


**ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH**  
Churches of St. Patrick. East Hampton  
and St. Bridget of Kildare, Moodus

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*December 18 & 19, 2021*



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**St. Bridget of Kildare**  
**75 Moodus-Leesville Rd.**  
**Moodus, CT 06469**

**MASS Schedule**

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil : 5:30 pm  
 Sunday: 7:00 am & 11:30 am  
**Weekdays:** Wednesday 7:00 am  
 Friday: Mass 8:00 am (adoration prior to Mass at 7am)  
**Confessions:** Saturday 6:30 pm or by Appt.  
 Email: [stbridgetofkildare@yahoo.com](mailto:stbridgetofkildare@yahoo.com)



**St. Patrick Church**  
**47 West High Street**  
**East Hampton, CT 06424**

**MASS Schedule**

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
 Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am  
**Weekdays:** Wednesday 8:00 am  
 Thursday: Mass 8:00 am (adoration prior to Mass at 7am)  
**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00 pm or by Appt.  
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Bulletin is on the [WEBSITE: saintpatrickeh.org](http://saintpatrickeh.org)

The St. John Paul II Parish Office is Located in the Parish Center of St. Patrick Church.  
**Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8am — 2:30 pm Friday 8am—Noon**  
**Office Phone: 860 267-6644**

**Called together by God to experience Jesus and his word, in the sacraments of the Church and in each other, we are committed to love God and to embrace all God's people as witnesses of God's mercy.**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

### Welcome to our Parish Family

Newcomers to the St. John Paul II Parish are invited to introduce themselves to our Pastor, Father Darius after Mass. Please consider registering with the parish by stopping in to the office. If your family is registered at either location, once you turn 21, you must re-register as an adult. PLEASE update your contact information as it changes.

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements can be made by calling the Office. Godparents require a sponsor certificate from their parish.

**CONFESSION:** **Saturday** 3:00 pm at St. Patrick, and following the vigil mass at 6:30 pm at St. Bridget. Or by appointment.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Contact the Director of Religious Education, Dani Annino or Molly Bickford.

**HOLY MATRIMONY** Couples must contact the office and meet with the pastor at least one year in advance to reserve a date and make arrangements.

**MINISTRY OF CAREGIVING,** Please advise the church office to arrange pastoral visits or Holy Communion for those who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes.

### 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 calling the office. Mass cards are available for the Living and for the Deceased. Suggested Stipends:  
Weekday—\$10 Weekend—\$20

To arrange for the Sanctuary Lamp or Blessed Mother Candle please contact the office. (860) 267-6644  
2 Week Sanctuary Light \$20  
1 Week Blessed Mother Candle \$10

**ADVENT  
CONFESSIONS**  
SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, 2021  
2:00 pm at  
St. Bridget of Kildare



### St. John Paul II Parish Contacts

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Carol Lambert (860) 267-9157

**Child Advocate/Safe Environments:** Erika McCormick, Marlene Hale (860) 267-6644

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**Ladies Guild:** Irene Parady (860) 595-9845

**St. Patrick Guild:** Peggy Sue Smigel (860) 885-4734

**Maintenance/Sexton:** St. Bridget location—Jim Hale (860) 204-1928, St. Patrick location: Dion Roccapriore

**Music Director/Organist:** John P. Higgins

**Prayer Line:** Jann Dalton (860) 267-5720

**St. Bridget Cemetery Director:** Jim Dombroski (860) 334-5722

**Bulletin Submissions:** Due to Marlene by 12:00 noon on Monday. Email: stbridgetofkildare@yahoo.com

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# ANNOUNCED MASSES & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

### SAINT BRIDGET OF KILDARE

Monday, Dec. 20

NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius

NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 22

7:00am: Cora Gardella in honor of her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
req. by the Doherty family

6:00 pm: Legion of Mary in CCD Bldg.

