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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am & 9:30 am

Outdoor Distribution of Communion
Saturday: 5:30 pm—5:45pm
Sunday: 11:00 am—11:30am

Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30pm

Chapel of Divine Mercy
24 hour Perpetual Adoration

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Rev. Mark L. Curesky, OFM Conv.

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Friday—Parish Office Closed

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Michael Mainella

Custodian:
Richard Hughes

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August 22, 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 21 —21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 ✞ Carl Breaux r/b his wife, Debbie
Sunday, August 22 —21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 ✞ Jeanne Ciotto r/b Peg Morton & Doug Whinnen
9:30 ✞ Rita Murphy r/b Margaret Stafstrom

The Rosary is prayed before Mass daily at 8:25 a.m.

Monday, August 23
9:00 ✞ the deceased members of the Duda & Kaczmarczyk families r/b Linda Kaczmarczyk
Tuesday, August 24
9:00 ✞ Florina Sanzo r/b Antonio Sanzo
Wednesday, August 25
9:00 Beatrice Udobong r/b Beatrice Udobong
Thursday, August 26
9:00 Unbaptized children of Catholic parents
Friday, August 27—Parish Office Closed
9:00 ✞ Alicia Mary Hechtman r/b William Conroy
Saturday, August 28 —22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 ✞ William Maloney Jr. r/b Rosemary & Bob Matus
Sunday, August 29 —22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 ✞ Grace Comeau r/b the Heaphy family
9:30 ✞ Henry Bednarz r/b the family

St. John Prayer List

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sarah Aresti, John Barry, Anne Bartolotta, Marie Bedard, Bob Byrnie, Maria Cabral, Ernie Cantwell, Janice Carlson, John Carlson, Melissa Carta, Frank Cartelli, Phyllis Cartelli, Mary Lou Conroy, D.F., Elisabeth DeMezzo, Jerome Dennehy, Marc DeNovellis, Janis Gianni, Amanda Jones, Maria Figueredo, Omelio Figueredo, Susan Haswell, John Haywood, Dolores Leightsinger, Kelsey M, Susan Martin, Madeline McDermott, Jane Morello, Wynn Muller, Kelly Nardo, Judy Nocera, Nellie Nyren, Edmund O'Connell, Barbara O'Keefe, Bill O'Keefe, P.J. Flo Passamano, Jack Peterson, Donald Piskura, Raymond, Damon Riddle, Daniel Rybczyk, Michael Salonia, Edward & Joan Siebert, Sue Stender, Jackie T

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Online Giving: $1,395.00
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Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to the families of

Harry J. Hughes
Brother of Richard Hughes
and

Eleanor Hunt
and

Richard Pierce,
Father of Debbie Breaux
and

Giovanni Pietraroia
Father of Lisa Volpe

Please keep them and all our departed in your prayers

Pastor's Musings,

On August 5th, our Governor issued Executive Order #13A. In the Executive Order, he presented revised mask requirements.

"A person while indoors in a public place who does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person and who is not fully vaccinated for Covid-19 shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering....

"Nothing in this order shall require the use of a mask or cloth face covering by anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition, behavioral condition, or disability, or anyone under the age of 2 years....

"The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue a rule setting forth a comprehensive list of facilities, venues, and other locations where masks and cloth face coverings are required, including for people who are vaccinated,..."

I believe that we will eventually be given a directive about wearing masks and cloth face coverings in church.

If it comes to that we need to remember that wearing a mask or a cloth face covering is not just about our own personal safety, but is also about the safety of others with whom we come into contact. I do appreciate how frustrating this is, especially when we were led to believe that everything would be okay if we got vaccinated.

No directive can cover every situation and circumstance. It is putting the directive into practice that has us applying it to our situation. In a faith context, the wearing a mask or a cloth face covering is observing the second great commandment - it's about our neighbor and concern for our neighbor, especially for our neighbor who is vulnerable and at risk even though they have been vaccinated. As St. John wrote in his first letter (3:18): "let us not love one another with words and with speech, but in deeds and in truth."

God bless,
fr. Mark

Perpetual Adoration - Divine Mercy Chapel

The Chapel is open to the general public from 7 am to 9 pm and to "committed adorers" with an access code from 9 pm to 7 am.

If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a "committed adorer," please contact Roger Beliveau at 860-983-3648 or the Chapel's email: Chapel5@frontier.com.

Faith Formation

Office: (860) 635-5156
DRE: Karen Romegialli
E-MAIL: SJCFFDRE@GMAIL.COM
Faith Formation Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am—1:00pm
or by appointment

Volunteers Needed

Teen volunteers- to assist with students in grades 1 - 3 on Saturday mornings or to assist with Pre-k/ Kindergarten on Sunday mornings.

Adult volunteers - Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to teach faith formation! We are still in need of a few additional volunteers. Please call the office if you can assist with students in the following grades:

- 5th Grade: 2 co-teachers (Monday evenings)
- 7th Grade: 1 co-teacher (Monday evenings)
- 8th Grade: 1 co-teacher (Monday evenings)

All adult volunteers are required to pass a background check.

We wish the following faith formation students: **Logan, Sergio, Dario and Maeve** birthday blessings as they celebrate their birthday this week.

