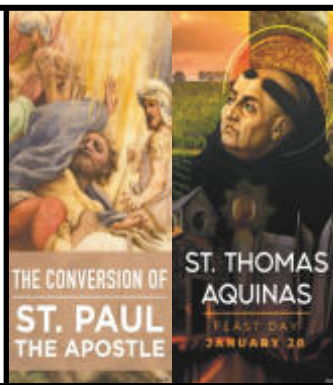
**PROTECT OTHERS | WEAR YOUR MASK**



**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.**



**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**

**Readings for the week of January 23, 2022**

**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

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



# 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**. Donations can also be sent to Freestone Council, P.O. Box 7, Portland CT 06480.

## PILGRIMAGE CENTER VISIT



The Knights of Columbus Freestone Council 7 will host a visit to the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center on **January 29, 2022** in New Haven, CT. We will meet at St. Mary's parking lot at 9am.

A sign up sheet will be available in the Day Chapel.

## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Sister Laura Marie Monthly Food drive is held on the first full weekend of each month (**Next: February 5 & 6**). The food bank is operated by very faithful volunteers and provides support for over 100 families in town.



Sister Laura inspires us all with her service to our children and those in need. A special container will be in the gathering space for your donations and The Knights of Columbus will provide transportation to the food bank.

## KOFC TAKE OUT DINNER IS BACK

Freestone Council Knights of Columbus will provide a takeout Pasta dinner on **Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **4:00pm**. Take out dinners help fund the charitable works the Knights provide for the community. The return of the Monthly Dinner will include pasta with our signature sauce, meatballs, salad and roll for **\$10**. Just drive to the back parking lot and we will serve up a delicious meal. No pre-order is necessary for this monthly dinner. On the day of the meal our chefs are available at (860)342- 2713 for any questions. For home delivery of your dinner, call Buddy Hernandez (860)342-3034.

## Mass Attendance

Mass/Time	Ppl.	<u>Online Viewership</u>	
1/15 5:00pm	64	Saturday 1/16	Views* 76
1/16 8:00am	76	Live* 43	YouTube* 5
1/16 10:30am	98		

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

## BABIES NEED US

Council 7 Knights of Columbus will be conducting its 11th Annual Baby Shower on the weekends of **February 5/6 & February 12/13**.

All items donated in the Gathering Space at the Church of St. Mary in Portland will be shared with our local Portland Food Bank, and Birthright.

Birthright continues to provide a range of support services for expecting & new mothers. Some of the services are no-cost non-judgmental pregnancy testing, prenatal health care, and maternity and baby supplies.



Suggested new items should be unwrapped, include: Diapers, Sleepers, Blankets, Rattles, Bibs, Bath Towels, Wipes, Lotion, Outfits, Shampoo, Bottles, Baby Bath, Pacifiers, Comb & Brush Sets, Socks, Gift Sets, Stuffed Animals, Blanket Sleepers, Crib Sheets, Sweaters, Hats, Diaper Bags, Booties, etc.

A box for **"Respect Life"** cash donations will also be available, and gratefully received. Donations can also be mailed to Freestone Council, P.O. Box 7, Portland CT.

Brother Knight Bill Caffrey commented, *"This activity puts action into the Knights of Columbus's support of those mothers who choose life."*

**For further information call Bill at 860-342-4259**

## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

### January 23

Rev. Charles McGrail  
Rev. John Moskus

### January 24

Rev. Bijoy Joseph  
Rev. Michael Bovino

### January 25

Rev. Gregoire Fluet  
V. Rev. Dennis Perkins

### January 26

Rev. John Antonelle  
Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny

### January 27

Rev. Thomas Griffin  
Msgr. Michael Donohue

### January 28

Rev. Brian Maxwell  
Rev. William J. Olesik

### January 29

Rev. Thomas Smith  
Rev. Ben Vinjoe





**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery  
of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18**

## 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.



<i>Offertory</i>	
<i>Offertory for January 16, 2021</i>	\$ 7,087.00
<i>Annual Collection</i>	\$ 2,450.00
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	\$ 5.00
<i>All Souls</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Offertory Goal</i>	\$ 9,125.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS!**

**Century Club 28<sup>th</sup> Week Winner  
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### January 23, 2022 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

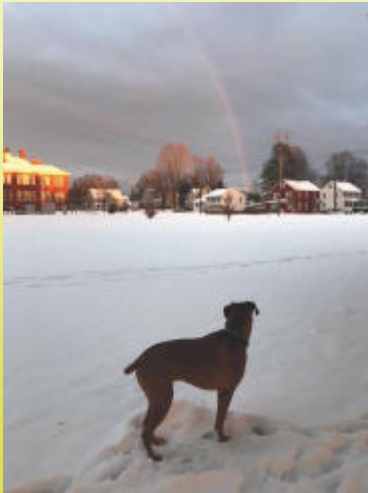
“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (Nehemiah 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That we balance our lives by enjoying the gifts we have been given and generously sharing with those in need, without expecting anything in return.

