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Parochial Vicar: ***Reverend Brian Maxwell***
Deacon: ***Reverend Mr. Douglas Hoffman***

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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dre@sacredheartgroton.org

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Director: Cindy DiRocco: 401-932-9360
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SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

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
Rosary: Fridays - 8:15 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Mrs. Ann Crooks: 860-445-2905
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Ronald & Beverly Hanson

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION by appointment with Deacon Doug

July 25, 2021—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 24 ~ St. Sharbel, Makhluf, Priest, BVM
5:30 PM ✝**PAUL SUCHOLET**

SUNDAY, JULY 25
7:30 AM ✝**PAUL ROULEAU**

11:00 AM ✝**EVELYN KIRBY**
ALL PARISHIONERS

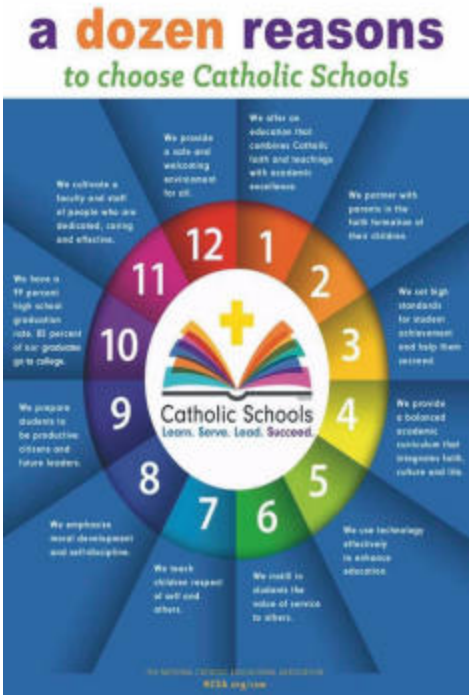
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
8:00 AM ✝**JESSE WARE**
Requested by Dolores Ware & Family

THURSDAY, JULY 29 ~ St. Martha
8:00 AM ✝**SOULS IN PURGATORY**
Requested by Jane Richards

SATURDAY, JULY 31 ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
5:30 PM ✝**ISSAC GLENN**
Requested by The Way Community

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
7:30 AM **OUR SEMINARIANS**

11:00 AM **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF THERESA GALE**
Requested by Deacon Doug & Cathy Hoffman
ALL PARISHIONERS



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 AM, and 5 PM

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday - 9 AM

Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry: 860-464-7251
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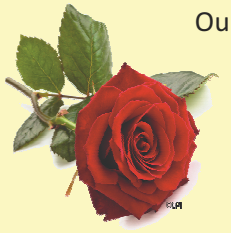


Our Lady of Grace ROSE is in memory of:

✝**Arthur Murano, Sr.**
Birthday Remembrance

From July 25-31, 2021
Requested by the Family

OFFERTORY—SAINT MARY CHURCH

July 17 & 18, 2021…….……$4,204.00
Last year……$4,828.00
Maintenance……$2,194.00
Last year……$1,699.00
On-Line Giving June……$1,570.00
Last year……$1,463.43
ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE—DETAILS ON PAGE 4

Thank You

Saint Mary Meetings & Activities

Monday, July 26
9:00 AM: Small Christian Community/R1
Tuesday, July 27
6:30 PM: The Way/R2
Wednesday, July 28
6:00 PM: Men's Dinner/Hall
Thursday, July 29
10:00 AM: Meeting/R1
6:00 PM: ACTS Leadership/Hall

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

July 18, 2021 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Ephesians 2:13-18 / Mark 6:30-34

In the gospel we hear today, Jesus invites his disciples to take a break and rest a while. He invites us to do the same today. As we rest our minds and bodies, let us listen to God's word. Jeremiah tells his people tha tone day a king and shepherd will come to bring justice to the land. Paul writes that in Christ walls are broken down and peace established among all peoples. Jesus laments the directionless people massed on the shore. And so he began to teach. May we be eager learners.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"
~ Psalm 23 ~

The RCIA is a process of learning about the Catholic faith. Sessions include studying the Word of God and Catechism instruction (*What Catholics Believe, How Catholics Worship, and How Catholics Live).* During the process, the RCIA allows time for study and personal conversion. This program is open to all persons interested in the Catholic Church, those looking to complete their Sacraments, or Catholics renewing their faith. A new RCIA session begins in July.

