St. John Church

Established in 1843

DECEMBER 27, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
5:30 PM (St. Sebastian)
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM (St. Sebastian)
Weekday Masses (Tues. & Thurs.): 7:30 AM in the Chapel.
(Mon. Wed. & Fri.): 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian)
Eucharistic Adoration: Begins in the Chapel after the 7:30 AM Mass on the 1st Thursday of each month, and ends at 9:00AM
with Benediction. (St. Sebastian Hour Adoration 1st Friday of each month, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM)
Confessions: Heard Saturdays, 3:15-3:45 PM.
Sundays, 8:15-8:45 AM.
Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 7:00 PM & 8:00 AM
12:10 PM & 7:00 PM (St. Sebastian)

SACRAMENTS
Baptism: Please call the Rectory to register your child for Baptism.
Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.
Call the Rectory for more information.
Religious Education (Including First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation Preparation):
Classes are held at St. Sebastian Church – Mondays, Grades 2 & 3 from 4:45pm – 6:00pm and Sundays, Grades 1,4,5,6,7,8 & 9 from 9:30am-10:50am.

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The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
We are closed weekends and holidays
19 St. John Square, Middletown, CT 06457

PARISH COMMITTEE HEADS
Parish Council: Pamela Perrone (860-301-6449)
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26
4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass
†John Cooke by the Parishioners of St. John Church
5:30 PM (St. Sebastian Church)

Sunday, December 27
9:00 AM The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph (Community Mass)
† Steven St. Jean, Sr. by Family
† Al Labickas by Friends of St. John Church
11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)
5:00 PM

Monday, December 28
7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)
Tuesday, December 29
7:30 AM † Bob & Steven Ellam, by Verna
Wednesday December 30
7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

Thursday December 31, New Years Eve
5:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass
† John Cooke by Parishioners of St. John Church
Friday January 1
8:00 AM The Octave Day of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God
† Jessie Trotta, by Parishioners of St. John Church

Saturday January 2
4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass
† John Cooke, by Parishioners of St. John Church
5:30 PM (St. Sebastian Church)
Sunday, January 3
9:00 AM The Epiphany of the Lord (Community Mass)
† Thomas Furtada, by Friends of St. John Church
11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)
5:00 PM

Please keep in your prayers for those who are ill & for those with personal intentions: Dan Coyle, Carol Russo, Fran Messina, William J. Dillon, Rachel Pranckus.

Sanctuary Lamp
December 26th - January 1st
For the people of St. John Church

In observance of the New Year's Holiday Office will be Closed Thursday & Friday December 31st & January 1st

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

" ...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."
— COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone — a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

COLLECTION REPORT

DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH

Envelopes:
Weekly Offering : $2,328.00
Monthly Offering: $ 441.00

Online:
Weekly Offering : $ 545.00
Monthly Offering: $ 320.00

DECEMBER 12TH & 13TH

Envelopes:
Weekly Offering : $5,439.00
Christmas Flowers: $ 673.00

Online:
Weekly Offering : $ 335.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. JOHN CHURCH

NEW YEARS MASSES

December 31, 2020 (Thursday)
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

January 1, 2021 (Friday)
8:00 AM - Octave Day of Christmas
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
[12:10 PM St. Sebastian Church]

Confessions
December 26 (Saturday) 3:15—3:45 PM
December 27 (Sunday) 8:15—8:45 AM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF NORWICH
PROVIDING HELP & CREATING HOPE

December 8, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. John Church,

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your donations to the **"$25 Stop & Shop Gift Card Program"** to help those most need in Middlesex County.

Our Intensive Case Management program, which assists people with their most basic needs, has become a life line for all those seeking help. During this unprecedented time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen a huge increase in the number of individuals and families reaching out for assistance. Because of your generosity, Catholic Charities will be ready to ***Provide Help & Create Hope*** for people of all faiths, especially in Middlesex County

Again, thank you for your support of Catholic Charities and in helping us make a difference in the lives of so many!

Sincerely,
Susan Connelly
Chief Operations Officer

Meditation of the Day

"He who enters into the secret place of his own soul passes beyond himself, and does in very truth ascend to God.

Banish, therefore, from thy heart the distraction of earth and turn thine eyes to spiritual joys, that thou mayest learn at last to repose in the light of God."

—St. Albert the Great

Our Lady of Calvary Women's Retreat Center
Saturday, January 9, 2021
From 9am to 5pm

A beautiful peaceful grounds in Farmington, CT is offering a one day retreat program this year on Saturday, January 9, 2021 from (9:00 am to 5:00 pm). This year's theme is **"All Around Us We Have Known You"**. The cost is $150 per person which includes breakfast, a delicious lunch, conferences, Reconciliation & Mass. For more information, you can go on line to their website or call Tina Loomis at 860-346-1176.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES
Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually

With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Service Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. All formal live classes have been suspended through July 1, 2021. Couples getting married in 2021 or beyond, should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Service Office to establish class dates.

She can be reached Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at **mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, to black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is $6 per card for the whole Bingo event!

Virtual Bingo!
Thursday
December 31, 2020
3:30—5 PM
GREAT PRIZES
AND
FUN FOR
ALL AGES!
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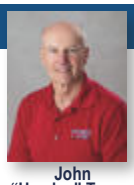
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