



JANUARY 16, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ANDREW

MAIN OFFICE

128 Norwich Avenue
Colchester, CT 06415
(860) 537-2355

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

SERVED BY

Fr. Mark Masnicki
Pastor

Fr. Richard Breton
Parochial Vicar

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

67 West Town Street
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(860) 642-6711

MASS

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 PM

Confession: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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

parishoffice@guardianangelsparishofcolchester.org

St. Francis of Assisi Office Hours

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

Cheryl Wheaton

Administrative Secretary & Notary

bulletin@guardianangelsparishofcolchester.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

Mass Intentions of the Week

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



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 ~ VIGIL ~ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. A ~ 4:00pm † Laurent Bouley R/b Karen & Larry
St. F ~ 5:00pm † Harry & James Dobrolet R/b family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 ~ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. A ~ 8:00am † James O'Connell R/b his wife & family
St. F ~ 8:00am † Bob Smith R/b the Dyer family
St. A ~ 9:30am † Roger Gagnon R/b Kowalsky family
St. F ~ 10:30am † Betty Mackey R/b St. Francis Ladies Guild
St. A ~ 11:00am † Helen Dombrowski R/b family
ST.A ~ 5:00pm Special intention for Cathy Russi R/b Karen & Larry Bouley

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 ~ WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. A ~ 7:00pm † Lucy Renaldi R/b Farrell family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 ~ WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. A ~ 8:00am † Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those with no one to pray for them
St. F ~ 9:00am † Poor Souls in Purgatory R/b Pam Roberts

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 ~ ST. FABIAN

St. A ~ 8:00am † James O'Connell R/b Tom & Dot O'Meara

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 ~ ST. AGNES

St. A ~ 8:00am † Jane Kinney-Knotek R/b Karen & Larry Bouley
St. F ~ 9:00am L/d Members of the Jacobeno family R/b Immaculate Boone

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 ~ VIGIL ~ DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

St. A ~ 4:00pm † Walt Smolenski R/b Barbara Palmer
St. F ~ 5:00pm † Betty Mackey R/b Cheri

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 ~ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. A ~ 8:00am † Louis & Dorothy Eastwood and Bette Miller R/b family
St. F ~ 8:00am † Larry Bartee R/b Dyer family
St. A ~ 9:30am † Rose Scotti R/b Puscas family
St. F ~ 10:30am †
St. A ~ 11:00am † Roger & Mary Demma R/b Joan Carcia
ST.A ~ 5:00pm † Rita Jones (19th Anniversary) R/b her sister & family

Live Stream Mass: 9:30am
YOUTUBE @GuardianAngels Parish Colchester CT

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 22 & 23

Saturday
St. A 4:00pm Ken Fargnoli
St. F 5:00pm Steve Wengloski
Sunday
St. A 8:00am Dan Leone
St. A 9:30am Karen Bouley
St. A 11:00am Jim Maffuid
St. F 8:00am Rick Kane
St. F 10:30am Maureen Polana

WEEKLY OFFERING

St. A: \$ 5,253.67
St. F: \$ 1,809.50
E-Giving: \$ 3,135.00

Parish offices will be closed on Monday January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Due to winter weather, please try to submit bulletin announcements early in case of an office closing due to snow or ice.

Military Service Honor Roll

- LCPL Alex Bielawa, U.S. Marines
- Lt. Colonel William J. Girard, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Derek Keegan, U.S. Army
- Major Michael A. Goba, U.S. Army JAG
- E-5 Francis Orcutt, U.S. Army
- HMC Heather S. Gardipee, U.S. Navy
- Pvt. Zachary Berquist, U.S. Army
- Pvt. First Class Jacob Grzanowicz
- SFC Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army
- 1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marines
- 1st class Petty Officer Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy
- PO 2 Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy
- CTN2 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy
- 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
- Lt. Colonel Sarah Hooker Kelly, U.S. Air Force

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. Martin Jones, Rev. Edward Konopka, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Robert Buongimo, Rev. Christopher Feeney, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Francis Gilbert, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Peter Langevin.

Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priests and protect them from the snares of the enemy. Bless them and make them guardians to watch over Your sheep. May the Blood of Jesus always help them.. May each day of this New Year bring our priests more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed.

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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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Bruce & Carol Pettit ~ 860.537.1286
Carolannpettit1@gmail.com

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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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On behalf of the entire Kuzel family we would like to express our thanks to Father Mark, Father Richard and the parishioners of St Francis and St. Andrews for the outpouring of support, love and consideration in the loss of Norman E. Kuzel., husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts and may God Bless you all.



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PRAYER AND HEALING OUTREACH

Are you or someone you know suffering in mind, body or spirit and would like prayers? Our healing and prayer ministry will come and pray with you for your needs in your home or care facility, if available. We do not administer the Sacrament of the Sick. Only a priest may administer the Sacrament of the Sick.

Please contact Jane Moreno at 860-537-3075 to arrange a visit.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH NEWS

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

"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 January 23, 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."

