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Thursday, January 20, 2022

Sacred Heart Church

56 Sacred Heart Drive, Groton, CT 06340

6 - 7 PM

COME and join in prayer with Bishop Cote and our faith communities for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life.

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Deacon: *Deacon Douglas Hoffman*

SAINT MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Thursday-9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday, 6:15 PM

Adoration: Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 AM

Rosary: Wednesday & Thursday: 8:25 AM

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Weekday Mass: Friday - 9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday - 3:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday, 3:15 PM

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Rosary: Fridays - 8:15 AM

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Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass times for OUR LADY of LOURDES:

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January 16, 2022 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 PM †**ROBERT HOLMAN** ~ 2nd Anniversary
Requested by Karl & Donna Holman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM †**DAVID PHILLIPS, Sr.**
Requested by Linda & Family

7:00 PM **FOR THE PEOPLE of the PARISH**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM †**COSIMO FAZIO**
Requested by Wife & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

4:00 PM †**MARIA ENCOMIENDA**
Requested by John & Erlinda Foley

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

9 AM Mass—Live streamed: facebook.com/sacredheartgroton/

9:00 AM †**KAREN NIGRELLI**
Requested by Priscilla Balbon

7:00 PM **FOR THE PEOPLE of the PARISH**

Sacred Heart Rectory Office

All business should be directed to
St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer 860-445-1446
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

OFFERTORY—SACRED HEART CHURCH

January 8 & 9, 2022.....\$5,527.00

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Sacred Heart Meetings & Activities

Saturday, January 15	4:00 PM:	Confirmation 9 - Coat Drive
Sunday, January 16	9:00 AM:	Confirmation 9 - Coat Drive
	10:00 AM:	RCIA - Rectory
	7:00 PM:	Confirmation 9-Coat Drive
Tuesday, January 18	4:30 PM:	Legion of Mary - Rectory
Wednesday, January 19	6:30 PM:	Boy Scouts - Rectory
Saturday, January 22	10:00 AM:	First Reconciliation
Sunday, January 23	10:00 AM:	RCIA - Rectory
	10:15 AM:	Faith Formation K-8
	10:15 AM:	Confirmation 9 (Sponsor Info Sheets due)

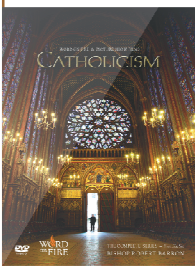
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Help Wanted

Sacred Heart Church is in need of volunteers.

Baptismal Garments: Looking for someone to sew (pattern provided) baptismal garments.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Organize and coordinate the schedule of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who serve at Mass.

If you are interested in helping with these ministries, please contact the Rectory office at 860-445-2905 or email: secretary@sacredheartchurchgroton.org



Young Adult Mass with Bishop Cote

January 30, 2022 ~ Cancelled

St. Thomas Aquinas
46 N Eagleville Rd, Storrs, CT 06268



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

5:30 PM ✚ MARIE JOAN LIERNI
Requested by Jane Richards

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 AM ✚ PAULA DUFAULT
Requested by Christine Wallen

11:00 AM ✚ DOROTHY HUBER
Requested by Phil & Jean Mazzella

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM ✚ COSIMO FAZIO
Requested by the Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 ~ St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM ✚ JOSEPH ZEPPIERI
Requested by Donna Upchurch

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

5:30 PM ✚ JOSEPH ZEPPIERI
Requested by Christine Wallen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 AM ✚ PAULA DUFAULT
Requested by Rosemary & Rocco Celtruda

11:00 AM ✚ ALFRED RAIA ~ 3rd Anniversary
Requested by his sister, Frances Lopez

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS (CROCHETERS TOO!)
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To our gifted and talented Knitters of the Norwich Diocese, please join the Office of Faith Events in reaching out to the community during the cold winter months by donating handmade scarves. Whatever you could do to help support our new "Street Ministry" to the poor would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be brought or sent to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. We are accepting donations until February 28. Thank you so much for donating your time and talent! Questions? Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net



Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services

Are you grieving from an Abortion? Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: "The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord." (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call Project Rachel, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: 860-861-4439.

