

## ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH

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

# Second Sunday In Ordínary Tíme January 15 & 16, 2022

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#### **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 \*Handicap Accessible\*

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.

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## 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

## To cover the increasing cost of the 6 day votive candles at St. Bridget's we find the need to increase the suggested donation to \$5.00.

## St. John Paul II Parish Contacts

Pastor: Fr. Darius Dudzik (860) 267-6644 FatherDKD@gmail.com Office Admin's: Marlene Hale and Lori M. Lechowicz (860) 267-6644 Directors of Faith Formation: Dani Annino (860) 267-6644 ext. 11 (stpatsehctdre@gmail.com), Molly Bickford (610) 731-3509 (stpatstbridget@gmail.com) R.C.I.A: Deacon Dan D'Amelio deacondandamelio@gmail.com Altar Serving: St. Bridget, Kristy Robida (860) 810-0222, St.-Patrick, Susan Lanzi (860) 267-9984 ACTS Retreat: Men & Women: Warren & Beverly Edwards (860) 267-9926, Gary Cioe (860) 267-9508, Carol Lambert (860) 267-9157 Child Advocate/Safe Environments: Erika McCormick, Marlene Hale (860) 267-6644 Eucharistic Adoration: Margaret Bannon (860) 267-2165, Frances Hall (860) 267-0422 Knights of Columbus : Council 9358: contact Dc. Dan for info. Belltown: Steve Maynard (860) 331-0336 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, Jan. 17-St. Anthony         NO MASS         Tuesday, Jan. 18         NO MASS         Wednesday, Jan. 19         7:00am Dottie Dill req. by Oscar & Ruth Dill         5:00 pm: Legion of Mary/Marian Hall         Thursday, Jan. 20- Ss. Fabian & Sebastian         Adoration, Rosary, Mass/Coffee hour at St. Patrick         Friday, Jan. 21- St. Agnes         7:00am: Adoration & Rosary         8:00 am: TRichard Kaika req. by Sharon Smith         Saturday, Jan. 22         5:30 pm: Tor those who have lost their lives without family req. by Denise Dill         Sunday, Jan. 23- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time         7:00 am: Intentions of Frank Doucette req. by the Folta family         Ti:30 am: Dc. Michael Puscas req. by Ladies Guild	SAINT PATRICK         Monday, Jan. 17– St. Anthony         NO MASS         7:00 pm—Rosary for the Unborn/Church         Tuesday, Jan. 18         NO MASS         St. Patrick's Guild Meeting Cancelled         Wednesday, Jan. 19         8:00am: Treesa Stewart req. by Donna Daly- Atherton         Thursday, Jan. 20—Ss. Fabian & Sebastian         7:00am: Adoration & Rosary         8:00am: TSalvatore D'Amico req. by the family         Friday, Jan. 21– St. Agnes         Adoration, Rosary, Mass/Coffee hour at St. Bridget         Saturday, Jan. 22         4:00 PM: Ann Bartol and TMarie & THarry Nichols req. by Dennis & MaryAnn Wall         Sunday, Jan. 23–3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time         8:30 am: TJohn C. DeLaney req. by Dianery DeLaney
The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Bridget's will burn this week and next week as a Birthday Remembrance for Ernest Malavasi T From Ernie & MaryJane Malavasi	10:00 am: Parishioners of the St. JP II Parish         SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES         Jan. 17 — 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22         Jan. 18 — 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28
The Blessed Mother Candle will burn at St. Bridget's as a Birthday Remembrance for tGenevieve Stankowski t from Gloria & Phil Lafave	Jan. 19 — 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6 Jan. 20 — 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12 Jan. 21 — 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19 Jan. 22 — 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21 Jan. 23 — 1 Cor 12:12-30 LK 1:1-4 : 4:14-21

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

On Sunday, January 30th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4th 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.



#### Love Them Both

The number of abortions in this country has been falling as a result of many prayers Still, about 10,000 CT abortions occur yearly.

"The only differences between the Herod of old and the Herod's of today are in the weapons used and the number of victims. Herod used swords and spears to kill the Holy Innocents. Todays' Herod's use abortion. And whereas Herod killed a relatively small number of babies, today's Herod's have butchered literally hundreds of millions ... with no end in sight!"~ Msgr. Barreiro-Carambula

Need crisis pregnancy, post birth, adoption help? ABC Women's Center is there for you 860 344-9202



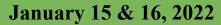
A beautiful sacrament full of blessings, romance, love, commitment,



comedy, giving, new life, joys, sorrows, adventure, challenges, responsibilities, growth,

memories and more.

There is nothing more lovely in life than the union of two people whose love for one another has grown through the years, from the small acorn of passion, into a great rooted tree. (Vita Sackville-Wes)



# Year C **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Our next Holy Hike** St. John Paul II Parish Finances will be on Jan. 8 & 9, 2022 Sunday, January 16 \$ 14, 621.84 at 1:30pm Thank you for supporting your parish! at Machimoodus State Park in Moodus 2021 Advent & Christmas Season at the Making Advent Wreaths St. John Paul II Parish The Well Advent Event Nue The PATIENCE HOLY FAITH LOVE

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

Dana Award, Clara Brown, Paul Connelly, Deborah Cardillo, Frank Doucette, Kirkley Dows, Jeffrey Dinsmore,
Terry Dombroski, Ed Dymon, Lynn Feichtner, Edward Guidi, Jessica Hennessey, Arlene LaPine, Paul Magnano,
Claudette Marci, Ryan Morris, Joe Moran, Pete Murrow, 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.

#### Rest in Peace John Paul II Parishioners 2000—Present Jan. 17: Mary Glock 2000 Theresa Yuse 2003 Marcon Olsen 2010 Jan. 18: Angelina Thibodeau 2013 Jan. 19: Dorothy Roly 2008 William H. Schwarm 2012 Mary D. Johnson 2012 Clarence E. Robinson 2013 John W. Piercey II 2014 James Smith 2016 Jan. 20: George Valli 2000 Tessie Strong 2002 Ellen Marie Dickau 2006 Mary Barber 2009 Jan. 21: Jan. 22: Michael Boule 2005 Michael Gosselin 2010 Helen Gamberale 2012 Ruth Sullivan 2017 Elizabeth Jordan 2017 Jan. 23: Stella Blaschik 2000 Joanne Reich 2000 Bernard Robida 2002 Antionette Bogan 2004 Dorothy Tarpill 2005 Arthur Dombroski 2016 Walter Ziobron 2021 Claire O'Neil 2021



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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

<sup>"</sup>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 January23, 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,

+Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich

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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

# How can we pray for the Dead throughout the year?

We commemorate the faithful departed on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in

Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily

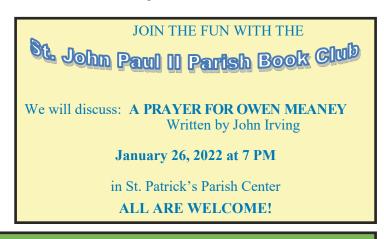
prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



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The Next First Saturday Devotion will be at St. Bridget's on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 8am. Rosary/Holy Hour/ Confessions. Mass at 9am.

Virtual Marriage Enrichment – For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a virtual enrichment entitled The Joy of Love on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



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