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2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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January 16, 2022



Office of the Bishop
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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

Monthly Financial Updates
July 1, 2021—December 31, 2021

	Saint Mary Parish	Saint Catherine Parish	Saints Thomas & Anne Parish
Income:			
Weekly Offertory:	\$ 88,437.63	\$49,773.40	\$40,803.89
Additional Income:	\$ 52,659.33	\$21,043.33	\$16,451.16
Total Income:	\$141,096.96	\$70,816.73	\$57,255.05
Expenses:	(\$130,594.67)	(\$65,390.07)	(\$53,446.94)
Unpaid Obligations:			
Property/Liability Insurance:	(\$ 31,105.87)	(\$ 9,340.00)	(\$ 4,718.00)
Cathedraticum			(\$ 2,172.43)
Total: Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$20,603.58)	(\$ 3,913.34)	(\$ 3,082.32)



Dear Friends,

The parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Church brought a glimmer of hope to many needy elders living in Preston this year. The donations of gift cards were generous, heartwarming, overwhelming and very much appreciated. Each and every gift card has been/or will be distributed to Preston seniors who are struggling to make ends meet and are grateful for the helping hand. Thank you for teaching by example and showing a way for others to emulate.

*Sincerely,
Preston Senior Affairs
Fran Minor*

To the Parishioners of St. Mary's Church,

Thank you once again for all the wonderful donations to our residents at Colonial. It has been a difficult 2 years for all, but the kindness you show makes a big difference!

We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

God Bless, Sincerely,

*Patty Mandeville
The residents and staff of Colonial Health and Rehab*

MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE

Saturday, January 15th

5:45pm Mass

Sunday, January 16th

8:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am Mass

Monday, January 17th

8:00 am **MASS @ St. Mary**

Tuesday, January 18th

7:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 21st

8:00 am *Bob & Blanche Osga
Req. by Sandra & family*

Saturday, January 22nd

5:45 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am Mass

The office will be closed Monday
January 17, 2022, in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



The Sanctuary Lamp at
SS. Thomas & Anne
will be lit for the Month of January
For Bob & Blanche Osga
Req. by Sandra and family

SAINT MARY

Saturday, January 15th

4:00 pm *Adele & Martin Sulik
Req. by family*

Sunday, January 16th

8:00 am *Shawn & Ronald St. Jean
Req. by the family*

11:00 am Mass

Monday, January 17th

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 18th

8:00 am **NO MASS**

Wednesday, January 19th

8:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 20th

8:00 am *Joey Grzelak
Req. by Steve & Peg Cook*

Saturday, January 22nd

4:00 pm *Sondra & Phillip Champagne
Req. by Steve & Linda Champagne*

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

All weekday Masses are in the
Chapel in the Parish Center

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Saturday, January 15th

4:30 pm *Scott Natale
Req. by family*

Sunday, January 16th

10:00 am *Walter Wisniewski
Req. by Elizabeth & James Dubois*

Thursday, January 20th

10:00 am *Marie & Abbe Courey and
deceased members of the Courey family
Req. by Elizabeth & James Dubois*

Saturday, January 22nd

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23rd

10:00 am Mass

SAINT CATHERINE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$141,015.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 2,711.83

January 9th Income:

Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Offertory	\$ 2,355.00
Maintenance	\$ 70.00
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	<u>\$ 226.80</u>
Total Income Jan 9th	\$ 2,676.80
Deficit	\$ - 35.03

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SAINT MARY PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$305,101.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 5,867.33

January 9th Income:

Solemnity of Mary	\$ 63.00
Offertory	\$ 2,679.65
Debt Reduction	\$ 306.00
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	<u>\$ 1,724.91</u>
Total Income Jan 9th	\$ 4,773.56
Deficit	\$- 1,093.77

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SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$124,534.80

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of
\$ 2,394.90

January 9th Income:

Solemnity of Mary	\$ 140.00
Offertory	\$ 3,277.00
Maintenance	\$ 255.00
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Income Jan. 9th	\$ 3,772.00
Surplus	\$ 1,377.10

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C/O 34 North Main Street, Jewett City, CT 06351*

*“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.”
(1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build god’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your chrisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit).

St. Mary Food Pantry

The Pantry currently needs donations

Of the following items:

- Baked Beans
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Pasta
- Assorted Juice Boxes

Donated items can be left Monday—Thursday from 9am—1pm or they can be left in the donation bins in the rear of St. Mary church, or on the table in front of the Rectory. Thank you!



*Christopher Hart, Cheryl Wakely, Hunter Picco,
James Gauthier, Damaris, Cherrill Gemeasky,
David Gemeasky, Margaret Labriola, Sister Charles
Marie, Mike & Jan Clancy, Grady Sadosky, TJ
Faulise, Dolores Davidsson, and James Gauthier*

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-2

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

3:00 pm Saturday at St. Mary

3:30 pm Saturday at St. Catherine

8:00 am Sunday at SS. Thomas & Anne
or by appointment

Baptism

Call the office for an appointment.

Mandatory instruction prior to Baptism.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made one year in
advance.

Anointing of the Sick, Visitation of Sick &
Homebound Communion: By appointment.

Call the office for complete information,
860-376-2044

PARISH CONTACTS

Columbiettes Council #2364

Meets on 1st Monday. Call Maryann at
860-608-6772

Knights of Columbus Council #2364

Meets on 3rd Thursday, 860-376-2627

St. Mary St. Thomas Cemetery

Call Sheila at the office, 860-376-2044

St. Catherine Our Lady of Good Council Guild

For information, please call the office
860-376-2044

St. Mary Food Pantry

860-376-2044 ext. 108,
foodpantry.hsccl@yahoo.com



Inclement Weather Cancellation Notices

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 for updates regarding cancellation of weekday or weekend Masses and religious education due to inclement weather. Cancellations can also be accessed on the Internet at www.wfsb.com and click on the tab for cancellations.

Announcements for weekday and Sunday Masses will be posted by 6:30 a.m. Announcements for Saturday Masses will be posted by 2 p.m.




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