



DECEMBER 26, 2021 HOLY FAMILY

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MASS

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 PM

Confession: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 PM

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 7:00PM

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Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 AM

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

New parishioners are asked to call or stop by to register at the Main Office.

If you have a change of address, phone or email, please notify the office.

Website: guardianangelsparishofcolchester.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Main Office.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made 1 year prior to the date. A marriage preparation program is absolutely necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please inform the Main Office if anyone from your family is hospitalized.

FAITH FORMATION

Saint Andrew Office ~ 860.537.5415

Director Religious Ed. ~ Ron Krystofik 860.608.2919

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:00am to 11:00am

Saint Francis of Assisi ~ 860.642.6711

Director of Religious Education ~ James Hay

Please call Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Office

St. Andrew Office Hours

Monday ~ Friday: 9am to 2pm

Annette Hochdorfer

Parish Office Manager

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St. Francis of Assisi Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00am to 1:00pm

Cheryl Wheaton

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Office Hours next week

Sunday 8:00am-11:am Tues & Thurs, 9am to 1pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the bulletin in writing by 9:00am Monday. Articles should be emailed to: bulletin@guardianangelsparishofcolchester.org

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Mass Intentions of the Week

KEY: St. A: Saint Andrew St. F: Saint Francis
L/d: Living & deceased R/b: Requested by

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~ NATIVITY OF THE LORD

St. A ~ No 4:00pm Mass

St. F ~ No 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 ~ HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

St. A ~ 8:00am † James O'Connell R/b Karen & Larry Bouley

St. F ~ 8:00am † Deacon Michel Puscas R/b C. Wheaton

St. A ~ 9:30am † Mary Mack R/b Karen & Larry Bouley

St. F ~ 10:30am † Janet Gagnon R/b family

St. A ~ 11:00am † Matthew J. Dilorio R/b Laurie & Steve Kane

ST.A ~ 5:00pm NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 ~ THE HOLY INNOCENTS

ST. A ~ 7:00pm † Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially those with no one to pray for them

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 ~ ST. THOMAS BECKETT

St. A ~ 8:00am † Robbie Ziegenhagen R/b Marie & Ed Fusco

St. F ~ 9:00am L/d victims of Addiction R/b Pam Roberts
† Phyllis Jacobeno R/b Immaculate Boone

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30 ~ 6TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

St. A ~ 8:00am Elizabeth & Walter Crighton & family R/b Pam Roberts

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 ~ 7TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

St. A ~ 8:00am † Leona Pizzitola R/b friends

St. F ~ 9:00am Intentions in Prayer Request Journal (front of altar)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 ~ VIGIL ~ SOLEMNITY OF MARY

ST. A ~ 4:00pm Parishioners of Guardian Angels Parish

St. F ~ 5:00pm Parishioners of Guardian Angels Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 ~ SOLEMNITY OF MARY

St. F ~ 9:15am † Rev. Thomas Smith

St. A ~ 9:30am Parishioners of Guardian Angels Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 ~ VIGIL—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. A ~ No 4:00pm Mass

St. F ~ No 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 ~ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. A ~ 8:00am † Mary Mack R/b Dennis & Jeanette Girard

St. F ~ 8:00am Marriage Blessing of Clinch & Kuzel families
R/b the Kuzel family

St. A ~ 9:30am † Mary Tasker R/b Norma Gargano

St. F ~ 10:30am † Raoul Pomerleau R/b family

St. A ~ 11:00am † Peter Petro R/b his wife, Bonnie

ST.A ~ 5:00pm NO MASS

Live Stream Mass: 9:30am

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Adoration of Our Lord.

*He gave the ultimate sacrifice for us!
May we sacrifice one hour a week to be with Him?*

Visit Him during Eucharistic Adoration. There is always a need for faithful adorers, Please consider committing to a specific hour.

SILENT Adoration begins at 8:30am following the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church.

If you have never done Eucharistic Adoration before, don't worry, we will give you information to explain everything you need to know about it. Please contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Lector Schedule January 1 & 2

Saturday

St. A 9:30am Steve O'Connor

St. F 9:15am Richard Lataille

NO VIGIL Both Churches

Sunday

St. A 8:00am Jeanette Girard

St. A 9:30am Dan Leone

St. A 11:00am Jim Maffuid

St. F 8:00am Kathy Pellerin

St. F 10:30am Angela Coarentin



December 11 & 12

St. Andrew: \$ 5,313.00

Immaculate Conception: \$ 1,350.00

St. Francis: \$ 1,547.00

Immaculate Conception: \$ 470.00

E-Giving: \$ 2,980

Military Service Honor Roll

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- Lt. Colonel William J. Girard, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Derek Keegan, U.S. Army
- Major Michael A. Goba, U.S. Army JAG
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- Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army
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- IT2 Rocky Spedalieri Jr., U.S. Navy
- AEAN Jared Swett, U.S. Navy
- Cpt. Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force
- Sgt. 1st Class William Kowalsky, U.S. Army

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask for Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings, and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen

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APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

We pray for Rev. John Moskus, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Roland Cloutier, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Russell Kennedy, William McNulty, Our Holy Father.

