

December 26, 2021

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### ST. MARY

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday 6:00 p.m., Weds.-Friday 9 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

St. Mary Main Line 860-742-0681

Emergency Anointing call: 860-429-6436 ext. 104

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Saturday Vigil: \*5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass: \*8:30 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: No weekday Mass until 01-17-22  
*\*Masses are streamed live*

Reconciliation: Sunday 8:00 a.m. or by appointment

St. Thomas Main Line: 860-429-6436

Emergency Anointing call: 860-429-6436 ext. 104



### St. Mary

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# GOD'S SAVING POWER.

*Psalm 98*

*The Nativity of the Lord—December 25th  
The Holy Family—December 26th*

## Our Lady Queen of Peace

We are a Catholic Community comprised of St. Mary Church in Coventry, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs, and the University of Connecticut.

We are committed to serving God and His people as we continue our journey of faith. We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of our life together.



Rev. Jonathan Ficara  
Pastor &  
Campus Minister

**For Emergency Anointing** Call 860-429-6436 ext. 104, Father Jonathan's extension.

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### Sacrament Certificates For St. Thomas Aquinas

Since we are joined with St. Mary Church as Our Lady Queen of Peace, all records are required to be at one address.

Therefore, all sacramental records (*Baptism, First Holy Communion, etc.*) will be kept at the **St. Mary Church office.**

If you need a sacramental certificate, please call St. Mary church at 860-742-0681 or email Eileen at: [eileen@olqop.com](mailto:eileen@olqop.com)

### Engaged Couples

Couples are requested to contact the Parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

### If You are a New Parent

Please contact Eileen at the office of St. Mary (860-742-1092) to register for baptism class.

## Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Donations

Unavailable at press time, as this bulletin was prepared ahead of the normal deadline. We'll catch-up in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your generosity!

### Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candles at St. Mary and St. Thomas are available for one week, Sunday to Saturday, for \$15.00. Please contact Eileen at St. Mary or Ernie or Joyce at St. Thomas to have the candle lit in remembrance of your beloved deceased.



### Ways to give Electronically to OLQOP Parish

1. **WeShare - Online Giving site:** [give.olqop.com](http://give.olqop.com)  
Set up a recurring donation and link it to your bank account or a debit/credit card.
2. **Personal Online Banking/Bill Pay:** Manage your donation through your own bank account. Pay your parish the same way you pay your electric bill! Setup a recurring payment (weekly or monthly) to: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and setup the mailing address as either St. Mary or St. Thomas.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albert, Mary Attardo, Craig Barnes, Suzy Bender, Nancy Caye, Norman & Elizabeth Cyr, Andrew Cullen, Gary Demko, Sandra Floer, Jerome Gaspar, Joan Gianelli, Alma Graham, Trudy Johnson, Tom Koepke, Teresa Larsen, Debbie Lincavicks, Jeremy McKee, Nancy Orth, John Oshman, Mary Ann Pawlina, Anthime Pelletier, Celeste Perno, John Riedel Jr., Barbara Rychilin, Barbara Temm, Marianne Petr-Wall, Henrietta Wood, Victor Zetterstrom Jr.

**Homebound:** Marilyn Turner.

**If you know someone who is sick and in need of prayer, please call the offices of St. Mary or St. Thomas.**

### Prayer Requests

Need prayers for loved ones, friends, or even for your own intentions? Who do you call? Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Network!

We are your fellow parishioners who have formed a prayer phone chain to pray along with you through sickness, loss of loved ones, financial problems, and for anything that brings worry or sorrows.

These prayerful petitions are also added to the prayer intentions at First Friday Devotions at 7pm at St. Mary's Church.

To start the prayer network simply call the Church offices either at St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Mary; or call the coordinator Laurie Felix- 860-742-9495. You can always leave a message. If you would like to be one of our Prayer Warriors, call Laurie Felix.



# New to the Bulletin

## Bulletin Deadlines for the next several weeks:

Due to the delay in printing during this time of year, LPI, our printing company, has an early deadline for a future bulletin:

- For the 01-02 bulletin, I will need submissions BY 12-20

## Changes in Mass schedules for both Churches

Please be aware of the following changes starting 12-19-21 until 01-18-22, when UConn students return from winter break.

