

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Established in 1843



JANUARY 23, 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

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Saturday January 22
4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass
 † **John & Josephine Pasquale**, by Family
 by Shirley Milardo
 (St. Sebastian Church)
 5:00 PM

Sunday January 23
9:00 AM Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Community Mass)
 † **Sheila Walsh** by St. John Parish
 11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)
 5:00 PM

Monday January 24
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

Tuesday January 25
 7:30 AM † **Richard Wendry**

Wednesday January 26
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

Thursday January 27
 7:30 AM † **Albert Winham**

Friday January 28
 7:30 AM (St. Sebastian Church)

Saturday January 29
4:00 PM Vigil Solemn Mass
 † **Gail Cahill** by husband, Jim
 5:00 PM (St. Sebastian Church)

Sunday January 30
9:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Community Mass)
 † **Joanne Marie Niedbala**, by St. Jerry & Pam Perrone
 11:00 AM & (St. Sebastian Church)
 5:00 PM

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”
(NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part —to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Offertory
January 15 & 16, 2022



Weekly:
 Envelopes: \$1,959.00
 On line: \$ 785.00



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Now that our church is currently under renovations, it was recently brought to our attention that the pews are in poor condition and it was strongly advised that they need to be replaced.

The new pews will be custom made so as to reproduce the same basic design of our current pews including the end caps. This process will preserve the original historical design of St. John’s Church.

If anyone is interested in acquiring one or more of our old pews, in memory of St. John Church, please contact St. John’s rectory. Donations are welcomed but not required.



The Xavier High School Raffle is back and \$5K richer.

- Tickets are \$100 each. Only 800 will be sold-- winner takes all.
- The drawing will be at **11:00 a.m. on April 1st** at Xavier High School. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years old to purchase. Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (no cash) to Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 06457.

For more information, contact the advancement office at 860-346-7745

Good Luck!

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, Rev Arkadiusz Skwarek.

Sanctuary Lamp
January 22nd - January 28th

For the Parishioners of St John Church



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, Feb. 5th at 8:30 AM.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary.



**Diocese of Norwich
Catholic Family Services**

Virtual Marriage Enrichment – For Valentine’s Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a virtual enrichment entitled *The Joy of Love on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.* Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love*, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis’ wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Women’s Conference

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

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities would like to thank our parish family for the help in reaching those most in need in our community. As we begin a new year, the need is still great, and we are so very grateful to all our parishes within the Diocese of Norwich.

Can you help us help parents who are struggling? Requests for our services continue to be overwhelming and we are quickly running out of resources for our Pregnancy/Parenting program. We are in need of diapers, especially sizes 5 & 6, wipes, baby bottles, and baby toiletries. If you are in a position to help, you can drop off your donation at our location in Norwich, New London, and Willimantic, or call 860-889-8346. Thank you for your prayers and support. Our clients thank you as well!; “I thank God for you all” - D.M.



Our Lady Of Calvary Retreat Center

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, sustains us, cares for us, strengthens us, and holds us in being. This theme calls us to be aware that everything is connected, to enlarge our ideas of this God beyond all names, to let go of our prejudices about who God is and is not, about the places where we might “find” God, and about how we are able to relate to this God who exists beyond the limits of anything we can “know”.

Come and find a safe, quiet, sacred space where you can encounter God, where you will learn to trust more deeply this God of love and life and creation, and where you can surrender any dusty notions of who you are in this God whose most accurate name might just be that of Beloved Holy Creator.

Weekend Retreat Dates in February

February 11 @ 7:00 pm - February 13 @ 12:00 pm

February 25 @ 7:00 pm - February 27 @ 12:00 pm

For more information please sign into:

<https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/retreat-weekends/>

**Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords
Looking for Singers**

Like to sing but can’t read music? No problem! The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords has many members just like you who love to sing. No auditions necessary! Just a love of music, singing and a commitment to rehearse every Tuesday night. New members in voice parts alto’s, tenor’s, and basses are especially welcome! Proof of Covid 19 vaccination required for all members. Rehearsal start Tuesday February 1st at 6:45 pm at St. Francis Church, Msgr. Fox Parish Hall, 10 Elm St., Middletown, in preparation for our spring concert on May 7th, Portland High School at 7:00 p.m. We are proud & very excited to welcome Samuel Tucker, the current music teacher & choral director at Portland High School as our new Music Director. Samuel bring a wealth of choral experience to his first season as Music Directory of the Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords. For more information visit www.vocalchords20.org. check us out on Facebook (Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords) or call Joyce 860-342-3120. We’re looking forward to having you join family!

NEW DATE for the 4th Annual Young Adult Mass

Due to Covid, our Young Adult Mass is **POSTPONED** on Sunday, January 30th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs. The new date is **Sunday, February 27th, at 7 PM** when St. Thomas Aquinas Church will host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass. All young adults (ages 18-39, single and married) are invited and encourage to attend. Young adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00 PM. We look forward to you joining us.

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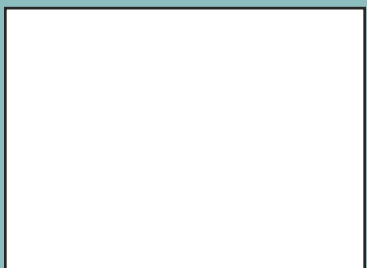
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