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SAINT MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Thursday-8:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday after the 5:30 PM Mass

Adoration: Wednesday & Thursday: 6:30 - 8:00 AM

Rosary: Wednesday & Thursday: 7:25 AM

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Weekday Mass: Friday - 9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday - 2:45 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:15 PM before Saturday Mass

Adoration: First Fridays: 9:30 AM - Noon

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION by appointment with Deacon Doug

Sponsor certificates for Baptism or Confirmation will be issued to a Confirmed, practicing member of the parish. Registration and regular use of the envelope system is one way we use to verify membership.

February 7, 2021—*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SAINT MARY CHURCH

In Loving Memory

Gerard deLabry

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
5:30 PM **ALL PARISHIONERS**

SUNDAY, FEBURARY 7
7:30 AM **✞DEACON PAUL WALLEN**
Requested by Mark & Diane Shaffer

11:00 AM **✞REVEREND AUGUSTINE PILATOWSKI, OFM COV.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
8:00 AM **✞DEACON PAUL WALLEN**
Requested by Godshall Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
8:00 AM **SPECIAL INTENTION**
Requested by Kathy Vaiciulus

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY13
5:30 PM **✞REVEREND AUGUSTINE PILATOWSKI, OFM COV.**

SUNDAY, FEBURARY 14
7:30 AM **✞DEACON PAUL WALLEN**
Requested by White Family

11:00 AM **ALL PARISHIONERS**

Ash Wednesday Schedule ~ February 17, 2021

8:00 AM / 7:00 PM - St. Mary
12:05 PM / 5:30 PM - Sacred Heart

As we gather together on Ash Wednesday 2021, in place of the ashes being made into the sign of the cross on the forehead, the ashes are being ***sprinkled*** on the top of the head of each person who wishes to receive them.

From the Diocese of Norwich:
By decree of the Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. N. 17/21) dated 12 January 2021, after blessing the ashes in the usual manner, the Priest pronounces either formula as it appears in the Roman Missal ONCE, applying it to all in general, cleanses his hands, puts on a facemask and SPRINKLES the ashes on top of the head of each person who approaches without saying anything.

Our Lady of Grace ROSE is in memory of:

✞PAUL SUCHOLET
From February 7-13, 2021
Requested by the Ladies Guild

OFFERTORY—SAINT MARY CHURCH

January 30 & 31, 2021……$11,524.00
Last year……$7,608.00

Thank You

DONATE ONLINE

Online Giving is available for parishioners of St. Mary Parish with **WeShare,** an easy and convenient way to save time and support your church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll, please visit our website at—stmarysgroton.org and click on: **Online Giving.**
The direct link is: **stmarysgroton.weshareonline.org**

Saint Mary Meetings & Activities

Monday, February 8
9:00 AM: Small Christian Community/Hall

Tuesday, February 9
6:30 PM: The Way/R2
7:00 PM: Bell Choir/R3

Thursday, February 11
7:00 PM: RCIA/Hall

St. Mary Rectory Office
Office Hours: **Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM—3 PM,**
Closed for lunch (12 PM—12:30 PM)
Closed on Fridays and Federal Holidays

Due to the increase in COVID-19 numbers, the office is open to STAFF ONLY until further notice. To assist you with any of your requests or needs, please contact the office by phone or email.

Phyllis Martin

Thank you for 52 years of Service

On February 5, 2021, Phyllis worked her last day as bookkeeper and is now retired, completing 52 years of service. Phyllis began working at St. Mary Parish on February 5, 1969 and had served under all of our pastors since the beginning either as the church secretary for 25 years or as the bookkeeper thereafter. Phyllis noted, "It has been an interesting time!" She has enjoyed her work and service to St. Mary's community and is looking forward to a long retirement! As original members to the parish, Phyllis and her husband, Adrian (Dan), both dedicated a lot of time and effort to the church over the years.

Fr. Dariusz and the parishioners of St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church thank Phyllis for her years of service and wish her a long and healthy retirement.

We also welcome Barbara Simoncini who is stepping into the role of bookkeeper for St. Mary's. Barbara has a strong background in bookkeeping and had served the parish as the Director of Religious Education for 25 years and has a well rounded knowledge of our parish and the people it serves.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBURARY 6

4:00 PM ✞**MARILYN HAMILTON**
Requested by Donna & Karl Holman
✞**SISTER PAULINE LAVIGNE**
Requested by Rich & Sue Palmieri

SUNDAY, FEBURARY 7 ~ *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM **IN CELEBRATION OF MOM'S, SCOUTS, MENTORS & LEADERS**
Requested by Lisa Foster
✞**JESSE WARE**
Requested by Dolores & Family

7:00 PM ✞**LORA ROBARGE**
Requested by her Husband

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM ✞**BEATRICE & ILARIO CAVALLARO**
Requested by Family
✞**GEORGE PETER HUTNAN**
Requested by Sacred Heart School

SATURDAY, FEBURARY 13

4:00 PM ✞**CLAIRE HARTL**
Requested by Nancy Hartly Johnson
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, FEBURARY 14 ~ *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM ✞**JESSE WARE**
Requested by Dolores & Family
✞**RUTH SHELDON**
Requested by Sina

7:00 PM ✞**JON-DAVID (JD) EDWARDS**
Requested by Joe, Rita & Vicki

Sit with your Bible ~ Listen to God's Word

It is still winter and cold outside. It is also a great time to sit and warm up, open your bibles, read, pray and meditate of God's Word. Ask God to give you the Wisdom to hear his word (listen to his word) and the Courage to witness to his truths and love.