Thursday, Dec. 23– St. John of Kanty

Adoration & Mass at St. Patrick

Friday, Dec. 24– Christmas Eve

3:45 PM Christmas Children's Procession

4:00 PM Vigil Mass: Deceased members of the  
Smith & Carabetta families req. by Sharon Smith

MIDNIGHT MASS: †Angelo & †Helen Gamberale  
req. by the family

Saturday, Dec. 25– Christmas Day

9:00 am: †Peter & †Stella Martin req. by their  
daughter, Vicky Gross

Sunday, Dec. 26– Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00 am: †Tim Maheu (1 yr. Anniversary) by Teri  
Maheu & family and Bill & MJ Talbot

11:30 am: Special Intention for a loved ones  
surgery req by Maria Cirilo &  
For all parishioners of the St. JPll Parish

### SAINT PATRICK

Monday, Dec. 20

NO MASS

7:00 pm—Rosary for the Unborn/Church

Tuesday, Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius

NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 22

8:00am: † Holy Souls in purgatory especially  
those who have no one to pray for them

Thursday, Dec. 23–St. John of Kanty

7:00am: Adoration & Rosary

8:00am: †John A. Bear req. by Lenora Bear

Friday, Dec. 24–Christmas Eve

6:00 PM Vigil Mass: †Red McKinney by the family  
and For the DeLaney family req. by Dianery

Saturday, Dec. 25 –Christmas Day

11:00 am: † Barbara Reed & † Stanley Reed Jr.  
req. by the Reed Family

Sunday, Dec. 26–Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 am: Drew Arcidiacono (Baptism Anniversary)  
req. by his parents

10:00 am: For the Sacred Heart of Jesus in thanksgiving for  
blessings received

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Dec. 20 — Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Dec. 21 — Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:46-56

Dec. 22 — 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

Dec. 23 — Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

Dec. 24 — Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

Dec. 25 — Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Dec. 26 — 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Bridget's will burn  
this week and next week for

† Eddie Wocl †

From his wife, Dottie and family

**Matrimony....** A beautiful **sacrament** full of **blessings**, romance, love, commitment, comedy, giving, new life, joys, sorrows, adventure, **challenges**, responsibilities, **growth**, memories and more. "You can measure the happiness of a marriage by the number of scars that each partner carries on their tongues, earned from years of biting back angry words." (Elizabeth Gilbert)  
"To be fully known by somebody and be loved anyhow—this is a human offering that borders on the miraculous." (Elizabeth Gilbert)

### Love Them Both

The number of teen age abortions in the U.S. has been falling. Still, about 10,000 teen age abortions occur yearly. "All who are genuinely committed to the advancement of women can and must offer a woman or a girl who is pregnant, frightened, and alone a better alternative than the destruction of her own unborn child" (MaryAnn Glendon)

Need Crisis Pregnancy help? ABC Women's Center is there for you. (860 344-9202; email: lynn@abcwomenscenter.org)

*Thank you from the St. Bridget's Ladies Guild*

*Thank you to everyone who participated in our yearlong collection of items for the "Bags of Love" as well as our recent cookie sale, poinsettia sale and teacup table. Your generosity contributes to the well being of the local community and the parish.*

### Saint Peter Canisius ~ Feast Day December 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521-December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus. St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters—many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

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### ~ St. John Paul II Parish Finances ~

Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

**\$12,841.33 total**

***Thank you for your continued support!***

### St. John School – Open Houses 2022

Saint John School, Old Saybrook is having Open Houses on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am–noon and Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am and 6-8pm. Please register online to attend. We invite you to also visit our website to read about our PreK3-Grade 8 challenging curriculums, extra-curricular after-school programs, our competitive athletics, campus information, before/aftercare program, testimonials and more. Please also visit our Facebook page for recent classroom activities. You are invited to hear about “Educating the Whole Child” – we believe in educating our students academically, emotionally and spiritually. Come see our facilities and campus, talk to our staff, and learn about our challenging curriculum, enrichment & extracurricular programs including our after school sports and clubs. Registration for 2022/23 academic year will commence in February 2022. For more information see our website, [www.saintjohnschools.org](http://www.saintjohnschools.org). If you have any questions, please call the school office at (860) 388 0849. All are welcome.

