



**ST. JOHN CHURCH
5 ST. JOHNS COURT
CROMWELL, CT 06416**

Mass Schedule

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

Outdoor Distribution of Communion
Sunday: 11:00 am—11:30 am

Weekday Masses

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday ,
and Friday: 9:00 am**

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

Chapel of Divine Mercy
24 hour Perpetual Adoration

Under the care of
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of Our Lady of the Angels Province**

Pastor:

Rev. Mark L. Curesky, OFM Conv.

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Lynne Zablocki

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday—Parish Office Closed

Faith Formation Director:

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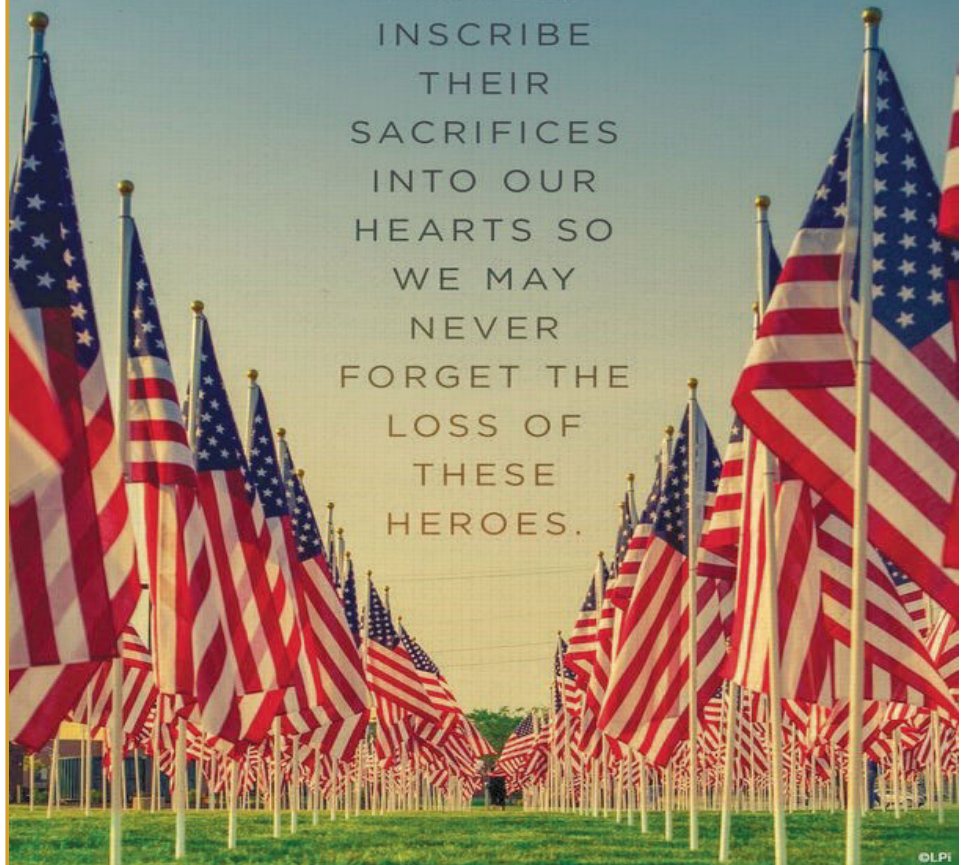
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May 25, 2025

MEMORIAL DAY

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THEIR
SACRIFICES
INTO OUR
HEARTS SO
WE MAY
NEVER
FORGET THE
LOSS OF
THESE
HEROES.





Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24 6th Sunday of Easter

4:00 † Allan Aylward r/b the Maher family

Sunday, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter

7:30 † Marie LaMonica r/b Pat Branciforte

9:30 † Dr. Julius L. Sanna r/b Vickey Hickey

† Laurentino Rodrigues r/b the Safstrom family

The Rosary is prayed before Mass daily at 8:25 am

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed

9:00 † Anna, † Alfred, and † Robert Bartosiak r/b grand daughter, Kristie

Tuesday, May 27 No 9am Mass

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 Health of expectant mothers & their babies r/b Ray Brophy

