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Sunday: 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION by appointment with Deacon Doug

July 11, 2021—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 10
5:30 PM ✞**DEACON PAUL WALLEN**
Requested by Family

SUNDAY, JULY 11
7:30 AM ✞**REVEREND CHARLES A. McGRAIL**

11:00 AM ✞**GEORGE CARPENTER**
Requested by RCIA Friends
ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
8:00 AM ✞**ERIC SPIELMAN**
Requested by Ellenrose Carroll

THURSDAY, JULY 15
8:00 AM **OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS**

SATURDAY, JULY 17
5:30 PM ✞**TOM FOLEY ~** *Birthday Remembrance*
Requested by the Foley & Millbauer Families

SUNDAY, JULY 18
7:30 AM ✞**DONNA M. NOEL ~** *Birthday Remembrance*
Requested by Don Noel

11:00 AM ✞**CLAIRE LACOURSE**
Requested by Tom & Kathy Manning

ALL PARISHIONERS

Food for the Needy is being collected next weekend, **July 17 & 18**. This month we are collecting for the: ***Groton Food Locker.*** The Groton Food Locker, located at Groton Human Services is here for any Groton resident in need of food. Food is available by appointment only and we have a no-contact, safe drive up location set up for easy pickup. Covid-19 protocol remains in place crisis, food is now available to any Groton resident once a month, no income guidelines. Please share this information with anyone you feel may need some help during this time.

Groton Food Locker, 2 Fort Hill Road, Groton;
M—F 8:30am—4:30pm; Phone: 860-441-6760.

Thank you to the individual(s) who planted the beautiful flowers in the containers in front of our church.

The Sanctuary Candle is lit in honor of:

Benjamin & Suzanne Podurgiel
60th Wedding Anniversary
From July 11-17, 2021
Requested by the Family

OFFERTORY—SAINT MARY CHURCH

July 3 & 4, 2021.....$5,506.00
Last year.....$3,639.00
ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE—DETAILS ON PAGE 4

Thank You

Saint Mary Meetings & Activities

Monday, July 12
9:00 AM: Small Christian Community/R1
Tuesday, July 13
6:30 PM: The Way/R2
Thursday, July 15
6:00 PM: ACTS Leadership/Hall
7:00 PM: RCIA/R1
Saturday, July 17
9:30 AM: Lay Carmelites/Rm 1
11:00 AM: Baptism/Church

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

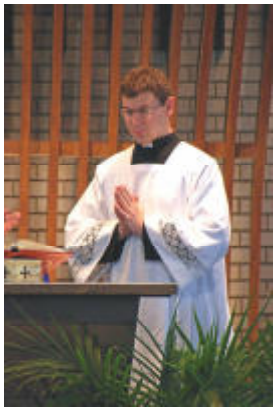
July 11, 2021 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15 / Ephesians 1:3-14 / Mark 6:7-13

From Amos to the twelve apostles, God calls people of faith to serve others. Amos, a shepherd and horticulturist, was called to prophesy to Israel instead. Saint Paul was called to bring Christ's message to Gentiles all around the world. The Twelve were sent by Jesus in pairs to heal the sick and drive out demons, As we listen to today's readings, let us consider how we are called by God to give witness to the gospel.

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."
~ Psalm 85 ~

Please join in welcoming Seminarian Eric Hosmer!



Bishop Cote had assigned Mr. Eric Hosmer to Our Lady of Lourdes for his summer pastoral work this year. Eric can also be seen here at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's with Fr. Converse as we were yoked with Our Lady of Lourdes in June. Eric is entering his second year of theological studies this fall at Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

This is an important time for Eric as he continues his preparation for priestly ministry in the Diocese of Norwich. We welcome Eric to our parishes and ask that you remember him and all our seminarians in your prayers.

