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ATTENDANCE:
Oct. 9/10, 2021

Sat. 4.00 p.m = 44
Sun. 9:00 a.m = 57
Sun. 11:00 a.m = 85
TOTAL = 186

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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.

17 DE OCTUBRE DE 2021
29º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El itinerario de Jesús sigue y sigue preparando a sus discípulos para los eventos futuros. Sin embargo, ellos tienen aún una forma muy diferente de pensamiento de lo que Jesús quiere de ellos. Hasta el grado de que Santiago y Juan piden los primeros puestos cuando Jesús llegue a su reino. ¡Que muchachos tan listos! Antes que nadie se les adelante ellos preguntan. La respuesta de Jesús ante tal petición es la siguiente: "¿Pueden beber la copa que yo estoy bebiendo o ser bautizados como yo soy bautizado?" (Mateo 10:38). A razón de esta pregunta, Jesús les vuelve a repetir que él no camina hacia el triunfo sino a hacia la muerte. Pero, ellos seguían sin comprender tan importante mensaje.

Señor, ten misericordia de nosotros y de nuestras pretensiones de poder, de dinero y de triunfo. Es lógico que todos queramos los primeros puestos, erróneamente en muchas ocasiones, y por eso luchamos en esta vida, sin importar a quien aplastamos o dejamos atrás. Por esa razón, Jesús explica por qué ha venido al mundo. "Sepan que el Hijo del Hombre no ha venido para ser servido, sino para servir y dar su vida como rescate por una muchedumbre" (Marcos 10:45). ¿Crees tú que ahora sí se comprende el mensaje? ¿Crees que con todo lo que se ha vivido durante la pandemia, aun se busquen los primeros puestos? Pidamos, al Señor, que se aparte de nuestro diario vivir la envidia, el egoísmo, el odio y el racismo. Que al participar en la Eucaristía nos demos cuenta que todos somos iguales y que todos ocuparemos un puesto importante en su Reino.

Les deseamos una feliz y bendecida semana.

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday/ Sábado Oct. 16, 4 p.m.
† **John Ryczek Sr., R/B John Ryezek Jr.**
† **Margaret Cotter,**
R/B Charlotte McCoid
Sunday/Domingo, Oct. 17,
9:00 am Mass (English)
11:00am Mass (Español)
† **Alejandro Falcon,**
R/B Primitiva Quiñones
† **Rodrigo Muñoz, 1st. Anniv., &**
† **Blanca Mosquera, 2nd. Anniv.,**
R/B Mosquara-Rojas Family

ADORATION/ LA ADORACIÓN
Monday/Lunes, Oct. 18, 5 p.m.
Tuesday /Martes, Oct. 19, 5 p.m.
Wednesday/Miércoles, Oct. 20, 5 p.m.
Thursday/ Jueves, Oct. 21, 6 p.m.

HOLY HOUR
Friday/Viernes, Oct. 22, NO MASS
Saturday/ Sábado Oct. 23, 4 p.m.
Sunday/Domingo Oct. 24,
9:00 am Mass (English):
11:00 am (Español)
† **Melquiades Quiñones,**
R/B His Wife, Primitiva Quiñones

10/17/2021: ONE COLLECTION

10/24/21: SECOND COLLECTION: FUEL

Weekly Offering – Ofrenda Semanal

(Wk-15) Oct. 4 - 10, 2021
Oct. 9/10 '21: $ 4,074.00
Online giving : $ 965.00
$ 5,039.00

Y.T.D. 06/2022: $ 45,924.00
- $ 2,000.00 boiler funds allocation
$43,924.00

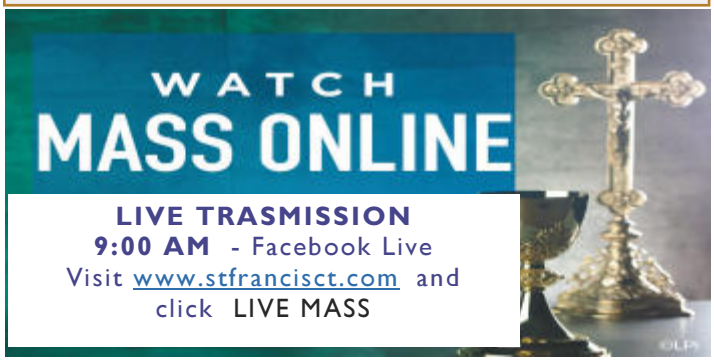
Oct. 10/11, 2020 : $ 3,554.50
Y.T.D. FYE 06/2021: $ 52,387.50

