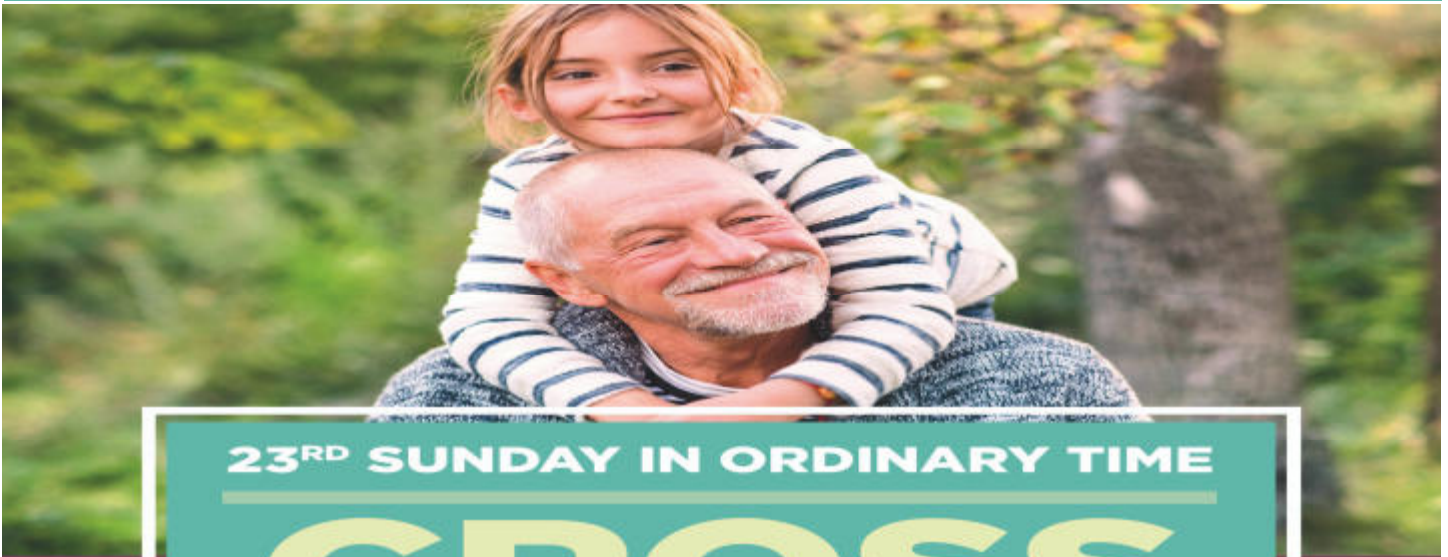


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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CROSS

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

"Y el que no carga su cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo". - Lc 14, 27

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Welcome to Our Parish

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

KEEP IN CONTACT

If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office so we can send them a bulletin and bring them Holy Communion.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday/ Sábado, Sept. 07, 5:00 pm

† **Janet Ranno, 5 yr. Anniv., R/B Husband, Angelo Ranno, Daughters, Barbie & Tina & Grand daughters.**

† **Helen Bousquet, 6mos. Anniv, R/B Family**

Sunday/Domingo , Sept. 08, 9:00 am (English):

† **James Dascanio, R/B Daughter 12 noon (Spanish):**

† **Edwin Vargas, 25th Anniv., R/B Adela & Rosa Vargas**

Monday/Lunes, Sept. 09, 5:00 pm

Tuesday /Martes, Sept. 10, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday/Miércoles, Sept. 11, 5:00pm

Thursday/ Jueves, Sept. 12, 5:00 pm

Friday/Viernes, Sept. 13, No Mass

Saturday/ Sábado, Sept. 14, 5:00 pm

† **Salvatore & Lucy Tommasi, R/B Family**

Sunday/Domingo, Sept. 15, ONE MASS 10:30 am Mass (Bilingual): TODAY

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE WILL BE LIT FOR JANET RANNO THIS WEEK

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08/31/ 9/1/19 = \$ 2,980.00

YTD. '19- '20: \$ 33,521.75

Weekly offertory

09/1/2/18= \$ 3,519.00

YTD. 2018-2019: \$ 33,343.77



RECUERDE ORAR POR:
Rick Csuhata, Jack Romegiali, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Carmelita Rivera, Frank & Sandy Magnoli, Sue D'Antonio, Tatiana Johnson, Ron Sirles, Collen Watrous, Guaroa Peralta, David Monte, Allyson Matteo, Mary Birdsey, Dorothy Kunze, Jack Conklin, David Lachance, Lois Lerette, Lois Smith, Wilma Atanasoff and John Czuba

Hinka's:

Hinka served over 100 families this past week. We are now getting referrals from ABC and Middlesex Health. We also served 80 seniors on Newfield St, sent 4 cases to Higganum Food pantry and 4 cases to All People's Community Outreach Ministry. Our next pantry date is Sept. 26. Thanks!