### Bethlehem Peace Light Available to all Parishioners of the St. John Paul II Parish.

For over 1000 years, the Peace Light has been burning in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the place of our Lord's birth. For 33 years, members of the Austrian Boy Scouts and Girl Guides travel to Bethlehem to receive the light so that it can be distributed throughout Europe. In two special blast proof miners lamps, the flame is flown first to Vienna Austria, where it is received in a beautiful celebration. The Peace Light came to the US after the 9/11 attack and in 2012, it was distributed to the families affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Each year, upon arrival at JFK airport, a short ceremony is held at Our Lady of the Skies Catholic Chapel in the airport. It is then that couriers from the Boy Scouts begin distribution of the Peace Light across North America including Canada and Mexico. This year, the Peace Light will burn at our Christmas celebrations and will be available to parishioners who wish to have the Light of Bethlehem burning in their homes at Christmas. Ushers will assist in distributing the flame after our Christmas masses. A windproof oil lantern is ideal, however tall votive candles, found at most dollar stores, can be easily used and can be placed in your car cup holder for the ride home. It is our hope that this Light will bring the Faith, Hope, Love and Peace of Advent into your hearts and homes this Christmas.



**Holiday Office Hours**

Dec. 23, 2021 8am—Noon  
Dec. 24, 2021 Office Closed  
December 31, 2021 Office Closed

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Cote

On Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center following the liturgy.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021**

Friday, Christmas Eve —December 24, 2021

4:00 pm—Christmas Vigil at St. Bridget's  
(children's procession begins at 3:45pm)

6:00 pm—Christmas Vigil at St. Patrick's

**MIDNIGHT MASS** at St. Bridget's

Saturday, Christmas Day—December 25, 2021

9:00 am—Christmas Day at St. Bridget's

11:00 am—Christmas Day at St. Patrick's



## The Well

### Meeting Jesus

Living your Baptismal call to discipleship through your relationship with Christ

January 9, 2022  
St. Bridget Of Kildare Church  
12:30 - 2:30 Luncheon Event  
RSVP (860)267-6644  
*The Well is a whole-community activity designed to include all ages.*

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*In your Kindness and prayers please continue to pray for these members of the Community of St. John Paul II*

Colleen Ackerman, Dana Award, Martin Bianco, Clara Brown, Paul Connelly, Deborah Cardillo, Eleanor Cappetto, Kirkley Dows, Jeffrey Dinsmore, Terry Dombroski, Ed Dymon, Lynn Feichtner, Edward Guidi, Jessica Hennessey, Paul Magnano, Claudette Marci, Deborah Mason, Bill MacDonald, Ryan Morris, Laura Mettela, Joe Moran, Craig Myers, Peg Nanfita, MaryAnn Pezzentel, George Parent, Pat Powers, Bobby Reardon, Theresa Rovillo, Ashley Schroeder, Bernadette Schneider, Jake Shumbo, Maureen Sweeney, Donald Vance, Rosalind Vecchitto, Joshua Wasserman, Valerie Wright, those homebound, hospitalized, and those at Chestelm & Cobalt Lodge.

**Please contact the office to add or remove anyone from the prayer list.**



## Rest in Peace

*St. John Paul II Parishioners 2000—Present*

Dec. 19: Hannah Corbiel 2000 Helen Scalf 2002

Dec. 20: Anna Krashefski 2013

Dec. 21: Horace Porter 2005

Dec. 22: Norman Emmons 2002 John A Bear 2017

Albert Kananowicz 2020

Dec. 23: Joseph Consic 2005 Margaret Costello 2011  
Stella Bloch 2014

Dec. 24: George Puskar 2009 Irene Shea 2010

Anna Gorski 2011 Robert (Red) McKinney 2019

Dec. 25: John Gorman 2000 Louise Biondi Kahr 2000,  
Matthew D'Amico 2011

Dec. 26: John O'Neil 2000 Lawrence Gorman 2000  
Frank Cassella 2000 Blanche Rarus 2005  
Dr. Joseph E. Hickey, Jr. 2019



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201 Broadway Norwich, Connecticut 06360  
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### Christmas Message 2021

**"And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

These words speak to us, in a beautifully poetic way, of our Lord's miraculous gift of Himself – a gift which He gave to the world when He humbly took flesh and was born in the simple manger in Bethlehem.