O, holy Mother of Christ, to the messiah Priest you gave a body of flesh through the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of the poor and the contrite heart.; guard our priests in your heart and in the Church, O Mother of the Savior. We thank You Father, for those who have responded to Your call to priestly ministry. Fill Your priests with the knowledge of Your love.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's liturgy of the Word will be offered at St. Andrew Church during all 9:30 Masses. All ages are welcome! Come and hear the message of God through stories, music and activities. No registration required

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The Old St. Andrew Cemetery located on Linwood Cemetery Road will be closed for the winter season. The cemetery will reopen in April.

Faith Formation Office is located in the St. Andrew Parish Hall. Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 11:00am or by appointment Telephone: 860.537.5415 DRE ~ Ron Krystofik: 860.608.2919 faithformation@guardianangelsparishofcolchester.org

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Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild - Travel Opportunities

May 11-13, 2022 --Sight and Sounds Theatre new show "DAVID". Enjoy the brand new show "David" A Master Poet, Fearless Warrior and Anointed King. The trip includes transportation, 2 nights hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including a ride on the Strasburg Railroad and visiting an actual Anish home. Cost \$585 pp double

Aug. 14-15, 2022 - Sunday/Monday - Boston Pops on Old Cape Cod Enjoy the music of the Boston Pops featuring Keith Lockhart and a celebrity guest conductor, enjoy cruising Hyannis Harbor and visit JFK Museum. Transportation, hotel, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner sightseeing and admissions per itinerary. Cost \$409pp double

September 3-18, 2022 - Trans-Atlantic Cruise - Visiting Copenhagen, Norway, Iceland, Greenland. You will be transported to Boston and fly to Copenhagen where you will board a Royal Caribbean ship to enjoy your trip of a lifetime. The cost of the trip starts at \$2999 including your flight. Travelers must follow the protocols set-in-place by the travel company. For more information please contact - Barbara Gozzo 860-537-0179 or Cathy Russi 860-887-9621

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Christmas Masses

Sat. Dec. 25 Christmas Day
9:30am & 11:00am Colchester
8:00am & 10:30am Lebanon
No Vigil Mass on Saturday for Holy Family Sunday

New Year's Masses

Fri. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
4:00pm Colchester
5:00pm :Lebanon
Sat. Jan. 1 New Year's Day
9:15am Lebanon
9:30am Colchester
No Vigil Mass on Saturday for Epiphany Sunday

St. Francis Church:



The Feast of the Epiphany is January 1st & 2nd. On this day the three kings presented their gifts to Baminelli or Baby Jesus. Bring your Epiphany bag from last year. Epiphany bags will be available to anyone who needs one. Father Mark or Father Richard will bless these Epiphany bags prior to the final blessing.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH NEWS

All Men of the parish are invited to join a monthly bible study. This program was started several years ago by the men who completed an ACTS retreat. But now we are inviting all men of the community interested in going deeper with their faith. (The acronym ACTS standing for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service).

The meetings have been well attended, but it is not an old boys club, as the faces are always changing, so new people are always welcome. We are not bible scholars but we share a desire to go deeper and we learn together. So please consider giving the "Brothers in the Lord" a try.

We start with fellowship and refreshment, then move to a song of praise and an opening prayer. The meat of the evening will be either a Bible Study for the upcoming Sunday mass or a talk presented by an invited guest, such as a Deacon.

The Sunday Bible preparation is always enlightening, helping the individual glean personal connection to the message of the mass.

The meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month (7-9 PM) at St Marys' church (178 Linwood Ave, Colchester). A Zoom platform will be provided for remote attendance. If you wish to get on a reminder email list or have any questions, please contact Dominic Marrara at marrarad@gmail.com or call the parish office.

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To support married couples during this time of social distancing, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required.

For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>. go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

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Seeking a new director for
VBS (Vacation Bible School)
for Guardian Angels Parish.

If interested, you are welcome to reach out to Kristina Lenda at kristinalenda@gmail.com or the St. Andrew Church office..