14th Annual CT Catholic Men's Conference

Save the Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021

Conference Theme: The Most Holy Rosary

Location: New Britain Veterans Memorial Park at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, CT.

For more information, visit: www.ctcatholicmen.org. Tickets are $45 for adults and $20 for teens (lunch from Subway is included).

All day Adoration and Confession are available. A Vigil Mass will end the day.

Keynote Speakers are Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Speaking also are Dr. Blythe Kaufman, Mr. Gary Zimak, and Reverend Elias Mary Mills, FI.

Save the Date
Catholic Charities 16th Annual Golf Tournament

It's time "*FORE*" Catholic Charities 16th Annual Golf Tournament. Get your friends together and join us Monday, September 13, 2021 at Great Neck Country Club, 28 Lamphere Road in Waterford, CT. Registration & BBQ lunch-11:00am, Shotgun Start at 12:30pm. Appetizers and awards to follow! For information, registration & sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sally Velcofsky at 203-556-0115 or email sallyvelcofsky@ccfsn.org

ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at 2pm. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop. The names of all registrants and their anniversary dates will also be listed on a special Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website. Register by sending the following information: husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 312, or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Couples may also email a recent digital photo of themselves in a jpeg format to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website. Registration deadline is Friday, September 10. This is a firm date, so please register early.

Thought for the Day

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve…As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Retrouvaille - You Can Help Your Marriage! Do you feel alone in your marriage? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you and your spouse argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about your relationship make it worse? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, consider attending a Retrouvaille weekend experience. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a lifeline for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. It seeks to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming September 17-19 weekend, call 203-710-6207, email 3001@retrouvaille.org, or visit the national website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

St. Lucian's Residence Furniture Sale
Saturday, September 11
8:00am—1:00pm

There will be quality used furniture of all types and styles. The sale will take place at 314 Osgood Avenue, New Britain in the garages behind the Marian Heights Building. The sale supports the residence where Sr. Philomena and Sr. Joan reside.

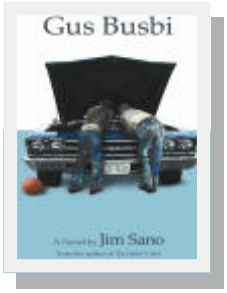
Virtual Bingo For All Ages

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 19th from 3:30 – 5pm. Cards are $6 each and will be emailed. There is a limit of 200 cards so act fast. To register for your Bingo card, go to: https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304.

Virtual Book Club

Please join us for a diocesan virtual book club on Wednesday nights, September 8th through October 13th from 6:30 - 8pm.

The club will be discussing Gus Busbi, by Jim Sano. This book challenges racism, prejudice and forces us to look at people's similarities and not their differences.



The book club moderator will be Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events.

Space is limited, for details and to register, please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860- 848-2237 ext. 304.

Saint Monica
Saint of the Day, August 27

Born in the 4th century, St. Monica is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. Her faith and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time, Saint Augustine, her son.

After her husband's premature death, St. Monica dedicated her life to raising her children. As a single mother of three, she persevered in the face of many difficulties. Her greatest desire was for her children to follow Christ. Although later in life he was known as a fervent man of God, St. Augustine did not easily come to see God's truth. As a child, he proved to be quite difficult, causing Monica much grief, and as a young adult he remained uninterested in Christianity. But St. Monica never stopped praying for his eternal soul, in spite of the circumstances. On one particular occasion, when she was discussing the matter with a priest, he urged her to remain steadfast in her prayers, stating that it was "not possible that the son of so many tears should perish."

After many years of prayer, Saint Monica finally saw her son give his life to the service of God. St. Augustine declared that his mother's resilience and dedication to prayer is what led him to become the man of God he was meant to be. He stated that St. Monica was not only his mother, but "the source of his Christianity."

St. Monica passed away in A.D. 387, shortly after St. Augustine was baptized. Her legacy serves as a reminder for all Christians to never stop praying for those who do not yet know Christ.

St. Monica Prayer

St. Monica,
I need your prayers.
You know exactly how I'm feeling because you once felt it yourself.
I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair.
I desperately want my child to return to Christ in his Church but I can't do it alone.
I need God's help.
Please join me in begging the Lord's powerful grace to flow into my child's life.
Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his heart, prepare a path for his conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in his life.
Amen.

ST. JOHN CHURCH PARISH POLICIES

BAPTISM: Parents desiring to have their daughter/son baptized must be a registered member of the Parish and need to call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. If this is their first child, they must participate in a Baptismal Preparation process prior to the Baptism.

REGISTERING AS A PARISHIONER: To register as a parishioner, please call the Parish Office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: To obtain a sponsor certificate from St. John Church for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a registered, active and supporting member of St. John Church for at least 6 months.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for a wedding need to be made in person by the parties of the proposed marriage at least one year in advance and prior to setting any date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: is given to those who are seriously ill or about to undergo surgery. Please call the Parish Office, 860-635-5590 to make arrangements.

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. - Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-6

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/ Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/ Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2

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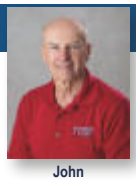

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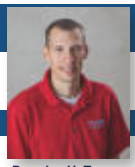

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