ATTENDANCE Aug. 31/Sept. 01 2019



Sat. 5:00 pm = 92

Sun. 9:00 am = 75

Sun. 12 noon = 115

TOTAL = 282

Cereal Donation: 87lbs.

Religious Education Enrollment

Enrollment for First Communion Catechism will take place from August 22-October 3.

Sundays— 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.
1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

Mondays— 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Thursdays— 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Contact Iolani Peterson at 860-462-0306

iolanipeterson@gmail.com

Classes start October 6, @ 10:30 A.M.



Please bring your child's Birth Certificate when you come to register them.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.



COMPARTIENDO LA PALABRA

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, este domingo la palabra de Jesús es bastante exigente para quienes quieren ser sus discípulos: nos habla de posponer a nuestra propia familia para poder seguirle, aparentemente son palabras muy duras, pero cuando reflexionamos en lo que esto significa, podremos darnos cuenta que en el fondo esto nos unirá más a ellos... veámoslo desde el punto de vista del primer mandamiento: amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas y al prójimo como así mismo... quien ama a Dios por encima de todo, nunca hará daño a nadie, amara profundamente a su familia, tendrá la capacidad de perdonar cuando le hieren y no estará apegado a los otros, estará totalmente abandonado en las manos de Dios creyendo en su promesa que dice: "aunque tu padre y tu madre te abandonen yo nunca te abandonaré". Así que esta renuncia a la propia familia para seguir a Jesús en el fondo nos lleva a una adhesión más profunda y espiritual. Luego también Jesús nos habla de tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle, significa esto que hay que morir... en los tiempos de Jesús cuando alguien pasaba con una cruz a cuestas, todos sabían que iba a la muerte, es por eso que esta expresión de Jesús significa que hay que morir para vivir... morir a mis apegos, al egoísmo, al orgullo, soberbia, a la infidelidad a la desobediencia y tú puedes mirando tu vida aumentar esta lista que se resume en EL PECADO, dar muerte al pecado que nos esclaviza, para vivir en la libertad de los hijos de Dios.

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS AT 10:30 AM, DUE TO OUR MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER, 2019

SEPTEMBER 2019

**BOSCOV TICKETS ON SALE SATURDAY, 9/14-
10/13/19**

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL DINNER- SUNDAY 9/8/19
MULTICULTURAL EVENT - SUNDAY 9/15/19**

OCTOBER 2019

**FEAST OF ST.FRANCIS DINNER-
SATURDAY, 10/5/19-6:00 P.M.**

**BOSCOV FUNDRAISER- WED. 10/16/19 8:00 AM-
11:00 PM.**

**PUERTO VALLARTA FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY 10/20/2019- ALL DAY**

SPEAKER - "HUMAN TRAFFICING"

MONDAY 10/21/2019 at 6:30pm

Multi-Cultural Celebration Ticket Sales

Tickets for our Multi-Cultural Celebration will be on sale after each Mass .

Tickets are \$5.00 per Adults

\$3.00 per Child ages 5- 12 years old

Children under 5 years are Free

We need two volunteers after each Mass to help sell tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office and also the day of the event. Thank you.

Boletos para nuestra celebración multicultural, estaran a la venta en el desayuno de panqueques el 18 de Agosto y despues de cada misa ininiando el 24 de Agosto

Boletos \$5.00 Adults

\$3.00 Niños edad 5- 12 años

Niños menores de 5 años gratis

Necesitamos 2 voluntarios para la venta de boletos despues de cada misa. Boletos estaran de ventas también en la oficina y el día del evento. Gracias

Coffee Social:

Please join us at the Parish Center for a cup of coffee, some bake goods and connection time with our fellow parishioners, Sept. 8, after the 9am Mass.

Our coffee social is self-supporting. If you would like to help by either giving a monetary donation or by bringing a baked good or breakfast item it would be much appreciated. God Bless you!

Café Social: Los invitamos a participar del ultimo Café Social de esta temporada que se realizará el 8 de Sept. después de las misa de las 12 M.

Nuestro café social es posible gracias a las donaciones de los feligreses. Les damos las gracias por compartir con sus hermanos.



DUE TO THE SALE OF THE MULTICULTURAL BRACELETS THIS WEEKEND, PASSES FOR THE BOSCOV EVENT WILL GO ON SALE BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND 9/14/19 - 10/13/19.