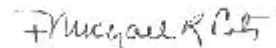
Scripture affirms the life and dignity of the unborn child. In Jeremiah 1:4-5, we read: "The Word of the Lord came to me: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." King David, in his Psalms, notes: "You formed my inmost 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,



Bishop of Norwich

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All Men of the parish are invited to join a monthly Bible Study. 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@ymail.com or call the parish office.

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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..

If you have any questions please contact Corinne (Cory) Bourgeois - 860-639-7595 (call/text) - email: brgs97@aol.com

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EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Our **Entrance Exam** will take place on Saturday, January 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, to schedule a visit for our **Shadow Day** program, or to fill out the admissions application, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.


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**Brothers in Christ: A Men's Virtual Faith Group (Norwich, CT Diocese)**

Join this gathering of Men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, register by emailing Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

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St. Vincent de Paul Place 120 Cliff St, Norwich, CT Free Vaccination Clinic for Ages 5 to 11 yrs. old & 12+, adults 1/19/2022 2pm-6pm Offering Pfizer, Moderna, J&J Boosters Shots to Eligible Individuals

A vaccination clinic will be at St. Vincent de Paul Place providing FREE COVID-19 vaccinations for children between the ages of 5-11 yrs. old & 12+, adults— walk-ins welcome, no appointment required. Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID

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**PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. Amen



**St. Andrew Ladies Guild News:**

Upcoming dates to remember:  
January 17, 6:30PM Business/Planning meeting  
February 21, 6:30PM Presentation: Nurturing a Mary Spirit in a Martha World, by Donna Reenstra  
March 21, 6:30PM Combined Meeting with St. Francis Ladies Guild  
Remember for all meetings the protocol is to wear a mask covering your mouth and nose, no refreshments will be served as of now, and if you feel sick stay home.

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Women's Retreat: "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist & Everyday Life"

Join us for a FREE virtual Women's Retreat, Saturday, January 29, 9am-3pm - **via Zoom**
Explore with us Encountering Jesus, His true presence, in the Eucharist at Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & prayer, & in everyday life. Hear an engaging talk on the Eucharist, discussions of personal stories from women like you, plus prayer & song - a retreat experience not to miss!



Organized by women from Our Lady Queen of Peace parish. Space is limited so please register by January 24. To register, contact: Elizabeth at tiggpercy@hotmail.com

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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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

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HOLY FAMILY RETREAT - FEB. 4-6, 2022, *In the Spirit of Trust*
When we think about the idea of "trust," we may think about how we trust the people around us, our family or friends, the communities to which we belong, or the institutions to which we are bound through society, government, or religion. But as the scriptures remind us, the most important form of trust we can have is our trust in God.

To have a relationship with God, we need to be able to trust that God will provide for us and guide us on our journey through life. That kind of trust begins in our relationships with others. Our retreat theme *In the Spirit of Trust* will explore the notion of trust and how it is gained, as well as lost. We will share our personal faith experiences of trusting in God's providence and help one another to build a foundation for lasting trust in the one who created us and loves us.

Visit holyfamilyretreat.org for more info and to register or call us at 860.760.9705. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford.

NOTE: Vaccinations and masks required.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Hour for Vocations: January 20 at Sacred Heart in Groton from 6-7pm.ex. 304.

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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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St. John School – Open Houses 2022

Saint John School, Old Saybrook is having Open Houses Sunday, January 30th, 10am–noon and Wednesday, March 9th, 9-11am and 6-8pm. Please register online to attend. We invite you to visit our website to read about our PreK, 3-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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To our gifted and talented Knitters of the Norwich Diocese, please join the Office of Faith Events in reaching out to the community during the cold winter months by donating handmade scarves. Whatever you could do to help support our new “*Street Ministry*” to the poor will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be brought or sent to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. We will be accepting donations until February 28. Thank you so much for donating your time and talent! Questions? Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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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**.

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.

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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

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Please Save the Date and join us **March 26, 2022** for the Virtual Spring **Norwich Diocesan Women’s Conference**. Keynote speaker, author, and certified spiritual director Liz Kelly will present ideas from her book *Love Like A Saint*. The morning will also include a message from Bishop Cote, the naming of this year’s Our Lady Queen of Hope Award recipient and much more all from the comfort of your own home! For more information, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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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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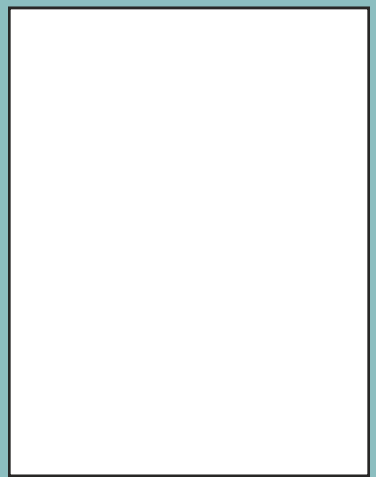
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