Boiler Fund Update: $50,462.60

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECUERDE ORAR POR:

Edward Rosado, Frances Berger, Theresa Enis, Paul Bousquet Wilma Atanasoff, Grochowski, James Silverman, Ann Rau, David Monte, Beverly Sullivan



HORA SANTA - HOLY HOUR

...A Solas con El Señor

Que bueno es venir a Saludarte o Jesús mío, que te has hecho tan humilde y pequeño para permanecer en mí.

JUEVES 6:00 p.m.

. Ven trae tu biblia y un corazón abierto para llevarte del amor de

Cristo te espera con sus brazos Abiertos
La Adoración se celebra cada 3rd domingo del mes, después de la misa de las 11 a.m.

***Sr. Gloria lidera esto y es** sobre **todo** en **español** ***

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS:

How good it is to come and say hello or my Jesus, that you have become so humble and small to remain in me.

Thursday from 6pm –7pm.

Bring your bible and an open heart.
Adoration is held every 3rd Sunday of the month, after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Everyone is welcome.

HINKA'S

We have the opportunity to partner with a program. It is the Thrivent action team. If we can collect 500 items for our food pantry, they will match it with $500! We have the month of October to do this. We hope you will be able to help us reach this goal! We are in need of the following items: Toilet paper, pasta, fluff, snacks, bar soap, applesauce, and salad dressing

Thank you to all our donors.

BANCO DE ALIMENTOS

Tenemos la oportunidad de asociarnos con el equipo de acción de Thrivent. Si recogemos 500 artículos para nuestra despensa de alimentos, esta compañía nos donara ¡$ 500.00 dólares! Los alimentos para la despensa se recaudarán durante el mes de Octubre. ¡Agradecemos su generosidad y colaboración para alcanzar este objetivo! La lista de necesidades es: papel higiénico, pasta, crema de malva-viscos, pasabocas (snacks), jabón en barra, puré de manzana y aderezo para ensaladas. **Muchas gracias por sus donaciones.**

Legion of Mary Meetings: Mondays at 12:00 noon in the Parish center. All parishioners are welcome to join us in praying the Rosary. The meeting will follow. Membership is open. Pray and ask Our Blessed Mother if this ministry is for you and come and join us. If you would like more information please contact Maria Paquette.

Reuniones de la Legión de María: Lunes a las 12:00 del mediodía en el centro parroquial. Todos los feligreses son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros en el rezo del Rosario. La reunión seguirá. La membresía está abierta. Oren y pregunten a Nuestra Santísima Madre si este ministerio es para ustedes y vengan y únanse a nosotros. Si desea obtener más información, póngase en contacto con

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, November 7, 2021
From 1pm– 4 pm.

NORWICH DIOCESE

2021 ACA update: As of September30, 2021, **Saint Francis Parish, Middletown** has donated $12,871.00 or 60.86% of its goal, and 21.21% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Actualización de ACA 2021: A partir del 30 de septiembre de 2021, **Saint Francis Parish, Middletown** ha donado $ 12,871.00 o el 60.86% de su objetivo, y el 21.21% de nuestros feligreses han donado. Nos esforzamos por lograr una participación lo más cercana posible al 100%. Con su donación, nuestros ministerios apoyados por ACA hacen la obra de Cristo todos los días. Si no ha hecho su contribución a la Campaña Católica Anual 2021, "Una Fe, Una Familia", o si desea hacer una donación adicional, los sobres de donación todavía están disponibles dentro de la iglesia o puede comunicarse con la Oficina de Desarrollo al (860) 886-1928 o ir en línea a www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org **¡Gracias a todos por su apoyo!**

Beginning Thursday, October 21, 2021, we will be holding our monthly third Thursday meeting of parish women at the Parish Center from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. All women of the Parish and female friends of St. Francis are invited to join us for a casual social get together. Sue. Wesoloski will bring Lasagna. Come join the fun!