OUR YOKED CHURCHES:

Sacred Heart Church, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes
Mass times for OUR LADY of LOURDES: Saturday Vigil-5 PM
Sunday-8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM
Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday - 9 AM
Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry: 860-464-7251 ololgf.org

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 10

4:00 PM ✞**MARY SMITH**
Requested by Claire Ladyka
✞**ROSSENA BELGRIA**
Requested by Eduardo & Erlinda Amar

SUNDAY, JULY 11 - *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM ✞**J. SAMUEL HAMMOND**
Requested by Lawton Family
✞**ROBERT CZYZEWSKI**
Requested by Linda Westhusin

7:00 PM **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

FRIDAY, JULY 16 ~

9:00 AM ✞**SOULS IN PURGATORY**
Requested by Antonio & Assunta Fazio
✞**ERNESTO CARE** ~ *14th Anniversary*
Requested by Wife Rosa & Family

SATURDAY, JULY 17

4:00 PM ✞**JOE MANFREDI**
Requested by Jill Holman

SUNDAY, JULY 18 - *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM ✞**ROSE SCHEETZ**
Requested by Al & Lana Simmons

7:00 PM **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

Meatloaf Weekend

for *St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen*
July 17 & 18

If you would like to contribute to this Ministry, you can either bake a 2 pound meatloaf (bring frozen) and bring to Mass or make a monetary donation.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to the 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren of Al and Arlene Restivo who generously donated a chalice to our church in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday July 12-16, 2021 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Theme: Summer with the Saints Ages: 4 -12 years old

All activities are held on the premises of the back of the church under tents; following CDC protocols. Registration is required.

If interested, contact:
Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory : 860-464-7251
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July 3 & 4, 2021.....$4,330.00
Last year.....$6,077.73
Monthly.....$2,170.00
Last year.....$2,509.00

Thank you for your generosity to God's Church.

Sacred Heart Meetings & Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 11
9:00 AM: Mass ~ *Live Stream*
7:00 PM: Mass

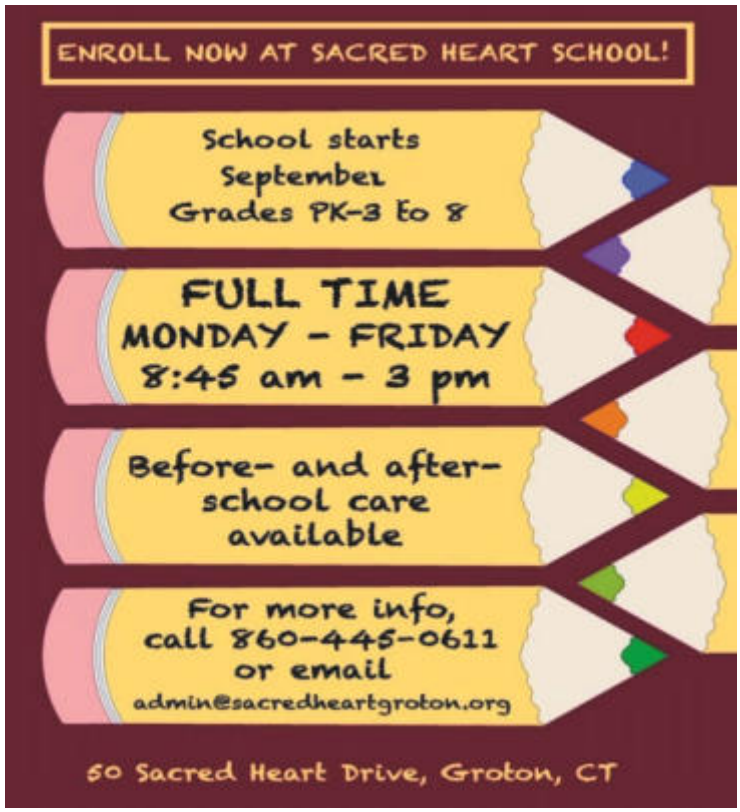
TUESDAY, JULY 13
5:30 PM: Legion of Mary/Rectory

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14
7:00 PM: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/Church

SATURDAY, JULY 17
4:00 PM: Mass
MEATLOAF WEEKEND

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

There is a meeting for those who have signed up or have shown interest in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. The meeting is being held on July 14th at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church.
If you are unable to attend please contact Deb Grenstiner at 860-445-7710 or call the Rectory office at 860-445-2905



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 11, 2021

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday:	Am 7:12-15/Ps 85/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Observances for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Henry
Wednesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH OUTREACH TO HAITI MINISTRY ~ Our Mission Cooperative Program Collection on July 24 & 25

"…You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Ministry serves the people of Haiti in the Christ Roi (Christ the King) neighborhood of Haiti's capital city, Port-au-Prince, and in thirteen parishes and communities in and around Port-au-Prince, through our Twinning Program. Outreach to Haiti has been working in Haiti for decades based on the foundation built by Haitian Ministries and Hospice St. Joseph.