The gift, the true meaning of the Christmas event, is that the Lord, the Eternal Word and Son of God the Father, *became flesh and made his dwelling among us*. The mystery and miracle of our Lord's Incarnation stands at the very heart of our Catholic faith. It is the source of our hope. God's great love and mercy, as proclaimed in the Gospel message, began with the birth of a child who would grow, teach us the truth of the Gospel, and ultimately offer His very life in sacrifice, providing for those who believe in Him the tremendous grace to share eternal life with God and all the saints in heaven.

May we never forget this miraculous gift of God's love.

Our annual celebration of the Lord's Nativity provides an important reminder to us of the true depth of the love that He continues to pour forth upon each of us and our world. The opportunity to encounter the same Lord Jesus who was born in the manger in Bethlehem but is now risen and glorified – who again humbles Himself to become present to us, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – is now found in the Most Holy Eucharist. Intimately tied to our Lord's Incarnation, the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist is the mystery by which He continues to make his dwelling among us here and now.

Sadly, as multiple surveys conducted in recent years have shown, belief in the true and real presence of the Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist has declined significantly, even among those who self-identify as Catholics and who attend Mass regularly. This disturbing trend should be a cause of great concern for us all, but we must not lose hope!

In response to these trends, the Bishops of the United States have recently approved a catechetical document on the Most Holy Eucharist that is being prepared for publication in the new year. Plans for a national Eucharistic revival have also been approved. More information about these two initiatives will be forthcoming. It is my hope that they will reawaken and reinvigorate our understanding of this great gift of the Lord's presence in the most Holy Eucharist. In the meantime, let us pray with greater fervor throughout this Christmas season that these initiatives will be successful and that we will never take the miraculous gift of our Lord's birth, or of His abiding presence among us in the Most Holy Eucharist for granted.

May you, your families and loved ones have a truly merry Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings!

Sincerely yours in Christ, +Michael R. Cote Bishop of Norwich

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

#### Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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Please see the bulletin board in the church for the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests Calendar or call the office for a copy to be sent to you. Please continue praying for the priests of the Diocese of Norwich and the world.

### JOIN THE FUN WITH THE St. John Paul II Parish Book Club

We will discuss: **A PRAYER FOR OWEN MEANEY**  
Written by John Irving

**January 26, 2022 at 7 PM** in St. Patrick's Parish Center  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

### Project Rachel Rosary

Please join the Office of Faith Events staff **online** the third Tuesday of each month as we pray the **Project Rachel Rosary** for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. The next Rosary will be **Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 3 P.M.**

### LEGION OF MARY

#### Our Lady of Grace

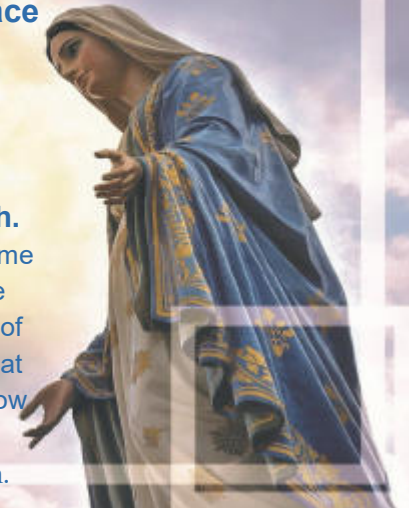
#### Praesidium

#### Meetings:

Wednesdays at  
6:00pm at

St. Bridget Church.

All parishioners welcome to join in praying the Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at 6pm. Meeting to follow in the CCD bldg. Membership is open.



### The Fatima message from Our Lady to Sr. Lucia on December 10, 1925:

*See my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the Graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.*



### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS (January – May)

At St. Bridget of Kildare Church  
January 1, 2022

**Rosary 8:00 am Holy Hour  
Confessions**

**9:00 am Mass**



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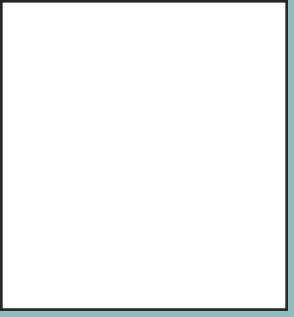
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