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LET US DEFEND LIFE IN ALL ITS STAGES

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, and a peaceful vigil throughout the day in front of abortion facilities.

Do not forget that life is a wonderful gift from God

St. Francis' peaceful prayer vigil outside of the planned parenthood at 12 Case St., in Norwich will be on Thursday, October 21, from 9 a.m.-noon, if you are interested in signing up.

We also have a sign up sheet for praying the Rosary to help end abortion. We are hoping parishioners will adopt one day during 40 Days for Life, to pray the Rosary. Sign up sheets will be at church.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS:
DOMINGO, 7 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2021
1PM-4PM

DIOCESE OF NORWICH CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a virtual workshop for the bereaved entitled: ***Praying Your Goodbyes*** on **Saturday, November 13** from 10 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. It will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. This is an online event and requires participants to have a computer and Internet service. There is no cost, but registration is required by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at

A partir del jueves, 21 de octubre reanudaremos la reunión mensual de mujeres. Todas las mujeres de la Parroquia y las amigas de San Francisco están invitadas a unirse a nosotros para un encuentro informal. La reunión se programara todos los 3ros jueves del mes de 1:00 a 3:00 p.m. ¡Únete a la diversión!

St. John Paul II Regional Catholic School

In 2014, the Catholic elementary schools of Middletown united to create St. John Paul II Regional Catholic School, a PreK –eighth grade school supported by the parishes of the Middletown Deanery. It's with your continuous support that have helped create the legacy that enabled the transition to one strong, healthy and vibrant regional Catholic school.
you play a vital role in sustaining the success of our school. We rely on your help to ensure that Catholic education maintains a strong presence in Middletown, providing our students with a solid faith foundation and an education you can believe in!

En 2014, las escuelas primarias católicas de Middletown se unieron para crear la Escuela Católica Regional San Juan Pablo II, una escuela de PreK - octavo grado apoyada por las parroquias del Decanato de Middletown. Es con su apoyo continuo que han ayudado a crear el legado que permitió la transición a una escuela católica regional fuerte, saludable y vibrante.
usted juega un papel vital en el mantenimiento del éxito de nuestra escuela. ¡Confiamos en su ayuda para garantizar que la educación católica mantenga una fuerte presencia en Middletown, proporcionando a nuestros estudiantes una base de fe sólida y una educación en la que pueda creer!

DEFENDAMOS LA VIDA EN TODAS SUS MANIFESTACIONES

40 Días por la Vida es una campaña coordinada internacionalmente que tiene como objetivo poner fin al aborto a nivel local, usando como medio la oración, el ayuno, y una vigilia pacífica durante todo el día frente clínicas de aborto. No podemos olvidar que la vida es un don maravilloso de Dios

La vigilia de oración pacífica de nuestra iglesia San Francisco se realizara en frente de la clínica de Norwich, ubicada en 12 Case St., en Norwich, el día jueves 21 de octubre, 9 a.m. si está interesado en participar por favor llame a la oficina parroquial o acérquese al P. Kennedy.

También tenemos una hoja de inscripción para que desde su hogar se una a rezar el Rosario por los no nacidos y sus madres. Esperamos que los feligreses adopten un día durante estos 40 Días por la Vida, para rezar el Rosario. Las hojas de inscripción están en la entrada lateral de la iglesia.

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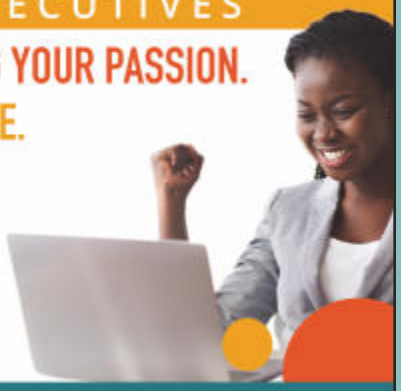

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