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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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JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Josephs—Chester

Saturday January 1 *New Year's Mass*

10:00 Parish family

4:00 † Benedict Novinski, SR by Cindy and Cathy

Sunday January 2 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

10:00 † Josephine Marshall by Wiernasz family

Tuesday January 4

8:30 † Uliana & Renato Tiezzi by Dolores Scalise

Thursday January 6

8:30

Saturday January 8

8:30

4:00

Sunday January 9

10:00 † Attilio Mozzochi by Bill and Carol Burdick

Our Lady of Sorrows—Essex

Saturday January 1 *New Year's Mass*

8:30 Parish family

5:30 † Alfred Gagnon by Len and Jo Ann Dongweck

Sunday January 2 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:30 † Edward and Veronica Bogden by Michael and Maryann Dean and Family

12:00 † Savino Civitillo by family

Monday January 3

8:30 * Lynne Fredrickson by Barbara Ryan

Wednesday January 5

8:30 † William Niedbala by Ed and Kathy McCaffrey

Friday January 7

8:30 † Eva Tar by Paul Tar

Saturday January 8

5:30 † Terry Butler by Ed and Kathy McCaffrey

Sunday January 9

8:30 † Lucy Leo by Janet Irving

12:00 Parish family

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.

OFFERTORY

Dec. 11-12	\$4,433.00
Dec. 18-19	\$3,305.00
Online	\$3,828.00 (2 weeks)

Thank you for your support.

CANDLES

*The Chester Tabernacle candle will burn in memory of
Stephen White.*

Pope Francis' January Intention

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

The Third Order of Mary

No January Meeting. February Meeting is Monday 2/07.
Blessings, Lorraine 860-434-2629

A Note of Thanks

A grateful thank you to all who so generously participated in this year's Giving Tree thereby making Christmas a happier time for many.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4 | Strength and Tone 1:00 pm Essex

January 4 | Gentle Flow 2:30 pm Essex

Essex Knight's Food Drive

The Essex Knights are continuing non-perishable food collection for the benefit of the Shoreline Soup Kitchens Westbrook Pantry. A collection bin is located in the OLOS foyer. Canned goods, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, cereals, peanut butter, jelly and juices are requested. Thanks.

Chester Knights Winter Clothing Drive

The Chester Knights of Columbus have begun our annual winter clothing drive. Collection buckets are available near the main entrances to St Josephs Church. Items of winter clothing can include but are not limited to coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and sweaters. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FR. PETER'S REFLECTION

*When God smiles at time,
a New Year blossoms!
May God make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you in this New Year!*

*May the star that guided the Magi
lead us in the form of light of faith!
As the Magi offered precious gifts,
may we offer ourselves to God!*

*We thank God for the blessings of last year
and we look forward to His grace this year.
We pray that our parish may grow, prosper,
sanctified, and be filled with the love of God!*

Happy and blessed New Year!

From the Women's Guild Hats, Gloves and Socks for St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown

In addition to the personal hygiene items that the Women's Guild collects throughout the year for the homeless in Middletown, we are now adding hats, gloves and socks during the cold weather season. A box is located in the back of both churches and items are 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.

Mother Teresa



To one demanding trust

When Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity are given money they receive it with gratitude because they know that money is a concrete sign of the love that people have for the poor---and the poor are the recipients of every last cent.

An eyewitness told that he was present when a needy woman, or at least one who claimed to be needy, asked the Sisters for an amount equivalent to two hundred dollars. This amount was all the Sisters had. Without asking for any proof of her need, the Sisters immediately gave her the money, and the man went on to add, "Not long after that I saw a tall young man, a total stranger to myself and perhaps to the Sisters, knock on the Sisters' door and hand them some money. The amount turned out to be exactly two hundred dollars."



VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bin-go 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 x 304



PARISH NEWS, EVENTS AND MINISTRIES

NEWS AND EVENTS

March For Life Buses

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.

St. John School – Open Houses 2022

Saint John School, Old Saybrook is having Open Houses on Sunday, January 30th, 10am–noon and Wednesday, March 9th, 9-11am and 6-8pm. Please register online to attend. We invite you to also visit our website to read about our PreK3-Grade 8 challenging curriculums, extra-curricular after-school programs, our competitive athletics, campus information, before/aftercare program, testimonials and more. Please also visit our Facebook page for recent classroom activities. You are invited to hear about “Educating the Whole Child” – we believe in educating our students academically, emotionally and spiritually. Come see our facilities and campus, talk to our staff, and learn about our challenging curriculum, enrichment & extracurricular programs including our afterschool sports and clubs. Registration for 2022/23 academic year will commence in February 2022. For more information www.saintjohnschool.org. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 860-388-0849. All are welcome.

MINISTRIES & GROUPS

ADULT CHOIR

Thursday | 7:00 PM (Chester)

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CARING HEARTS

1st Wednesday | 6:00 PM (Chester)

Meredith Newman | caringhearts@stocpct.org

BULLETIN | FACEBOOK

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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

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MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE

Fridays | 10:00 AM

MARTHA & MARY CLUB

2nd Wednesday | 12:00

Sue Pire | marthamaryclub@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)

Gail Morris | 860-767-1223

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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 Dizenzo | 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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