

# ST. JOHN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## 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

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## PARISH COMMITTEE HEADS

Parish Council: Pamela Perrone (860-301-6449)

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For everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose  
under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

*THE BEGINNING OF AUTUMN  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND*



**Saturday September 18**  
**4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass**  
 † **John & Mary Ann Mack**, by Family  
 5:00 PM (St. Sebastian Church)

**Sunday September 19**  
**9:00 AM Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(Community Mass)**  
 † **Richard (Dick) Wendry**, by Linda McCarty  
 † 11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)  
 5:00 PM

**Monday September 20**  
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

**Tuesday September 21**  
 7:30 AM † **Richard S. Wendry**, by Bonnie Peterson

**Wednesday September 22 Beginning of Autumn**  
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

**Thursday September 23**  
 7:30 AM † **Franny & Mary O'Neal**

**Friday September 24**  
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

**Saturday September 25**  
**4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass**  
 † **Joseph Goiangos III**, by Family  
 5:00 PM (St. Sebastian Church)

**Sunday September 26**  
**9:00 AM Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(Community Mass)**  
 † **Louis & Sarah D'Amato**, by Family  
 11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)  
 5:00 PM



For everything there is a Season  
 and a Time for every purpose under  
 Heaven ... A Time to Heal...

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



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**September 18th - September 24th**  
*For the parishioners of St. John Church*

**St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen Sandwich Ministry**  
 The last sandwich preparation for the friends of St. Vincent  
 de Paul Soup Kitchen will be held on **September 28th** at  
**6:00 PM** at our **Parish Center**. All are welcome to join  
 us. We would like to thank the people who supported this  
 ministry this year with monetary donations throughout the  
 summer months and for the people who prepared the sand-  
 wiches as well.



**25th Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time**

"If anyone wishes to be first,  
 he shall be the last of all and  
 the servant of all."  
**MARK 9:35**

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another,  
 Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that  
 many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that  
 we must give up something that we want. However,  
 the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy" from  
 the words "*sacer = sacred* and "*facere = to make*". In  
 other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our  
 gifts in the service of God.

**SEPTEMBER 11TH & 12TH  
 OFFERTORY**



**Envelopes:**

Weekly Offering: \$1,654.00  
 Catholic Elementary School \$ 261.00

**Online:**

Weekly Offering : \$ 675.00  
 Catholic Elementary School \$ 20.00



**To sign-up for online giving please  
 visit: [saintjohnmiddletownct.weebly.org](http://saintjohnmiddletownct.weebly.org)**  
 Thank you for your continued support

**Donations made to St. John Church  
 Renovation Fund**

*In Loving Memory*

**of Richard S. Wendry**

**By: Jean & Jack Augeri**  
**Alice M. Cram**  
**Patricia Lewis**  
**Tony & Rose Mancarella**  
**Bette K. Micale**  
**Desmond & Simonne Mularski**  
**VJ & Ewa Penisse**  
**Margaret M. Webster**

**Virtual Youth Explosion X 2021**

The Diocese of Norwich invites students in Grades 6 -12 to  
 a **Virtual Youth Explosion** with music and presentations  
 by **The Doug and Dave Show**. Spend the afternoon shar-  
 ing your faith with teens from all over the Diocese. The  
 event will take place online Sunday, November 14th from  
 1-3 PM. **For more information go to :**  
<https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com>.  
 Please see your parish Catechetical Leader  
 to register or contact Liza Roach at  
[lrouch@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lrouch@norwichdiocese.net) or (860) 848-2237 ext. 305.







Sister Lizzy and Sister MaryKutty will lead our Religious Education (CCD) Program once again this year. **Classes will begin next Sunday, September 26th**

**Religious Education Classes**

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:50 AM  
for grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8th  
at the Catholic Charities Building  
151 Broad Street

Monday, September 27th from 4:45 to 6:00 PM  
2nd grade class (*First Reconciliation*)  
and 3rd grade class (*First Communion*)  
at St. Sebastian Church Hall  
155 Washington Street

To register your child for CCD instructions, please download the application from the St. John Church website: [www.saintjohnmiddletownct.weebly.com](http://www.saintjohnmiddletownct.weebly.com)

The Norwich **40 Days-For-Life Campaign** will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 21st, at 7:00 PM. Bishop Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Michael Bovino will be the homilist.

This year, the 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, September 22nd through October 31st. Please join in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing up to participate in the peaceful pray vigil held outside the planned parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. Thank you. *"We are the people of life because God in his unconditional love, has given us the Gospel of life... and we are called to act accordingly."*

St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, 79



**Diocese of Norwich  
Catholic Family Service**

**If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for *A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows*, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Tuesday nights from 7:00—8:15 PM beginning **September 28th through November 9th**. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but the registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Service Office, 860-848-2237, ext. 312, or email: [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).**

***A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life***



Dearest St. Joseph  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
as God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
--especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.  
Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

*"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity."*

Fill your marriage with peace and love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences near you are found on the website.

**Pie Sale Just in Time  
for the Holidays**

Pie sale starts on September 26th  
at St. John Church. More information to follow  
in the coming weeks!!!

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