### ST. MARY

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses:

**Tuesday 6:00 p.m.,**  
**& Weds.-Friday 9 a.m.**

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**Saturday Vigil:** \*5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Mass:** \*8:30 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses:

**No weekday 12:20 p.m.**  
**Mass until 01-18-22**

## Special Mass Schedule for Christmas

	Fri. Christmas Eve	Sat. Christmas Day
St. Mary	4 p.m. Mass	10:30 a.m. Mass
St. Thomas	4 p.m. & 9 p.m. Masses	No Mass
<b>Christmas Day Changes in Masses Saturday Dec. 25th</b>	No 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary	No 4 pm Mass and no confession at St. Mary No 5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

*Sunday Dec. 26th, regular schedule for Sunday Masses*

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is normally a Holyday of Obligation**

**This year, because the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, your obligation to participate at Mass for the Solemnity is waived**

**The Offices of St. Mary and St. Thomas will be closed Friday December 24th for Christmas Eve. We will resume normal hours on Monday, December 27th.**

**The Offices are also closed Friday, December 31 for the New Year's Holiday. Normal office hours resume on Monday, January 3.**

**Calling all knitters!**

The Office of Faith Events and The Street Ministry are in need of handmade scarves to distribute to those in need.

Please bring or mail your donations to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich  
Questions?

Contact Marianne @ 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net



MERRY  
*Christmas*

# Upcoming Events

## Knights of Columbus St Jude COUNCIL # 4313

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**This bulletin was prepared early to accommodate our bulletin printer's schedule**

- Because of holidays and the special challenges during this time of year, LPI, our printing company requested that these bulletins be submitted early. Check [www.olqop.com](http://www.olqop.com) or call the office to confirm events if your visit to us involves travel.

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 :00pm and following the liturgy there will be a social in the Catholic Center.

For more information, please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

Notificación oficial aprobada del Tribunal de Quiebras de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito de Connecticut

## Reclamos por abuso sexual y reclamos generales en la quiebra de la diócesis católica romana de Norwich, Connecticut

La Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, también conocida como la diócesis católica romana de Norwich (en adelante, la "Diócesis" o el "Deudor") ha declarado la quiebra con el fin de reestructurar su organización sin fines de lucro. Por favor, lea detenidamente esta notificación, ya que se refiere a sus derechos contra la Diócesis y proporciona información sobre el caso *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (quiebra, Distrito de Connecticut). Esta notificación es un breve resumen.

### ¿Quién debe presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

Cualquier persona que haya sido abusada sexualmente hasta el 15 de julio de 2021 inclusive y crea que la Diócesis puede ser responsable del abuso sexual. Esto incluye el abuso sexual relacionado con cualquier entidad o actividad asociada a la Diócesis. Los reclamos por abuso sexual pueden comprender, entre otras cosas: conducta sexual inapropiada, tocamientos, contacto inadecuado o comentarios sexuales sobre una persona u otros comportamientos que derivaron en un abuso, independientemente de si usted pensó que el comportamiento constituía abuso sexual o no.

### ¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo por abuso sexual?

**Independientemente de su edad actual o de la fecha en que se produjo el abuso sexual, debe presentar su reclamo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022.**

Si no presenta un reclamo por abuso sexual dentro de dicho plazo, puede perder sus derechos contra la Diócesis y contra las entidades relacionadas con la Diócesis, incluido cualquier derecho a indemnización.

Se mantendrá la privacidad de su información. Para ver una lista de nombres de clérigos que han sido identificados en relación con demandas por abuso sexual, visite <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. Para más información sobre el caso de quiebra, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> o llame al 1-855-654-0902.

La fecha límite para presentar reclamos por abuso sexual, el 15 de marzo de 2022, no está sujeta a una nueva prórroga, incluso aunque se modifique la ley de plazos de prescripción aplicable. Usted debería considerar la posibilidad de presentar una prueba de reclamo incluso si cree que su demanda puede estar sujeta a una defensa afirmativa como la prescripción.

### ¿Cuándo debo presentar un reclamo con fecha límite general?

Si tiene un reclamo que no es por abuso sexual, deberá presentarlo a más tardar a las 5 p.m. (hora del Este vigente) del 15 de marzo de 2022. Para obtener más información, visite <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

### Actúe ahora antes de que se agote el tiempo:

Puede descargar y presentar un reclamo a través del sitio web o llamar a la línea gratuita que figura a continuación para obtener ayuda acerca de cómo presentar un reclamo por correo.



Presente una prueba de reclamo.



¿Tiene preguntas? Llame o visite el sitio web para obtener más información.



Si su reclamo es aprobado, puede recibir una indemnización por la quiebra.

<https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>

1-855-654-0902

Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut

## Sexual Abuse and General Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation* (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary.

### Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

### When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

**Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.**

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy>. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn> or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

### When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>.

### ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:

You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.



