

St. Teresa of Calcutta PARISH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (Chester)

5:30 PM (Essex)

Sunday

8:30 AM & 12:00 PM (Essex)

10:00 AM (Chester)

Daily Mass

Monday,

Wednesday & Friday

8:30 AM (Essex)

Tuesday,

Thursday & Saturday

8:30 AM (Chester)

Holy days

Vigil: 7:00 PM (Essex)

Feast Day: 7:00 PM (Chester)

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Josephs—Chester

Saturday September 4

8:30

4:00 † Don LaCourse by Clare LaCourse

Sunday September 5

10:00 †Eva Tar by family

Tuesday September 7

8:30 † Stephen Lebowich by Gail L. Gallagher

Thursday September 9

8:30 † Jean Wigren by Cindy and Cathy

Saturday September 11

8:30

4:00

Sunday September 12

10:00 † Sally O'Neill, Kitty Fuller, and Millie McGee by McGee and O'Neill Family

Our Lady of Sorrows—Essex

Saturday September 4

5:30 † John Robinson by Walt and Regina Wiegert

Sunday September 5

8:30 † Riley Thayer by Mark and Mary O'Neil

12:00 † Irudaya Raj Fernando by Fr. Peter

Monday September 6

8:30 † Theresa Kusmierski by family

Wednesday September 8

8:30 † Pasquale Valentino by Charles Valentino

Friday September 10

8:30 † Andrew Masiukiewicz by Joan Bidwell

Saturday September 11

5:30 † Jack Mullady and Josephine DeMattia by Delores Carter and family

Sunday September 12

8:30 † Todd Walier by Joe and Judith Walier

12:00 † Andrew Masiukiewicz by Richard and Maryann Zablocki

If the members of the family for whom a Mass is being celebrated would like to bring up the gifts, please notify one of the ushers before Mass.

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*The Essex Tabernacle Candle will burn in memory of
Todd Walier by Joe and Judith Walier and the Essex
Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of
Roberta Rogers by her family.*

† REST IN PEACE †

*Please pray for the soul of **Stephen White**
may his soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Pope Francis' September Intention

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Online | Video Chat with Fr. Peter

September 7 | Strength and Tone 1:00 pm Essex

September 7 | Gentle Flow 2:30 pm Essex

September 12 | St. Joseph's Luncheon after 10:00 Mass

Parish Luncheon at St. Joseph's Church Sunday, September 12 at 11:00

To celebrate Pope Francis's declaration of 2021 as the "Year of St Joseph", we are pleased to announce a parish luncheon to be held on Sunday, September 12. (Severe weather date of September 19). The luncheon will be held on the lawn between St. Joseph's Church and the rectory. Historical St. Joseph's Church items will be displayed, and we'll be serving sandwiches, salads, desserts and beverages. Please RSVP with affirmatives by Monday, September 6, either to Jen Kollmer (860-526-1495 or jekollmer@gmail.com) or Annmarie Smith (860-853-0320 or djsmith02@snet.net). Walk-ins will be welcome, but we'd like to have a rough number to expect. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FR. PETER'S REFLECTION

*"Ephphatha!" means "Be opened!"
It is a command. It brings to our minds,
"Let there be light;" "Lazarus, come out;"
"Preach the gospel to every creature" etc.*

*Pope St. John XXIII said,
"Throw open the windows of the Church and
let the fresh air of the Spirit blow through."
The II Vatican Council
began with this purpose.*

*When humans cannot open up things,
they need God's command, "Be opened."
God can open stony hearts, rigid systems,
and barriers for peace, love and joy.*

*'Lord, open me' is a good prayer.
Being open to truth, love, grace and peace
is imperative for human wellbeing.
Spirit of God fills the open hearted.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta High School Scholarships

St. Teresa of Calcutta parish will be awarding high school scholarships to assist students from our parish who are attending Catholic High schools. Awards will be need-based and determined through an application process. Any interested students should complete a scholarship application available at the parish office 860-767-1284 or office@stocpct.org. The application deadline is September 12, 2021.