Outreach to Haiti initially was established by lay Catholics in the Diocese of Norwich (Haitian Ministries 1985) and the Congregation of St. Joseph (Hospice St. Joseph 1989). In 2002, the Congregation of St. Joseph reorganized their community and asked the Diocese of Norwich to assume control of the Hospice. After Haiti suffered a devastating earthquake in January of 2010, the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich, merged the two organizations later that year creating the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Ministry.

Our Mission is Helping Haitians help Haitians. As a sponsored ministry of the Diocese of Norwich, Outreach to Haiti is committed to serving the people of Haiti in the spirit and values of the Gospel. Providing sacramental and spiritual support, we have a Medical Clinic and Community Outreach Health Care Services, a Food and Nutritional Supplements Program, Education Sponsorships, Parish Twinning Opportunities, Community Development, and Hospitality for international visitors. Because jobs are hard to come by in Haiti, we only employ Haitians to staff positions in Haiti.

Haiti, the poorest and most densely populated country in the Western Hemisphere, literally sits on our nation's doorstep. The majority of the 11 million Haitians live on less than $2.41 a day or $880 a year. Fifty-seven percent of all Haitians do not receive recommended immunizations and fifty percent of all children suffer from malnutrition (the leading cause of death in children aged five years and younger). Haiti has two doctors for every 10,000 people, and the country has a total of approximately 125 ICU beds. There are very few to no safety nets for Haitians as they encounter life's problems.

As if this isn't bad enough, the lives of our Haitian brothers and sisters have been made worse by on-going political unrest, gang violence, and the pandemic; which have led to rampant inflation and significant food shortages. More and more people are visiting our clinic for medical aid, masks to protect themselves against COVID-19, and food for their families.

MEDICAL CLINIC, HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM: Our clinic is staffed with Haitian doctors, nurses, health agents, a technician, and pharmacist. We have an onsite diagnostic laboratory and pharmacy; we annually perform 5,500 or more lab tests that allow us to screen for and treat common diseases in Haiti that have a huge impact on mortality and morbidity. Our small pharmacy is well stocked with prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Our medical personnel annually treat more than 6,000 patients, vaccinate 7,000 people, provide 300 expectant women with comprehensive maternal and pre-natal education and medical services, and supplies food and nutrition to 150 moderately to severely malnourished infants and children to return them to health. Our Health Agents educate 12,000 community members on health issues related to disease prevention, water sanitation, and good hygiene; and they visit thousands of families to identify the sick and, if need be, refer them to the clinic.

This year due to all the issues taking place in Haiti including the pandemic, our health agents began distributing "food kits" to the most-needy families in the neighborhood we serve. These kits contain rice, beans, corn, oil, salmon, and 250 Haitian Gourdes so families can buy cooking gas.

Our staff also has ramped up services, supplies and food to meet the growing need of those infected by COVID-19 thus incurring unforeseen expenses. Our staff purchased PPE, additional medical supplies, and reconfigured the clinic's waiting area to isolate suspected infected patients so services could continue during the infiltration of the pandemic. Haiti right now is experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases resulting in the shutdown of some of Haiti's limited hospitals.

EDUCATION: Outreach sponsors approximately 200 or more students annually to attend primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools. These young people would not be able to attend school without our help as most parents cannot afford to send their children to school. There are few public schools and so private schools are the only option. We must help young people to earn an education and develop their God-given potential to help themselves, their families, their communities, and their country.

Our secondary and post-secondary graduates help tutor and mentor younger students so they will succeed. Another program supports girls in secondary schools who are more likely than boys to leave school when their grades drop due to increased responsibilities at home. We also offer workshops and programs on a variety of subjects including English as a Second Language and a Computer Lab.

Another program – Fanm Avanse Kouynea (FAK): in English, Advancing Women Now! – is for women who have to support their families. This life changing program works with disadvantaged women whose families depend on them. FAK provides women with business skills training, micro-capital and loans, and coaching to build confidence and develop skills to become successful micro-entrepreneurs. This enables women to support their families, send their children to school, continue their self-development, and lead healthier lives.

We thank God daily for all that we are able to do because of friends and parishioners like you who support this much needed ministry to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. St. Matthew (22:37-39) reminds us of the message Jesus Christ shared, *"… 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"* ***You can be a part of our diocesan ministry; the second collection is dedicated to help Outreach to Haiti. Thank you for your generosity. Please pray for us and for Haiti. For more information visit www.outreachtohaiti.org***

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