

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Established in 1843



SEPTEMBER 26, 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
19 St. John Square, Middletown, CT 06457

PARISH COMMITTEE HEADS

Parish Council: Pamela Perrone (860-301-6449)
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SEPTEMBER 29TH
THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS



Saturday 4:00 PM	September 25 Vigil Solemn Mass
† Joseph Goiangos III , by Family	
5:00 PM	(St. Sebastian Church)
Sunday 9:00 AM	September 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Community Mass)
† Louis & Sarah D'Amato , by Family	
† 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM	(St. Sebastian Church)
Monday 7:30 AM	September 27 (St. Sebastian Church)
Tuesday 7:30 AM	September 28 † Richard Wendry by Anthony Moran
Wednesday 7:30 AM	September 29 (St. Sebastian Church)
Thursday 7:30 AM	September 30 † Charles Henry Shaw , by Moran Family
First Friday 6:00-7:00 PM	October 1 Adoration of the Holy Eucharist (St. Sebastian Church)
7:00 PM	Mass
Saturday 4:00 PM	October 2 Vigil Solemn Mass
† Tellier/Messina Families , by Family	
5:00 PM	(St. Sebastian Church)
Sunday 9:00 AM	October 3 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Community Mass)
† Richard S. Wendry , by Family	
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM	(St. Sebastian Church)



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 25th - October 1st

For all Priest Living & Deceased
who served at St. John Church

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen Sandwich Ministry

This coming Tuesday, **September 28th @ 6:00 PM** at our **Parish Center** is the last day of preparing sandwiches for the friends of **St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen**. All our welcome to join us.

Thanks' to all who supported this years ministry with monetary donations and to the parishioners who prepared the sandwiches throughout the summer months.

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Stewardship Awareness Sunday in the Archdiocese of St. Louis

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made. We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting all of us feel the pain.

SEPTEMBER 18TH & 19TH OFFERTORY

Envelopes:

Weekly Offering:	\$1,540.00
Priest Retirement:	\$ 247.00

Online:

Weekly Offering :	\$ 825.00
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To sign-up for online giving please visit:
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for your continued support

Bosco's "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" 25TH Anniversary: October 20, 2021

Every year, the "Friends Helping Friends" program gives away thousands of dollars to area non-profit organizations. When you buy a \$5.00 coupon from one of these non-profits, that organization receives the \$5.00 and the shopper gets to shop all day on **October 20th** at a **25% discount** on most of the items in the store. The St. Theresa Guild of St. Sebastian Church is again selling these coupons beginning October 3rd - October 19th. You may purchase coupons at St. John's Rectory or you may contact Pamela Perrone @ 860-346-0343.

A great time to start your Christmas shopping!

Spiritual Book Study

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center
194 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441

Five Sessions: Wednesdays, Oct 6th—Nov 3rd
from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
free will offering appreciated

Make a beloved New Testament parable come alive through the eyes of the various characters in the story. Join us for a book study of Henri Nouwen's "The Return of the Prodigal Son".

Let us know soon and we will order the book for you.

Registration required. Please contact Sr. Patricia at (203) 606-4830 or email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com.

Unvaccinated persons need to wear a mask.

Donations made to St. John Church Renovation Fund

In Loving Memory

of Richard S. Wendry

By: Shirley & Clifford Barrett
Patricia C. Treloar
Stanley & Nancy Wells
Deborah & Kevin Ewald



Respect for Life Sunday Cradle Fund Collection

Next weekend, all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich on the weekend of October 2-3, 2021, will be participating in the annual Cradle Fund Collection.

Because of the increasing demands on the Cradle Fund and because of the Church's commitment to provide for needy, expectant mothers, we are urging our parishioners to generously support this appeal. The care of expectant mothers and newborns warrants a sacrificial gift. Their need is our responsibility. Our assistance is a means of making tangible our pro-life convictions.

This year, using the proceeds from the 2020 Cradle Fund Collection and with the help of additional donations, the Fund made grants to pro-life agencies and pregnancy support programs as well as direct assistance to expectant mothers.

Now in its forty fourth (44th) year, the Cradle Fund is used to assist needy, expectant mothers in caring for their unborn or newly born children. It also provides financial support for birthright programs.

Each year the demands on the Funds become more numerous. We want to thank our parishioners for your generosity.



Find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden trouble or sorrow

The Catholic Family Service Office is sponsoring

A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows

Join us for a seven-week virtual 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 is based on the book
Your Sorrow is My Sorrow by Sr. Joyce Rupp.

Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15 PM
September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26 and
November 2, 9



Each night will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection.

"Everyone can find their struggles and sadness hidden in the folds of Mary's robe of sorrows."

—Sr. Joyce Rupp

For more information or to register, call Marly-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net



Diocese Of Norwich Catholic Family Services

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, October 2 at 8:30 AM**. Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign

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 parent-hood 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



The Office of Faith Events will be donating two Christmas trees this year to the **Festival of Trees** at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. We are still seeking ornaments to help complete our tree entitled **"The Nativity"**. If you have a nativity themed ornament/s you would like to donate to adorn this tree, please drop off at or send to **The Office of Faith**

Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360 by November 19, 2021. Questions? Please email us at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or give us a call at 860-848-2237 ext. 304.

"The Annual Holiday Pie Fundraiser"

To order, please complete an order form that is located in the vestibule. You may drop it off along with your check payable to St. Sebastian Church in our collection basket, or mail to Pamala Perrone at: 108 Rockfall Road, Middletown, 860-346-0343 or order on line at www.mcmfundraising.com/signup/PSRK

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