Thursday, May 29 Ascension of The Lord Parish Office Closed

9:00 † Frank & † Jonathon Cartelli r/b wife & grandmother

† Joni Conroy r/b the Conroy family

5:30 Blessings for our Faith Formation teachers

Friday, May 30 Parish Office Closed

9:00 † Helen Aresti r/b her son, Bob

Saturday, May 31 7th Sunday of Easter

4:00 † Paul and † Carmela Pappalardo r/b their family

Sunday, June 1 7th Sunday of Easter

7:30 † Alice Fernandes r/b Vickey Hickey

9:30 † Timothy McCarroll r/b the Price family

† Timothy McCarroll r/b a neighbor

St. John Prayer List

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Antonio, Bonnie A., Sarah A., Denise Allen, Anne Bartolotta, Cory Bedard, Marie Bedard, RJ Bedard, Pat Billings, Kenneth Boudreau Jr, Jordyn Brown, Kyla Burgess, Maria Cabral, Sherry Callahan, Lynn Canty, Joe & Sandy Cannata, Ernie Cantwell, Janice Carlson, John Carlson, Dana Caro-Herman, Melissa Carta, Phyllis Cartelli, Michael Cavanaugh, Yvonne Cheek, Mary Lou Conroy, Helen Conroy, Ralph Cripe, Marc D., Phil Daigle, Nan Despres, Laura Didomizio, Matt Dione, Dee Fontenault, P & L Fortenbach, Christina G., Janis Gianni, Gerri, Sophia Golden, Marie Griffin, Richard & Eleanor Grzybowski, Dom Gugliotti, Claire Hamill, Susan Haswell, John Haywood, Mark Herman, Kathleen Jacobs, Jim Kaiser, Bill Konopka, LuAnn Lawrence, Molly Lenehan, Anne Lesiczka, Maureen Longo, George Magee, Susan Marceau, Olivia McHugh, Michele, Mickey, Madeline McDermott, Tim Mertz, Fr. James Moran, Jane Morello, Nancy, Kelly Nardo, Eugene G. Nichols, Emily Olson, Paul, J.P., Raymond, Marc Revis, Cathy Sue Rex, Eileen Rogers, Tom Ryan, Debbie Rybczyk, Janet Shanks, Edward Siebert, Vickie Siemens, Raquel Solomon, Sue Stender, Stuart, Barbara Sullivan, Sherri Swanson, Jackie T., Jean Tatro, C. Thomas, Kita Thomas, Brian Twiss, Beatrice Ukraincik, Marge Viggiano, Carol Villaggio, Parker Walsh, Deb Waterman, Carolyn Y., Robert Yerrington, Chick Zipadelli, and Louise Zoccoli.

Your Sacrificial Offering - May 18, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$4,495.00

Online Giving: \$1,110.75

Total: \$5,605.75

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

Pastor's Musings

* Thank you for your generous response to last weekend's collection for Franciscan Missions - \$3,623.85. This will certainly help my confreres in the missions.

* Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses on Thursday will be at 9 am and 5:30 pm.

To understand its significance, the Ascension of the Lord needs to be seen in relation to Pentecost, the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Robert Barron refers us to the Our Father which bridges heaven and earth: "...thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..." He says: "this is not a prayer that we might escape from the earth, but rather that earth and heaven might come together."

He notes that the first Christians saw the Resurrection of Jesus as the initiation of the process by which earth and heaven were being reconciled. Bishop Barron further notes that what began with the Lord's Resurrection is the mission and work of Jesus' disciples.

He, therefore, sees the Ascension of Jesus linked to Pentecost. "In the Ascension, something of the earth moves into the heavenly sphere, and at Pentecost, something of heaven - the Holy Spirit - invades the earth. The two events constitute a foretaste of a great reconciliation...."

Bishop Barron points to the words spoken by the angels to the disciples who witnessed the Ascension: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What the angels said and "none too subtly - is: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission...."

* Bishop Barron's reflection on the Ascension pairs well with the request of our Bishop for us to observe a Novena for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit from the Feast of the Ascension to the Feast of Pentecost (*See Bishop's Reidy's letter in this weekend's bulletin.*)

*The Parish's Women's Group will be offering a Women's Tea on Thursday at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. (*See the information blurb in this weekend's bulletin.*)

* Father's Day will be here before you know it. You might want to have your dad, grandfather, godfather and/or that special person who has been like a father to you remembered in our Parish's Novena of Father's Day Masses (June 14-22).

Those who use Parish envelopes received a special Father's Day envelope for this. At the doors of the Church, there are Father's Day cards and return envelopes. And for those of you who do not need a card, there are GREEN forms. Please PRINT all requested information.

All special Father's Day envelopes, return envelopes and GREEN forms are due Sunday, June 8.

God bless,
fr. Mark

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Faith FORMATION

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Tues. & Thurs. 9:30 - 2:30 or by appointment

DRE: Karen Romegjalli Phone: (860) 635-5156

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Wishing the following
Faith Formation students
birthday blessings
as they celebrate this week:

Evan S., Tessa L., and Julia V.



On the Baptism of your daughter

Lucia Grace Duque

May the Lord bless your lives
With love, health and happiness.

On Sunday, May 18th the following children received
their First Communion:



Juliana Bellizzi, Nicolas Gianni, and William Kane.
A special thank you to our catechist, Jackie Haywood!

St. John Women's Group Event

Join us THIS Thursday, May 29th from 7-9 pm for our annual tea. Bring a teacup and saucer to enjoy tea, sandwiches, and other refreshments. Our guest speaker, Susan Daniels, RN, is part of the hospice and palliative care team at Middlesex Hospital. She will explain this important program and will be available to answer your questions.



We will also have our annual hat parade, so for those who want to participate, start decorating a hat-there will be prizes for the most original, funniest, and prettiest hats. This is always fun! Don't miss our famous 50/50 and raffle prizes. Bring a friend-and a non-perishable food item for those in need. See you there!

Monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

Where: Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich **When:** Saturday, June 7 at 8:30 am **Celebrant:** Rev. Walter Nagle
Join us at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. The Rachel Rosary will be prayed following the Mass with refreshments in the Cathedral Hall afterward.

Paper Shredding Fundraising Event



Tax season is over and it's time for spring cleaning! Watch as the shredding truck securely destroys your unwanted documents. Open to CT residents & small businesses. Rain or Shine.

When: Saturday May 31, 9am-noon

Where: St. Pius X Church Lower parking lot.
310 Westfield St., Middletown CT

Suggested \$10 per brown paper grocery bag

Donation: \$25 per banker box or 3 paper grocery bags

For more information, contact the St. Pius X Friary office at 860-347-4441

Next Pick- Up Choir is Sunday, June 1st

Arrive in the loft at 9:00 am for the 9:30 Mass
Text me at 860-324-0718 and I'll send recordings ahead of time. Cheers! Michael Mainella,
Music Director

New
Choir Members
Welcome!



Baby Item Collection

Please bring in your
donated baby items for
Catholic Charities Middletown by **June 1st**.
Collection bins are at the doors of the church.





Diocese of Norwich
Office of the Bishop
201 Broadway
Norwich, Connecticut 06360

May 9, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I assume my new role as your Bishop in the Diocese of Norwich. I am rapidly becoming familiar with our diocesan family, listening to the needs of the people, and learning about the challenges that face us. I am discovering the wonderful faith of the People of God in our region, and I look forward to getting to know all of you as I continue the work of my predecessors to make our Church of Norwich a strong and vital part of the Body of Christ.

While acting as administrator of our diocese, Archbishop Coyne, highlighted the importance of promoting vocations to the priesthood, assigning Father Jeff Ellis as the full-time Director of Vocations and asking the parishes to pray for vocations at every Mass with a priority of exercising priestly vocations. I intend to continue this focus. Priests are charged with bringing the grace of God to the faithful through the sacraments, the grace that is vital for our holiness and salvation. Priests carry on the work of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who came to preach the word of God, to offer sacrifice to the Father, and to sanctify His people. Priests have been given the solemn charge to serve the faithful by the gift of their ordination, being configured as *alter Christus*, another Christ.

Next weekend, we will be taking up a collection in all of our parishes to support the work of preparing future priests for service in the Diocese of Norwich. It is not an inexpensive task to educate and form good and holy priests. As young men give the gift of themselves for service to our Lord and His Church, we can all assist in this good work by donating to this collection.

I have also met with many of our Permanent Deacons, whose service to our diocese is greatly appreciated and valuable to our parishes. Over the coming months, I will be exploring further ways our present and future deacons can continue their valuable service in our diocese. We are also enriched by the dedication, holiness and hard work of many religious whose vocations are a great blessing for us. We must pray for all vocations. For the moment, though, Father Ellis' priority will continue to be the recruitment and formation of seminarians for the diocesan priesthood. Already, we are seeing the fruits of the Holy Spirit, as several young men have begun discerning a priestly vocation with the diocese in the last several months. God-willing, we will have many seminarians to support in formation in the years to come.

I thank you for your generosity in having supported this collection in the past and ask for your prayerful consideration of support for this year's collection. May our Lord continue to bless our Church with good and holy priests.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich

May 16, 2025

My dear friends in Christ,

Thank you all very much for your very warm welcome of me as your new Bishop.

As I meet with priests, deacons, and parishioners and make my way around the Diocese to parish Masses, Confirmations, school visits, Holy Hours, and dinner events, I am reminded how fortunate I am to be with you in our diocese. Thank you for all you do.

I am also acutely aware that all the good I hope to do together with you for God and His people depends utterly on God's grace. To that end, I am endeavoring to keep in mind the necessity of prayer and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Each day in the Easter Season, the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that the conversion of the Apostles, the fruit that they bore and the people they drew to the early Church began with Pentecost which they anticipated by devoting themselves with one accord to prayer.

To that end, I am asking that on the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost, from May 30 to June 7, you pray the following brief novena for a deepening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Pope Leo and in all our bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful with the intention of sparking a new Pentecost in the Diocese of Norwich that we may continue and build upon all the good that has gone on in our local Church. The novena prayers are brief. Perhaps, they could be prayed after daily Mass or at home through the link on the diocesan website: www.norwichdiocese.org.

Again, thank you for your welcome, all you do and your dedication to God and His people.

With every prayerful good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich

ST. JOHN CHURCH PARISH POLICIES

REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER: Please call the office to request a registration form.

BAPTISM: Parents desiring to have a child baptized must be registered members of the Parish. Please call the office for more information regarding scheduling requirements.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: To obtain a sponsor certificate 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. Please call the office to request a sponsor certificate.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for a marriage must be made in person by both parties of the proposed marriage at least one year in advance, prior to setting a date. Please call the office to request a planning meeting.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: is given to those who are seriously ill or about to undergo surgery. Please call the office to request the Sacrament.

PARISH OFFICE 860-635-5590



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 2025

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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