OFFERTORY—SACRED HEART CHURCH

January 30 & 31, 2021……$3,997.00
Last year……$4,276.69
Thank you for your generosity to God's Church.

GIVE ONLINE with WESHARE

Online Giving through **WeShare.** Please visit: www.sacredheartgroton.org and click on **OnLine Giving.** Also, there is information under News and Events.

Sacred Heart Meetings & Activities

Saturday, February 6
NO First Saturday Mass

Sunday, February 7
Scout Sunday
10:15 AM: Faith Formation Grades K-4
10:15 AM: Confirmation 9

Sunday, February 14
No Faith Formation classes - President's Day/Winter Break

Sacred Heart Rectory Office
***Office Hours*: Monday: 8 AM - 4 PM**
Tuesday: 9 AM - 2 PM
Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM - 12 PM
Closed on Fridays and Federal Holidays

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Fr. Dariusz' prayer after Communion (1/31/2021)

Eucharist of Jesus, present in our hearts:

Lord, help us to listen to you. You have the authority. You speak the truth. You showed us the way: demanding one, challenging one, but the way leading to your kingdom. Lord, help us to trust you, to hear you. May your words influence our thoughts, our words, our deeds, our habits, our character, our destiny.

We ask you for the gift of wisdom. Help us to see clearly. Help us to see the truth; help us to never be confused again, to be deceived again, but to see.

Lord, bless our country. May we be unafraid to return to the roots, to the basics, be united again in truth and goodness, to invite you again, to defend the gift of life again, to reject and push away all the lies and deceptions, the culture of death, but to embrace a culture of life. Help us to be a beacon of hope to other nations so they can return to you as well.

Lord, we trust you. Lord, we love you. We believe in you. Let our hearts never, never be hardened, but rather may we hear you and listen to you.

Help us to live in the way, so we can truly become more and more like you. We want you, Lord.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Reminder for receiving Holy Communion:
Maintain a 6' distance from the person ahead of you in line for the reception of Holy Communion. Please move the mask away from your mouth as you approach to receive. After you have received the host in your hand, and placed it in your mouth, please place your mask back in position over your mouth and nose before walking away. Thank you.

February 7, 2021 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19 / Mark 1:29-39

In ten days Lent will begin and we will be reminded of Jesus' sufferings, from forty days in the desert to his passion and death, but today we hear Job lamenting the tragedies that have come to define his life. His sufferings are, to him, incomprehensible. He has lost all hope. None of us suffer as greatly as Job, but we have reason to hope. The psalmist reassures us that the Lord heals he wounded and brokenhearted. Paul willingly embraces his difficulties for the gospel. Jesus places the healing of the sick and troubled at the heart of his ministry. As we listen to today's readings, let us look for hope in the Lord.

"Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted"
~ Psalm 147 ~

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Observances for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

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"We Want God"
June 2, 1979 -
Sung in Warsaw on the first visit of Pope John Paul II

1. We want God, Holy Virgin!
O hear our voice cries.
To bear the fetters of God's love,
This is our pride, this is our fate.
Bless sweet lady, bless every state!

Refrain:
We want God, we want God
He is our King, He is our Lord!
We want God, we want God
He is our King, He is our Lord!

2. We want God in a family circle,
In the concerns of parents,
children's dreams,
We want God in a book, at school,
In hours of rest, on working days!

There are 3 more additional verses

Virtual Basket Raffle benefits the 2021 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference.

Raffle is open to all February 13 - March 14, winners are notified on March 15. Chance are $1.

Simply use the following link below to participate https://go.rallyup.com/baskets
or
send a check with your basket choices by March 5th **to:** Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, Attention: Marianne 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360

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HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
Thursday, February 18
6-7 pm at St. Michael, Pawcatuck

Come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese.

Join our diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at : vocations@norwichdiocese.net
Check out our website at god-call.com!

Moving Towards Antiracism

How do we move forward and fight against racism as a Church? How do we break the walls that divide us? How do we as Catholics, combat the racism engrained in our society? Get the answer to this and so many other questions…Sign up for this great **free** series *Moving Towards Antiracism* with Deacon Art Miller. Deacon Miller is a deacon in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The program is sponsored by the Capuchins who are currently in a new corroborative ministry with the Friars of the Atonement in NY. I hope you can attend! To sign up follow the link : https://www.atonementfriars.org/events/category/retreats/

Spring Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference

Please join us VIRTUALLY Saturday, March 13, 2021, from 9 AM to noon, for the Spring Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference. Joining us will be keynote speaker, author, storyteller, and retreat leader, **Julianne Stanz.** Julianne has authored the book Developing Disciples for Christ, is the Director of Parish Life and Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and is a consultant for the USCCB committee on Catechesis and Evangelization.

Cost is $10, to register online go to www.norwichdiocese.org or for more information please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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