12 Things Parents Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

The Church teaches that parents have the most serious duty, and primary right, to do all in their power to assure the physical, social, cultural, moral and religious upbringing of their children. Parenting is a difficult and demanding task. It is a task that requires the support and assistance of the entire Christian community. Parents, children and Church ministers, *must all work together to assure the safety and welfare of our most precious resource, our children.*

Parents need to take an active, and even proactive, role in the educational and social activities of their children. As a parent, you can work with your child(ren) to assure their safety. Among other things, you need to:

1. *Know your child's teachers* as well as those adults who have some supervisory role in relationship to your child(ren). Two adults should normally be present when working with your child (ren).

2. Satisfy yourself that the adults having contact with your child (ren) have been *carefully screened*. If you have doubts about whether or not an employee or volunteer was properly screened, talk with the person in charge of the activity, or your pastor, and communicate your concerns. If your doubts concern a school employee, talk with your child's principal.

3. *Visit the classrooms and places* where activities are held to assure you that these places are safe environments.

4. *Become involved* in programs and activities at church and school.

5. *Teach your child(ren)* that most people are only allowed to touch certain parts of their body, like your hands or your shoulders. But NO ONE should touch the private parts of your body unless they are helping you keep these parts healthy. Private areas are those parts of our bodies covered by a swimsuit.

6. *Encourage your children to speak openly about their experiences and not keep secrets about their relationships with other people.* Children need to be taught that they can and should discuss anything that happens to them that makes them feel uncomfortable, confused, or upset in any way. They need to know they can talk to a parent or another trusted adult about feelings such as these.

7. *Discourage your child(ren) from accepting inappropriate gifts.*

8. *Not allow your child(ren) to travel unchaperoned or stay overnight* with adult non-family members as part of Church or school related activities *except with your explicit written permission.*

9. Insist that your child(ren) not be allowed to travel without *explicit written permission*, given only after careful review of the travel arrangements.

10. *Listen carefully and with a discerning ear* to what children are saying to one another about the adults around them.

11. *Be aware of the Pastoral Code of Conduct* in effect for Church ministers and *promptly report* any violations of the same to the appropriate authorities (see *Process of Reporting and Addressing Complaints and Allegations* listed under the section entitled *Enforcement*). Familiarize yourself, and discuss with your child, the *Diocese of Norwich Electronic Communications, Internet and Computer Use Policy.*

12. *Strive to live lives of truth, holiness, and virtue*, treating all human beings as human persons and not as objects for gratification, power, or advancement; and teach your children not to treat other people as objects for gratification, power, or advancement.



Nativity Word Scramble

All these words come from the Christmas story. Can you unscramble them?

1. KREENANSFCI _____
2. NNI KEERPE _____
3. AZHTRNAE _____
4. BMHEELHTE _____
5. LDGO _____
6. RYRMH _____
7. HARLSATAB _____
8. RCASPA _____
9. EMRHLCIO _____
10. AIGRELB _____



DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you grieving from an Abortion?

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Call **Project Rachel**, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help:
860-861-4439.

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EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Our **Shadow Day**

program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS to begin the process of scheduling a visit. It's also a perfect time to fill out the admissions application by visiting our website, the Admissions tab. #WeAreE

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VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, January 9th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It is always great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event!

To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

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Holy Hour for Vocations: January 20 at Sacred Heart in Groton from 6-7pm.

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4th 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.

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Third Annual Christ is Alive Essay Contest.

Open to students in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in Catholic School or parish religious education. The essay is to describe a moment they fell close to God, only one page. Due March 31, 2022.

Visit the Christ Is Alive! Essay Contest webpage for contest details and entry forms.

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.saintjohnschool.org. If you have any questions, please call the school office at (860) 388 0849. All are welcome.

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Lessons from St. Joseph

As we begin the third week of Advent we focus our attention on St. Joseph. He was a Jewish man of Nazareth who, according to the Gospels, was married to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and became the legal father of Jesus. As the human father of Jesus, Joseph faced many of the same challenges we face today, when confronted with unexpected circumstances in our lives. Here are just a few he dealt with...

***Mary was pregnant before they were married although still a virgin. *They were forced to flee to Egypt with a new born baby to escape a violent decree against their son, put forth by King Herod of Judaea. As parents they frantically searched for their lost young son Jesus after he was separated from them during travel.**

Like all parents Joseph experienced the ups and downs that come with raising a child. The unexpected circumstances that cause you to stop and change the direction of your life. Joseph spent a lot of time teaching Jesus the ways of life and faith pertaining to the Jewish practices of his day. Under the watchful eye of St. Joseph, Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom" (Lk 2:40). In the same way, parents today are called to be, the first evangelists for and catechists of their children.

St. Joseph was a living role model for all of us on how to balance faith, work and family life. It is not always easy but facing whatever lies ahead with a faith filled heart makes everything manageable. This week let us all call upon St. Joseph to give us the strength and courage we need to face the unexpected with an open heart and an open mind

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