

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Established in 1843



DECEMBER 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

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PARISH COMMITTEE HEADS

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Saturday, December 25, 2021



Friday
4:00 PM
 † **John Cooke,**
 10:00 PM
December 24
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
 by St. John Parish
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Saturday
9:00 AM
 † **Harry Twiss (A16)** by wife, Theresa
 11:00 AM &
 5:00 PM
December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
 by wife, Theresa
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Sunday
9:00 AM
 † **Louis & Sarah D'Amato** by Family
 11:00 AM &
 5:00 PM
December 26
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
(Community Mass)
 by Family
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Monday
 7:30 AM
December 27
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Tuesday
7:30 AM
 † **Christopher Clayton**
December 28
 December 29
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Wednesday
 7:30 AM
December 29
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Thursday
7:30 AM
 † **Margaret & Timothy Young**
December 30
 December 31
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Friday
7:30 AM
December 31
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Saturday
4:00 PM
 † **Jessie Trotta**
 5:00 PM
January 1
The Octave Day of Christmas:
Mary the Holy Mother of God
 by St. John Parish
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Sunday
9:00 AM
 † **John Cooke**
 11:00 AM &
 5:00 PM
January 2
The Epiphany of the Lord (Community Mass)
 by St. John Parish
 (St. Sebastian Church)

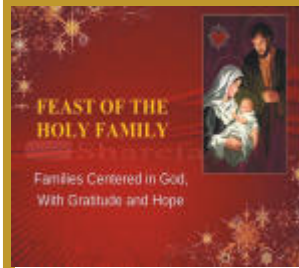


For everything there is a Season and a Time for every purpose under Heaven ... A Time to Heal...

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
December 25th - December 31st
For the Parishioners of St John Church



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, tht we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During the season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th
The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Mass at 4:00 PM

Saturday, December 25th
The Nativity of the Lord
Mass at 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 26th
Feast of the Holy Family
Mass at 9:00 AM



St. John's Office

Will be Closed

Friday, December 31, 2021

New Years Eve Day



A Donation Has Been Made to St. John's Renovation Fund

In Memory of her husband John F. Tynan, Sr.

By Josephine Tynan





Dearly Beloved,

Merry Christmas

Christmas has arrived. Joyful memories of our past celebrations come alive in our mind. The Nativity of Our Lord has brought great joy and hope to the whole world. He continues to be born again in this world through the lives of the Christian faithful. He needs us to be the manifestation of his incarnate presence today. By appearing in a manger with simplicity and humility, He shocked the mentality of this world that looked for wealth, prestige, and worldly pleasures as something to be prioritized at any cost. Memory of his first coming in lowliness should shock us too. One of our prayers during Advent Season states that “as we walk amid passing things, by his mystery of incarnation you teach us to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures”. Let us all find this Solemnity as an opportunity to purify and educate our conscience and conform our lives to the image of the one whose disciples we claim to be and whose birth we joyfully celebrate today.

I would like to thank all our parishioners who support this church with their time, talents, and treasure. My gratitude and appreciation go to all who support our liturgy with singing, serving, and assisting, to all who in various capacities serve in committees, to all who setup mangers and decorate the church. I thank you all who support this church by your weekly/ monthly sacrificial offerings. That keeps our church afloat. Special thank you to all who send in their contributions by mail or online. Generosity of those homebound is greatly appreciated.

I also understand that this year has been a difficult one for many. In 2021 some of us are grieving for the loss of dear ones. Many feel isolated and depressed due to Covid and other ailments. During this holiday season I will hold you all in my heart and prayers. I wish you all a blessed New Year.

May the good Lord keep us in his Paternal Care and bless us.

Yours devotedly in Our Lord,

Fr. James Thaikoothathil

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VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! **Bingo 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 ex. 304.



Our Lady of Calvary's Women Retreat January 7 - 9, 2022

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT 06032

All Around Us We Have Known You

From the beginning of human history, the beauty and wonder have inspired people to think of God. Whether it was the power of a storm or the beauty of a sunset, humans have experienced creation as revelatory of the greatness of a creator God.

Our retreat theme, **All Around Us We Have known You**, invites us to know and recognize all around us, especially in nature, the God who loves us, and strengthens us.

For more information, call Tina Loomis at 860-346-1176.

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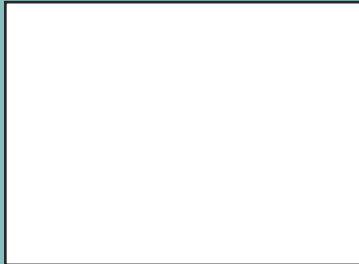
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