### **PATSY’S PUPDATE**



**Patsy stopped to enjoy  
the beautiful rainbow on  
his early morning walk.  
Of course with Fr. John.**

### **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.*



**NEW DATE FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE**

Due to COVID, our Young Adult Mass is POSTPONED on Sunday, January 30th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs. **The new date is Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** when St.

Thomas will host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass. 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. We look forward to you joining us!



**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich**

Can you help us help new parents who are struggling? Requests for our services continue to be overwhelming and we are quickly running out of resources for our Pregnancy/Parenting program. We are in need of diapers especially sizes 5 & 6, wipes, baby bottles, and baby toiletries. If you are in a position to help, you can drop off your donation at our locations in Norwich, New London, and Willimantic, or call 860-889-8346 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and support. Our clients thank you as well!; "I thank God for you all" -D.M.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As we enter the new year, we are looking for more volunteers to video the 10:30 am mass on Sunday in order to provide livestream and recorded services for our homebound parishioners. Recording the mass is easy and requires little training. For our young people, videotaping the mass is a great way to earn community service hours. Please consider helping if you regularly attend the 10:30 mass. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, see one of our videographers before or after the 10:30 mass. They will be happy to answer any questions. Or, email Margaret at [mrsstewy4@gmail.com](mailto:mrsstewy4@gmail.com). Thank you!

**The Rosary group will resume on Sundays at 10:00am in the hall.**

**See you all there!**

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



**Is it Right to Sue?**

**Q:** Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

**A:** Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing. @LPi



For people that prefer online to paper, **Breaking Bread** (our Missalette) is now available as an app on the App Store and Google Play for \$4.99, good for one year, includes music and readings.

**HOME VISIT MINISTRY**

Please let the office know if you or anyone you know would like a home, convalescent home or hospital visit. Please call (860) 342-2328 to make the arrangements.



**\$25,000 CASH RAFFLE**

The Xavier High School \$25,000 cash raffle is winner take all. Tickets are \$100 each. Only 800 will be sold. The drawing will be at **11 a.m. on April 1** at Xavier High School. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years old to purchase. All tax liabilities are borne solely by the purchaser. Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (no cash) to Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 06457. They also can be purchased online at [xavierhighschool.org](http://xavierhighschool.org). Click on Alumni & Giving, and then click on \$25,000 Cash Raffle. For more information, contact the advancement office at **(860) 346-7735**. Proceeds benefit the Xavier Annual Fund.

Are you grieving from an Abortion? Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion:

*"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...."*

*The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99)  
Call Project Rachel, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: 860-861-4439.



**"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](http://ccfsn.org) or call (860) 889-8346 for more information.

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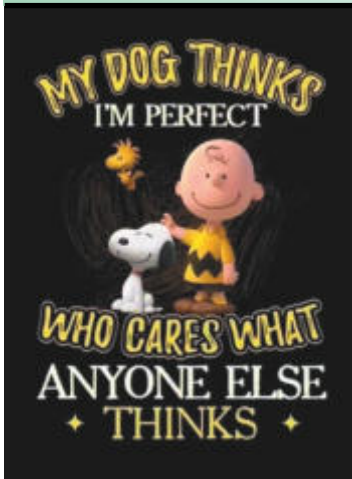
**When:** Fridays from 12 to 1 pm (1 hour)

**Where:** St. Peter Church, 30 St. Peter Lane, Higganum

For more information contact: [catholicsinrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsinrecovery@gmail.com) or Billy at (860) 538-4620

All inquiries will remain anonymous.

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



**"Happy moments, PRAISE GOD.  
Difficult moments, SEEK GOD.  
Quiet Moments, WORSHIP GOD.  
Painful moments, TRUST GOD.  
Every moment, THANK GOD !"**

#### VIRTUAL MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a virtual enrichment entitled *The Joy of Love* on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love*, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).




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