National Combined Collection

Today we will conduct the National Combined Collection (NCC) which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please indicate on your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education Registration

Attention parents now is the time to register your student for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes begin in September. You can register online at www.stteresaofcalcuttaparish.org



If you have any questions please contact the
Director of Religious Education
Joyce Leach at 860-227-8778

Women's Guild

Women's Guild Meeting **September 21, 2021** St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Women's Guild would like to invite all women of the parish to join. The main purpose of the Guild is to support the spiritual and social benefits of the members and to support the needs of the parish. The Guild meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in Murtha hall September – June with no meeting held in the December. Funds raised by the Guild have been used to support the Youth Mission Trip, the Mercy Project, the Martha and Mary Club, Religious Education and the Take a Break Group for Parents. Additionally, the Guild provided 3 scholarships to active parish youth going on to or continuing in college. During the holiday season, support is provided to local families in need. Please feel free to contact Karen DiRenzo at kadirenzo@comcast.net for more information or attend the meeting on September 21 to learn more.

*"Having faith does not mean
having no difficulties, but having
the strength to face them, knowing
we are not alone."*

POPE FRANCIS

PARISH NEWS, EVENTS AND MINISTRIES

NEWS AND EVENTS

Personal Hygiene Collection to Support St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown

The Women's Guild is collecting personal hygiene items throughout the year to support the homeless who are served at St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown. Items most needed are soap, razors, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products and white tube socks. A box is located in the back of both churches and items will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul on a monthly basis. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated as we work to help those in need in the Diocese of Norwich.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **October 3, 2021, at 2 P.M.** Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop. The names of all registrants and their anniversary dates will also be listed on a special Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website. Register by sending the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 312, or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website. Registration deadline is **Friday, September 10. This is a firm date, so please register early.**

MINISTRIES & GROUPS

ADULT CHOIR

Thursday | 7:00 PM (Chester)

Wendy Hummel | 860-559-9807 | musicchester@stocpct.org

Thursday | 7:30 PM (Essex)

Irene Listorti | 860-388-9884 | musicessex@stocpct.org

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Sue Jones | 860-322-4227 | altarserverschester@stocpct.org

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CARING HEARTS

1st Wednesday | 6:00 PM (Chester)

Meredith Newman | caringhearts@stocpct.org | 860-301-5737

BULLETIN | FACEBOOK

office@stocpct.org | facebook@stocpct.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st Tuesday | 7:30 PM (Chester)

Tony Scierka | knightschester@stocpct.org | 860-301-5737

3rd Wednesday | 7:00 PM (Essex)

Tony Carrano | 860-227-7100 | knightsessex@stocpct.org

LECTORS/EMS

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Vin & Laura Pacileo | lectorsessex@stocpct.org

MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE

Fridays | 10:00 AM

Terry Butler | 860-767-1902

MARTHA & MARY CLUB

2nd Wednesday | 12:00

Sue Pire | marthamaryclub@stocpct.org

PARENTS FORUM

Roseann Calegari | parentsforum@stocpct.org

PARISH COUNCIL

2nd Thursday | 7:00 PM

Kevin Brough | parishcouncil@stocpct.org

PRAYER CHAIN

prayerchain@stocpct.org

PRAYER SHAWL

1st & 3rd Wednesday | 1:30 PM (Essex)

Pauline Veillette | 860-767-8519

RESPECT LIFE

Carol Burdick | respectlife@stocpct.org

RCIA

Dennis Costello | rcia@stocpct.org

THIRD ORDER OF MARY

Lorraine Maloney | 860-434-2629

WOMEN'S GUILD

3rd Tuesday | 7:00 PM (Essex)

Karen Drenzo | 757-718-1340 | womensguild@stocpct.org

Irene Listorti | 860-388-9884 | womensguild@stocpct.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Please contact the office to schedule a Baptism

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance so we can help you start planning your big day.

CONFESSION

Chester -Tues, Thurs, 8-8:25 am
Sat 8-8:25 am 3:15-3:45 pm
Essex-Mon, Wed, Fri 8-8:25 am
Sun 11:15-11:45 am

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