For more information, contact Peter Simoncini at 860-514-8915 or at pasimoncini@comcast.net.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Dinner & Fellowship

Deacon Doug is hosting an evening for men on Wednesday, **July 28 at 6:00 PM in St. Mary parish hall**.
A simple meal and fellowship is open to all men of both parishes.

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 24 ~ St. Sharbel, Makhluf, Priest, BVM

4:00 PM ✞**PAUL POTTENGER**
Requested by Sina Bromley
✞**MARY POTTENGER**
Requested by Linda & Family

SUNDAY, JULY 25 - *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM ✞**SALVATORE MUSELLA**
Requested by Sandra Gallucci & Lorenzo Musella

7:00 PM **FOR ALL PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS**
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM ✞**SOULS IN PURGATORY**
Requested by Antonio & Assunta Fazio

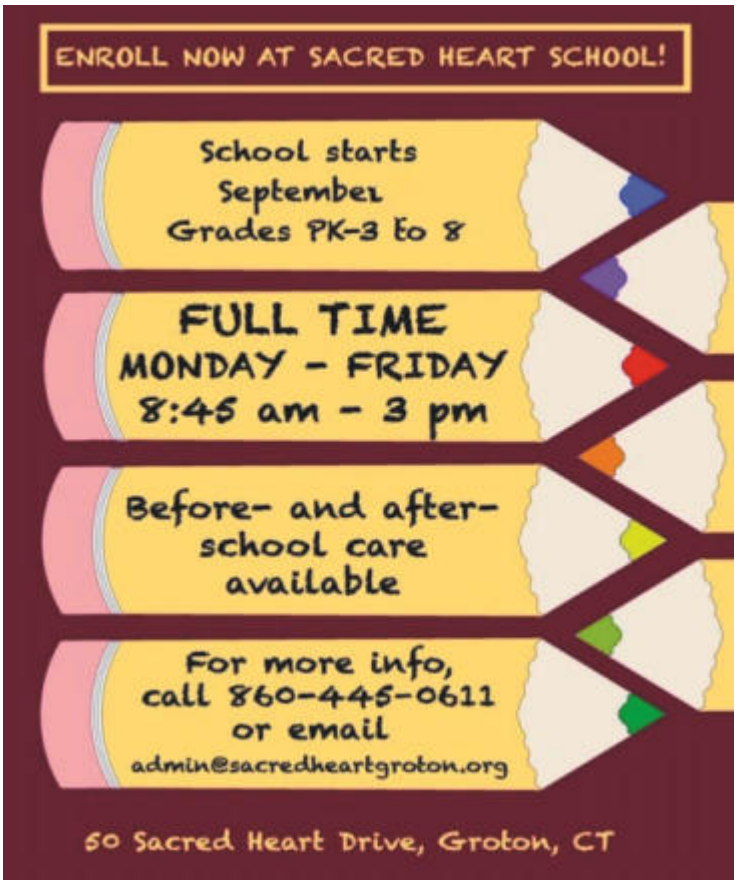
SATURDAY, JULY 31 ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

4:00 PM ✞**MARY MURAI**
Requested by son Koh Murai

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 - *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM ✞**ROSA TIMPANO**
Requested by sister-in-law Loretta Timpano & Family

7:00 PM **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**



OFFERTORY—SACRED HEART CHURCH

July 17 & 18, 2021……$4,750.00
Last year……$3,017.00

Thank you for your generosity to God's Church.

