

ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH

Churches of St. Patrick. East Hampton and St. Bridget of Kildare, Moodus

Epiphany of the Lord January 1 & 2, 2022

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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

Bulletin is on the WEBSITE: saintpatrickeh.org

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. Email: stpatrick47@sbcglobal.net

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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.

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

END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS

If you utilize the offering envelope system and would like an end of year tax letter please contact the parish office. If you utilize "online giving" you are able to run your own reports as needed.

St. John Paul II Parish Contacts

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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

January 1 & 2, 2022

ANNOUNCED MASSES & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SAINT BRIDGET OF KILDARE

Monday, Jan. 3- Holy Name of Jesus NO MASS

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton NO MASS

6:30pm: Ladies Guild Exec. Board/CCD

Wednesday, Jan. 5- St. John Neumann 7:00am#Frank Kehoe req. by Sharon Smith 5:00 pm: Legion of Mary/Marian Hall

Thursday, Jan. 6- St. Andre Bessette

Adoration, Rosary, Mass/Coffee hour at St. Patrick

Friday, Jan. 7- St. Raymond of Penafort 8:00 am: Living members of the St. Bridget **Rosary Society**

Saturday, Jan. 8

5:30 pm:

 Kathy Lusignan req. by Steve Lusignan

Sunday, Jan. 9 - Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am: Tim Maheu from the Hale family

11:30 am: † Everette Bonfoey req. by the family

12:30 -2:30 pm THE WELL EVENT



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

中 Walter J. Parkus, Sr. &

From his wife, children & grandchildren



The Blessed Mother Candle will burn at St. Bridget's this week as a birthday remembrance for

Irene Lafave 🏗

From Gloria & Phil Lafave

SAINT PATRICK

Monday, Jan. 3- Holy Name of Jesus-NO MASS 7:00 pm—Rosary for the Unborn/Church Knights Officers/Parish Center

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton NO MASS

7-9pm: Knights District meeting/Columbus Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 5 -St. John Neumann

8:00am: Nancy E. Buckley req. by Lenore Bear

Thursday, Jan. 6—St. Andre Bessette

7:00am: Adoration & Rosary

8:00am: ⊕Holy souls in purgatory especially

those who have no one to pray for them

Friday, Jan. 7 -St. Raymond of Penafort Adoration, Rosary, Mass/Coffee hour at St. Bridget

Saturday, Jan. 8

4:00 PM: Dohn Daly reg. by Donna Daly Atherton

Sunday, Jan. 9-Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am: All parishioners of the St. JPII Parish

10:00 am: those dealing with serious illness

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn at St. Patrick's this week for the intentions of

> Jean Barber From the Barber Family



SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Jan. 3 — 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Jan. 4 — 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

Jan. 5 — 1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

Jan. 6 — 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14-22

Jan. 7 — 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

Jan. 8 — 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30

Jan. 9 — Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Love Them Both

The number of abortions in this country has been falling as a result of many prayers and the growing realization of the damage abortion is doing. Still about 800,000 U.S. abortions occur yearly. These bulletin items focus on this important issue.

"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be willed away from the." - Susan B. Anthony 1889

Need crisis pregnancy help? Catholic Charities is there for you 860 899-8346

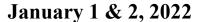


Matrimony

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What a grand thing to be loved! What a grander thing still, is to love! ~ Victor Hugo

Love is like an earthquake—unpredictable, a little scary, but when the hard part is over you realize how lucky you truly are.



St. John Paul II Parish Finances

Dec. 18 & 19, 2021 \$16,658.09

<u>Dec. 25, 2021 ~ Christmas Offering</u> \$9,829.00

> Dec. 26, 2021 \$10,904.72



Our next Holy Hike will be on Sunday, January 16 at 1:30pm at Machimoodus State Park in Moodus

JOIN THE FUN WITH THE



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!



EPIPHANY BLESSING OF CHALK

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

The home blessing can be done above the doorways as follows: Use the blessed chalk to write:

20+C+M+B+22

2022 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi— Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

As you are writing, pray one of the following Prayers:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord our God, bless this household.

May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the Keeping of your law.

We give thanks to you,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

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 Nanfito, MaryAnn Pezzentel, 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.



St. John Paul II Parishioners 2000—Present

- Jan. 3: Wayne Kromish 2005 Gerald Soboleski 2006
- Jan. 5: Helen Greysen 2003 Robert Gobar 2006 Gregory P. Schiche 2007 Robert A. Petell 2017
- Jan. 6: James Coughlin 2003 Gerald C. Smith Jr. 2004 John Daly 2005 Sheila Wall 2013 Wanda Shumbo 2019
- <u>Jan. 7</u>: Gerald Baker Sr. 2001 Michael T. King 2003 Russell Oakes 2015
- <u>Jan. 8:</u> Edward Burt Sr. 2002 Robert Caron 2008 Katherine Dufrat 2011
- Jan. 9: Donald R. Rittman, Sr. 2007 Roland LaVallee 2008 John Callahan 2009 Rose Valli 2011 James A. Harrington II 2018 Caroline Armstrong 2020

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Why do Catholics do that....

QUESTION: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

ANSWER: This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The Short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minister respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator) and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.)

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.

This coming Spring, during the 2022 Virtual Women's Conference, the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee will vote on and name the recipient of the second annual Our Lady Queen of Hope Award. This award honors a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. She displays strong faith, and is committed to living out Catholic values, displaying leadership, love and service, and has been a part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church and has helped to move parish communities forward. You can nominate a woman of the Norwich diocese for this award by visiting www.norwichdiocese.org and downloading the nomination form or contacting Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

St. John School - Open Houses 2022

Saint John School, Old Saybrook is having Open Houses on Sunday, January 30th, 10am—noon and Wednesday, March 9th, 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.saintjohnschoolos.org. If you have any questions, please call the school office at (860) 388 0849. All are welcome.



The St Bridget's Knight's of Columbus Council 9358 have recently provided some disaster relief assistance for the Kentucky families impacted by tornadoes. They have

donated 23 large bags of food, clothes and toiletries and delivered them to tractor trailer trucks that were transporting other donations to Kentucky.

The Knights often respond to needs such as this. If you are a catholic man who would like to take part in causes such as this please consider joining the Knights.



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 Jan. 1, 2022 with the next one on Feb. 5, 2022

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



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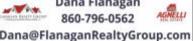


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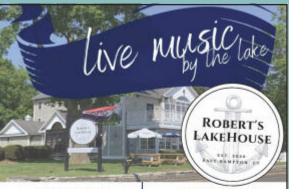
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