

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Established in 1843



JANUARY 2, 2022

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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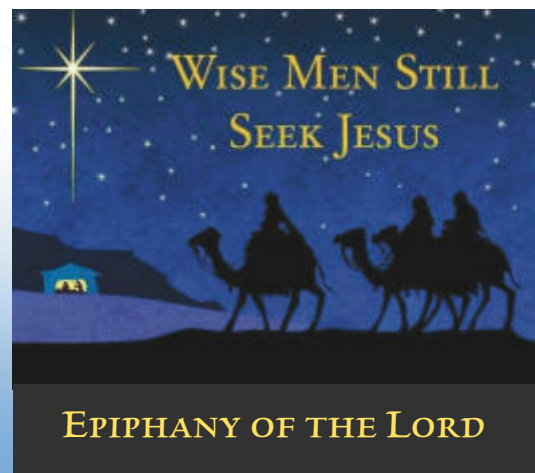
PARISH COMMITTEE HEADS

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

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

†**Jessie Trotta**
 5:00 PM

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

†**John Cooke**
 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Monday 7:30 AM **January 3**
 (St. Sebastian Church)

Tuesday 7:30 AM **January 4**
 † **Margaret & Timothy Young**

Wednesday 7:30 AM **January 5**
 (St. Sebastian Church)

First Thursday 7:30 AM **January 6**
 † **Raymond Tremblay**

8:00-9:00 AM **Adoration of the Holy Eucharist**

First Friday 6:00 PM **January 7** (St. Sebastian Church)
Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
 Sacrifice of the Mass

7:00-7:30 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM **January 8**
Vigil Solemn Mass

†**James C., Mary E., & James J. McGrath** by Shirley Milardo
 (St. Sebastian Church)
 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM **January 9**
Baptism of the Lord (Community Mass)
 by St. John Parish (St. Sebastian Church)

†**Sheila Walsh**
 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM



The Epiphany of the Lord

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense - represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh - is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

December 18th & 19th
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First Thursday at St. John Church
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
January 6, 2022 @ 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying “this is my Body” and “this is my Blood”, Catholics have believed that the consecrated bread and wine are no longer bread or fermented grape juice but the actual living presence of the second person of the Holy Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion is exactly the same as spending time before the living God.

Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects toward a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass or in a more focused way, and when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration.

You are welcome on this coming Thursday to adore the Savior and bring blessings on you and on our community.

“It is the best time you can spend on earth.”



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: Dan Coyle, William J. Dillon, Rachel Panckus.



Sanctuary Lamp
January 1st - January 7th

For the Parishioners of St John Church



Donations made to St. John Church
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In Loving Memory

of Richard S. Wendry

By: Kathleen N. Manzi



**DIOCESE OF NORWICH
OFFICE OF FAITH EVENTS**

Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

This coming Spring, during the 2022 Virtual Women's Conference Committee will vote on and name the recipient of the second annual **Our Lady Queen of Hope Award**. This award honors a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. She displays strong faith, and is committed to living out catholic values, displaying leadership, love and service, and has been a part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church and has helped to move parish communalities forward. You can nominate a woman of the Norwich Diocese for this award by visiting www.norwichdiocese.org and downloading the nomination form or contacting Marianne @ manicholas@norwichdiocese.net. **Application deadline submission is January 7, 2022. Ballots are available in our vestibule.**

Please Save the date and join us **March 26, 2022** for the **Virtual Spring Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference**. Keynote speaker, author, and certified spiritual director Liz Kelly will present ideas from her book *Love Like A Saint*. The morning will also include a message from Bishop Cote, the naming of this year's Our Lady Queen of Hope Award recipient and much more all from the comfort of your own home! For more information, please contact The Office of Faith Events at **860-848-2237**, or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

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**Open House
January 30, 2022**

12:00 - 3:00 pm

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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/2Lao17Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.



Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court
for the District of Connecticut

**Sexual Abuse and General Claims in
The Roman Catholic Diocese of
Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy**

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case. *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary.

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>

ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:

You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.



File a Proof of Claim.



Have questions?
Call or visit the website
for more information.



If your claim is approved,
you may receive compensation
from the bankruptcy.

<https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>

1-855-654-0902

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things.
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

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