

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Established in 1843



OCTOBER 3, 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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**RESPECT FOR
LIFE SUNDAY**



Saturday October 2
4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass
 † **Tellier/Messina Families** by both Families
 5:00 PM (St. Sebastian Church)

Sunday October 3
9:00 AM Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Community Mass)
 † **Richard S. Wendry** by Family
 † 11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)
 5:00 PM

Monday October 4
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

Tuesday October 5
 7:30 AM † **Jerry & Helen Perrone**

Wednesday October 6
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

First Thursday October 7
 7:30 AM † **Louis & Sarah D'Amato**
8:00—9:00 AM Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Friday October 8
 7:00 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

Saturday October 9
4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass
 † **Sheehan/Mularski Families** by the Mularski Family
 5:00 PM (St. Sebastian Church)

Sunday October 10
9:00 AM Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Community Mass)
 † **Raymond M. Tremblay**, by Family
 11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)
 5:00 PM

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.”
 (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

SEPTEMBER 25TH & 26TH OFFERTORY

Envelopes:

Weekly Offering: \$2,192.00
 Priest Retirement: \$ 290.00

Online:

Weekly Offering : \$ 435.00



**Respect for Life Sunday
 Cradle Fund Collection**

This weekend, all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich are 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.



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
 October 2nd - October 8th**

RICHARD S. WENDRY
 By Family

Thank you to all our terrific volunteers from St. John & St. Sebastian parishes who donated their time and monetary contributions in preparing sandwiches for the patrons of St. Vincent de Paul. This amazing group prepped over \$1,500 sandwiches during the past summer months.

Congratulations for a Job Well Done!



America needs Fatima Rosary Rally

We want to invite you to join in a **Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at 12:00 noon outside St. Sebastian Church.** This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Will you be able to join us and other Catholics on that very important day? For more information contact Nancy Russo at 860-690-8713 or at nrusso910@gmail.com





MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

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September 13, 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Sunday, October 3rd, 2021, is Respect Life Sunday. The theme this year is Saint Joseph, Defender of Life. In this year of Saint Joseph, we recall how Saint Joseph protected the infant Jesus and his mother Mary. We recall, too, how his intercession still guides us in our efforts to protect the most vulnerable in our midst—the unborn, the poor, the migrant, and the elderly.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the Foundation of a moral vision for society. The catechism states: "Of all visible creatures, only man is able to know and love his creator. He is the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake, and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the Fundamental reason for his dignity." (CCC, 356). The Catechism continues: "Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something but someone." (CCC, 357).

The dignity of the human person is the basis of catholic social teaching. This is why the church is firm in its defense of the unborn, the poor, the migrants, and the elderly. As Pope Francis notes in his encyclical On Care For our Common Home (Laudato Si): "When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities—to offer just a few examples—it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself." In Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel (no. 153), Pope Francis notes that we have created an economy of exclusion, one that does not respect life. "Just as the commandment 'Thou shall not kill' sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say 'Thou shalt not' to an economy of exclusion and inequality such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality. Today everything comes under the laws of competition and the survival of the fittest, where the powerful feed upon the powerless. As a consequence, masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalized: without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape. Human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. We have created a throw away culture which is now spreading."

To combat what Pope Francis has labeled the "throw away culture", we need to reemphasize that the human person is a "someone" not a "something". Humans are not consumer goods to be discarded. The infant growing in the womb is not just a clump of cells, it is a human person created in the image and likeness of God. The same can be said of the poor, the homeless, the migrants, and the elderly. They have a dignity and worth as sons and daughters of God.

Let us strive to build a civilization of "inclusion" to counter our throw away culture. May Saint Joseph, Defender of Life, be our model and guide for the defense of every human life. Thank you for all of your efforts to build a culture of life here in the Diocese of Norwich.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

2021 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

The mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will aid the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Registered parishioners should have received information in the mail about this collection. Additional brochures and gift envelopes are available in church. Please read this material and ring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend. October 9/10, 2021.

ANNUAL PIE SALE

Stock Up for the Holidays!!!

Holiday Pie Fundraiser Sale is sponsored by the St Theresa Guild. They arrive frozen and are delicious. Order forms are in our vestibule. You may drop off your completed form along with a check payable to St. Sebastian Church in our collection basket or mail to Pamela Perrone, 108 Rock Rd., Middletown, or you may order on line at: <https://my.fundraising.com/signup/PSRK> Any questions, please call Pam @ 860-346-0343.

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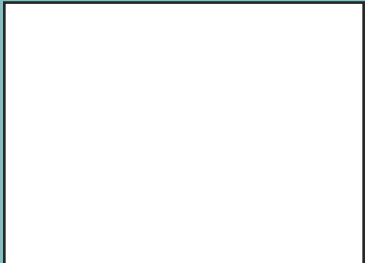
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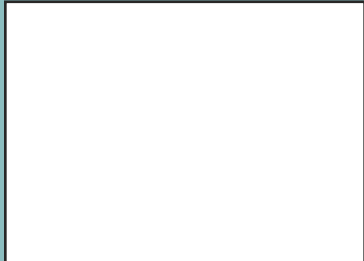
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