**BOSCOV'S
FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS PASS
DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

COST: \$5

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Don't have time to go shopping but want to enter for a chance to win the prizes, purchase a ticket fill out the entry form on the reverse side of the pass and leave it at the Parish Office, your ticket will be brought to Boscov's the day of the event and deposited in the entry box. Passes on sale after all Masses NEXT weekend and will continue until October 13; also available at the Parish Center until October 15th. All proceeds go to help support our Fair's Grand Prize Raffle and St. Vincent DePaul Dinner Fund. Thank You!

BUS SURVEY

I was contacted by Anne, the secretary at St. John's in Cromwell, she wanted to know if our parish would be interested in sharing a bus with them to the

1,000 Islands.

The dates they chose were May 29-31, 2020. I am attaching a copy of the flyer. This trip includes 2 evenings at the 4-Diamond award winning Hotel - Riveredge Resort, Cruise through American and Canadian waters, including Millionaire's Row, visit mysterious Singer Castle on Dark Island & Romantic Boldt Castle on Heart Island, Dinner at Clipper Inn in Clayton. Finally after leaving Alexandria Bay you'll travel to Herkimer in Mohawk River Valley where you will travel through the locks of the historic Erie Canal, lunch at Waterfront Grille. **Cost \$600 p.p.**

I am also attaching information on two possible bus trips, to see if there is any interest. The trips are:

MGM Casino & Show

Date: Saturday, April 18th. Includes: Motorcoach, \$20 Free Bet and \$10 Food plus a Show: "9 to 5" in the Majestic Theatre (with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton), along with a \$3 snack coupon for the theatre gratuity for bus driver. **Cost: \$58 (\$33 dollars of that you receive in promotions).**

ST JUDE SHRINE, BALTIMORE, MD

I am in the process of getting information on this, but would like to know if there is any interest. I would also be including other sites in the areato go along with the Shrine.

Please let me know if you are interested in any of these trips. Thank you. :) Sue



Agradecemos a todos los que colaboraron en la cena de Saint Vincent. Fue una obra de misericordia que no se quedara sin recompensa. Dios les bendiga.

We thank all those who collaborated in the dinner of Saint Vincent. It was a work of mercy that did not run out of reward. God bless you.

Atención... ojo... esto es importante que lo veas

Que sabes de la ideología de genero... te invito a ver en you tube el programa
 - Cara a cara . 2016-08-25 - sexo seguro - Rosario Laris.
 -Lo que ya deberías saber sobre ideología de género. Fray Nelson medina

RECUERDA:

Si eres adulto y aun no has recibido los sacramentos, ven y prepárate y forma parte de nuestra comunidad de San Francisco. Puedes hablar con Sr. Gloria.



Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability

Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, caregivers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals. Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote. **Sunday October 6, 2019 @ 11:00 am, St. Andrew Church 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester CT.** Presentation & light refreshments to follow in Church Hall. For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events 860-848-2237 x304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

PROXIMAS ACTIVIDADES. APROVECHALAS Y PARTICIPA

⇒ El 15 de Septiembre LA FIESTA MULTICULTURAL, iniciando a las 10:30 con la Eucaristía bilingüe.

Todos a vestir algún atuendo típico del país de origen.

⇒ Retiro para parejas: Una buena oportunidad para renovar el amor de pareja y darle un regalo a los hijos. Si papa y mama están bien, los hijos están bien. Anímate. **Sep 20,21,22 de 2019. Reliza tu inscripción con la hermana.**

⇒ A todos los servidores: Proclamadores de la Palabra, Ministros extraordinarios de la comunión, ujieres, ministerio de música, miembros del comité de actividades, les estamos invitando a una tarde de reflexión el domingo 29 de septiembre a partir de la 1:30pm en Enders Island. Aparta esta fecha. Necesitamos formarnos para poder evangelizar mejor.

Inscripciones para catesismo de primera communion

Se llevaran a calso los dias Agosto 22 - Octubre 3

Domingos— 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

Lunes— 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Jueves— 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

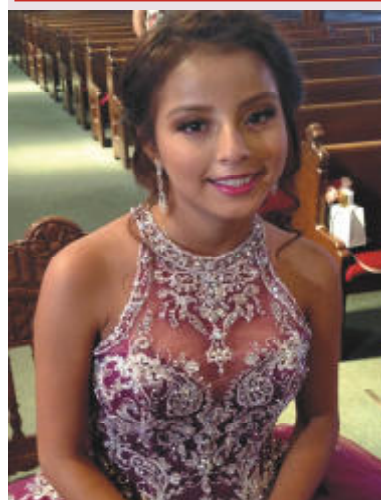
Contacto Iolani Peterson, 860-462-0306

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Catesismo comienza Octubre 6, @ 10:30 A.M.



Por favor traer el acta de nacimiento para la inscripción.



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