File a Proof of Claim.



Have questions? Call or visit the website for more information.



If your claim is approved, you may receive compensation from the bankruptcy.

<https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn>

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# Liturgical Life

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### *All in the Family*

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

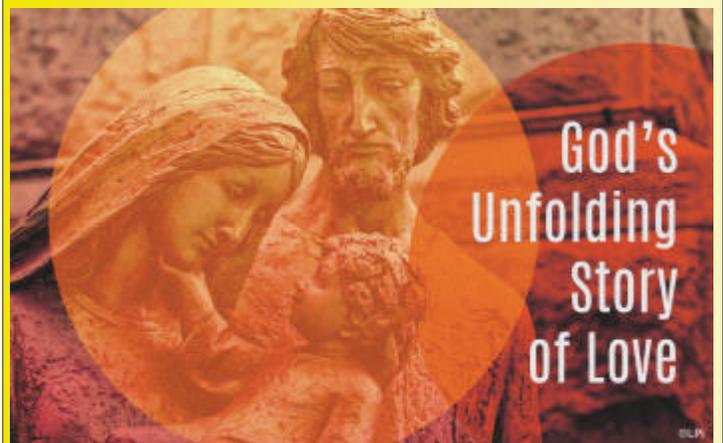
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### *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



## Mass Intentions

### Christmas Day Saturday December 25

\*10:30 a.m. Christmas Day  
Mass at St. Mary ONLY

*No other Masses  
this day at anytime.*

### Sunday December 26

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

\*10:30 a.m. † Angela Bowen  
r/b Bob and Laurie Felix

*No more 7 p.m. Masses until  
January 16, 2022*

### Monday December 27

No Masses at either church

### Tuesday December 28

\*6:00 p.m. † Maura M. Kyc  
r/b Jean and Ken Soder

### Wednesday December 29

\*9:00 a.m. † GiGi Mayne r/b  
Mike and Mary Cross

### Thursday December 30

\*9:00 a.m. † Stephen  
Friedrich r/b Ruth Simons

### New Years Eve Friday December 31

\* 9:00 a.m. Christmas  
blessing Marylyn and Cheryl  
Turner r/b Laurie Felix

### New Years Day Saturday January 1

\*9:00 a.m. † Mary, the  
Mother of God / Mary, Queen  
of Peace / World Day of  
Peace

\*4:00 p.m. † Bernadette  
LeBlanc and George Polinski  
r/b family

5:30 p.m. † For those who  
have died during the pandemic

### Sunday January 2

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

\*10:30 a.m. † Debbie Olbrias  
r/b Bridget Blake

*No more 7 p.m. Sunday  
Masses until January 16,  
2022*

*\*These Masses are held at  
St. Mary Church.*

## Weekly Happenings

### Christmas Day Saturday December 25

No Events

### Sunday December 26

12:00 p.m. AA meeting at St. Thomas

### Monday December 27

7 p.m. Rosary and Novena at St. Mary

### Tuesday December 28

7:00 p.m. Haiti Committee Meeting St. Mary

### Wednesday December 29

5:30 p.m. AA at St. Thomas

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary at St. Mary

### Thursday December 30

No Events

### New Years Eve Friday December 31

No Events

### Saturday January 1

No Events

### Sunday January 2

12:00 p.m. AA meeting at St. Thomas

*All Events will be live unless otherwise stated*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

### St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

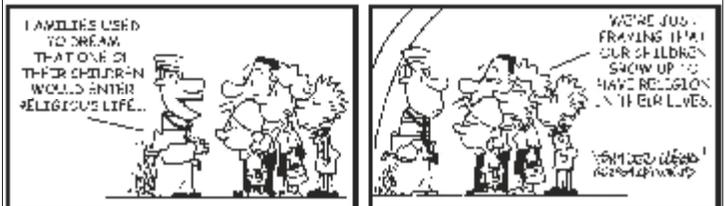


## Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained

**Q.** I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

**A.** If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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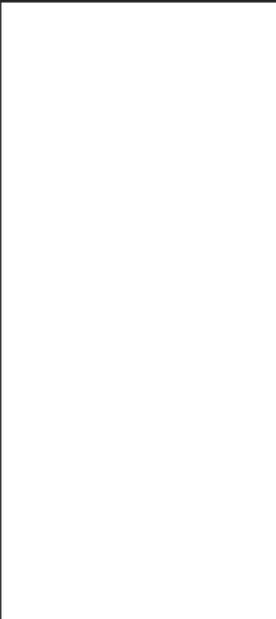
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