Sacred Heart Meetings & Activities

SATURDAY, JULY 24
4:00 PM: Vigil Mass
SUNDAY, July 25
9:00 AM: Mass ~ *Live Stream*
7:00 PM: Mass
TUESDAY, JULY 27
5:30 PM: Legion of Mary/Rectory
SATURDAY, JULY 31
4:00 PM: Vigil Mass
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
9:00 AM: Mass ~ *Live Stream*
7:00 PM: Mass

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

FAITH FORMATION 2021-22
Combined program for Sacred Heart & St. Mary parishes
Registration forms are available in both churches or on-line.
Forms due by Sept. 1 ~ Program begins Sun., Sept. 15, 10:15am

Faith Formation volunteers needed: As opportunities arise every year for Catechist, co-Catechist and student assistants, I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to consider assisting with the many Faith Formation programs.

To offer your time and talents, please complete a volunteer form found in the vestibule of the church or contact Ann Crooks at Sacred Heart rectory: 860-445-2905 (ext. 12).

I seek your will, love, peace, salvation…….
Welcome to RCIA!
We will accompany you on your journey!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process of instruction in What Catholics Believe, How Catholics Pray, and How Catholics live. During the process, each person has time for personal study and conversion.
RCIA is open to all persons interested in the Catholic Church, needing to be Baptized, Confirmed, or receive First Holy Communion, or wanting to renew your faith.

"Night of Inquiry"
Friday August 27 at 6:00 pm
Rectory Conference Room
For information contact Sacred Heart Office
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 25, 2021

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***Thank you* to all who support our churches and school.**

MASK REMINDER:

Individuals are required to wear a mask if they are not vaccinated.

Masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated.

Monthly Pro-Life Mass
Saturday, August 7 at 8:30 A.M.
Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich

The Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services invites you to join our celebrant Rev. Brian Maxwell at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing of those who have had an abortion.

Following the Mass, the Rosary is being prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

MASS INTENTIONS

The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church and it is our long standing tradition to pray for the dead at Mass. Anyone can ask for a Mass to be offered for a special intention.

You can schedule a Mass by contacting the respective parish office. Mass cards are available for the Living and for the Deceased.

Suggested Mass Stipends:
$20 weekend/Holy Day Mass $10 Weekday Mass

Welcome TO OUR VISITING PRIEST

We welcome Fr. John Hammond from St. Patrick Church in the Diocese of Knoxville Tennessee who is celebrating Mass with us next week. Fr. Hammond is celebrating on Wednesday and Thursday at St. Mary's 8 am Mass and Friday at Sacred Heart's 9 am Mass.

Please show him a warm welcome from our church communities.

1st World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly,
Sunday, July 25, 2021

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Dear Elderly Friends,

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

. . .Finally, *prayer*. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others."[4] He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore. . .

Excerpt of Pope Francis' message for the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The entire message can be read at https://www.vatican.va search under messages

~ OUTREACH TO HAITI ~

Thank you parishioners of St. Mary & Sacred Heart for supporting the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti. This ministry in Haiti serves God's poorest, faith-filled community of Christ the King, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In the values of the Gospel, our mission provides: medical care, nutritional supplements, and food, sponsors children's education, support for orphanages, twinning, and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic. You can be a part of this diocesan ministry; the second collection is dedicated to Outreach to Haiti. Thank you for your generosity. Please pray for us and for Haiti. For more information, please visit w*ww.outreachtohaiti.org*

If you weren't able to donate in support of the Outreach to Haiti this weekend, envelopes are available in the entrance of the church to place into next week's collection basket.

God has given each of us gifts and talents and we need yours!

We are looking for someone who can install or assist in installing a VoIP phone system.

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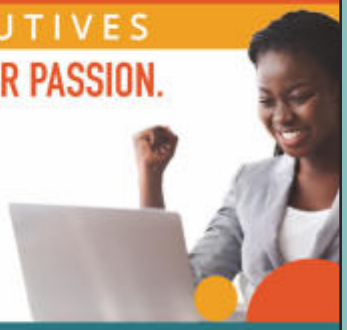

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