

# ST. JOHN CHURCH

Established in 1843



**JANUARY 30, 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.

## **ST. JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL**

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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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THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT WILL ENDURE

*Faith, Hope, Love*

AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

**LOVE**

I CORINTHIANS 13:13



<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM † Gail Cahill	<b>January 29</b> <b>Vigil Solemn Mass</b> by husband, Jim by Shirley Milardo (St. Sebastian Church)
5:00 PM	
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>January 30</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Community Mass)</b>
† Joanne Marie Niedbala, by Jerry & Pam Perrone 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM	(St. Sebastian Church)
<b>Monday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>January 31</b> (St. Sebastian Church)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>February 1</b> † Ann Laverty
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>February 2</b> (St. Sebastian Church)
<b>First Thursday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>February 3</b> † Louis & Sarah D'Amato
<b>8:00—9:00 AM</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>First Friday</b> 6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>February 4</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> (St. Sebastian Church)
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>February 5</b> <b>Vigil Solemn Mass</b>
† Richard Wendry	by Wes and Kathy Kelley (St. Sebastian Church)
5:00 PM	
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>February 6</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(Community Mass)</b>
† Louis V. Trotta 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM	by St. John Parish (St. Sebastian Church)

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous...” (1 Corinthians 13:4)*

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others. At times we are all guilty of these things Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less “self-centered” and become more “God-centered” for the sake of others.

**Offertory January 22 & 23, 2022**

<b>Envelopes:</b>	
Weekly:	\$2,565.00
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<b>On line</b>	
Weekly:	\$ 415.00
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Now that our church is currently under renovations, it was 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. One of our priorities, during this renovation, is to retain the church’s historical integrity to the best of our ability. If anyone is interested in acquiring one or more of our old pews, in memory of St. John Church, please contact the rectory.

Donations are welcomed but not required.

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: William J. Dillon, Rachel Panckus, Rev Arkadiusz Skwarek.



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**January 29th - February 4th**  
For the Parishioners of St John Church



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A New Year reminder: All users of WeShare that donate by credit card, please check to see that the card is still valid (or not about to expire).



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!**



**First Thursday at  
St. John Church  
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
February 3, 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.

**Xavier Open House**

Xavier High School will have an Open House on Tuesday, February 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Come see our fabulous campus as well as meet faculty, staff, and couches. Our students are given the tools and resources to grow and take on whatever challenge is next. Academics, Athletics, Clubs, Activities, Faith and Friendship; this is what we’re about. You can register at: [xavierhighschool.org](http://xavierhighschool.org). Click on Admissions and then Open House. Director of Enrollment Management Matthew McCaffrey can be reached at : (860) 346-7735, x743.



**Notre Dame Vision:  
Calling All High School Students**

Each summer, the University of Notre Dame invites high school students from across the country to spend a week on Notre Dame’s campus. Participants spend Monday through Friday exploring how God calls us in our lives and how we might respond.

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For more information, please contact Erin Reilly at [ereilly4@nd.edu](mailto:ereilly4@nd.edu)



**Diocese of Norwich  
Catholic Family Services**

**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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)



***The Joy of Love  
A Virtual Enrichment  
for Married Couples***

*The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office, in conjunction with World Wide Marriage Encounter, is sponsoring a virtual enrichment for married couples of all ages and years married entitled:*

**“The Joy of Love”**

*Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia Featuring four talks on: Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love*

*Saturday, February 12, 2022, 10:00 AM 2:00 PM  
(includes a break for lunch at noon)*

This enrichment will coincide with National Marriage Week celebrated February 7-14 and this year’s theme: **Marriage: Called to the Joy of Love**. Come celebrate the joy of your love by focusing on the most important person in your life — your spouse! Now only will this enrichment be the perfect Valentine’s day gift for your spouse, but it will also re-energize your marriage and deepen your faith with practical insights from Pope Francis’ wisdom on marriage and family life.

**Couple fee—\$15: which covers workbook for each couple. Registration required.**

**Registration forms are located in our vestibule  
Registration and payment is due February 1, 2022**

The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner He wills it ; and thirdly, to do it because it is His will.

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