St. Mary Rectory Office

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

OFFERTORY—SAINT MARY CHURCH

January 8 & 9, 2022.....\$4,530.00
Monthly.....\$1,450.00

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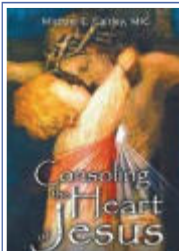
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Saint Mary Meetings & Activities

Saturday, January 15	5:30 PM: Confirmation 9-Coat Drive
	7:00 PM: The Way Eucharist/R2
Sunday, January 16	7:30/11:30 AM: Confirmation 9-Coat Drive
Monday, January 17	9:00 AM: Small Christian Comm./R1
Tuesday, January 18	6:30 PM: Mary's Shawl/R1
	6:30 PM: The Way/R2
Wednesday, January 19	2:00 PM: Care 4 Givers/R1
Thursday, January 20	6:30 PM: RCIA/R1
	7:00 PM: Adult Choir/Church
Saturday, January 22	7:00 PM: The Way Eucharist/R2



**Consoling the Heart of Jesus:
A New Small-Group Retreat
Sundays**

January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27,
March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2022
Sacred Heart Church

56 Sacred Heart Drive, Groton
2-3:30 PM

Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? Everyone is invited to join us for a 10-week small-group retreat. For those who participated in the "33 Days to Morning Glory", this continues where that retreat left off. For those who are beginning their retreat for the first time we journey with the help of Mary, hearing the thirst of Jesus for our love and consoling Him with our love and trust. The small group experience is a powerful retreat with the aid of its accompanying retreat book (Consoling the Heart of Jesus by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC), Retreat Companion (workbook), DVD talks, and group discussion.

Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the saints like **St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Faustina, St. Mother Teresa, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Louis de Montfort**; and have all the tools you'll need to "become a saint, a great saint, and quickly."

To Register contact Jaimala Herrador at: 571-356-8165 or malabr10@gmail.com

Registration Cost: \$30; checks can be made out to Jaimala Herrador

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 17, 2022



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Office of the Bishop
201 Broadway
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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

January 5, 2022

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

"Equality begins in the Womb." This is the theme for the 49th annual March for Life which will be held on January 21, 2022, in Washington, D.C.

January 22, 2022, marks 49 years since the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing (Roe v. Wade) abortion in the United States. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, January 22nd is a particular day of prayer and penance called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." It notes: "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

Scripture affirms the life and dignity of the unborn child. In Jeremiah 1:4-5, we read: "The Word of the Lord came to me: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." King David, in his Psalms, notes: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be." (Psalms 139: 13-16) The catechism of the Catholic Church is clear in its defense of the unborn. It states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life... since the first century of the church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." (Catechism #2270-71).

Why is the church so firm in its defense of the unborn? A civil society cannot stand if its weakest, most vulnerable members are not protected. The catechism states, quoting Donum Vitae: "The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to afford them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations a state based on law were undermined." Saint John Paul II also argues that a civil society cannot be maintained if the rights of the unborn are not protected. He notes in Evangelium Vitae: "Really what we have here is only the tragic caricature of legality; the democratic ideal, which is only truly such when it acknowledges and safeguards the dignity of every human person, is betrayed in its very foundations; how is it possible to speak of the dignity of every human person when the killing of the weakest and most innocent is permitted? In the name of what justice is the most unjust of discriminations practiced; some individuals are held to be deserving of defense and others are denied that dignity? When this happens, the process leading to the breakdown of a genuinely human co-existence and the disintegration of the state itself has already begun." (EV, 20)

We must pray to heal the culture. Healing the culture begins with a respect for life in its most vulnerable moments. There are many points of light. I think of the crisis pregnancy centers that offer material, emotional, and spiritual support to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. I think of the work of the Sisters of Life in New York who offer healing retreats for women who have had abortions and the many faithful in our diocese who work so untiringly to build a culture of life. Thank you for our important work. "Equality begins in the womb." Together let us both work together for a more just society -- a society that recognizes and affirms the equality and gifts of the most vulnerable in our midst--the unborn.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

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Current Students: Intent to Return forms are being sent home with your students on Thursday, January 13

New Students: Parents interested in having their child(ren) attend Sacred Heart School are asked to call the office at 860-445-0611.

Sacred Heart School News

The students at Sacred Heart School celebrated "Three Kings Day on Thursday, January 6." As one teacher told the students, "The Three Kings brought them the gift of a snow day on Friday, January 7."

K through 8th grade students began their NWEA map testing this week.

All the students are excited to participate in the upcoming Holy Hour this Thursday, January 20 from 6-7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church celebrated by Bishop Cote.

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