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Mass Changes
Until 01-17-22

SAINT MARY

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 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

SAINT 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

860-742-0681 or 860-429-6436

For Emergency Anointing: ext. 104



SAINT MARY

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The Epiphany OF THE LORD

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

Our Lady Queen of Peace

... is the Catholic Community comprised of Saint Mary Church in Coventry and Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel in Storrs at 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

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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Monday by 3pm. Send to bulletin@olqop.com

Sacrament Certificates

Sacramental records in the Roman Catholic Church are always recorded at the parish in which you were baptized, regardless of where the other sacraments were conferred.

If you were baptized at Saint Mary or Saint Thomas Aquinas and you need a copy of any of your sacramental certificates (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc.) please reach out to Eileen at Saint Mary Church at 860-742-0681 or by email eileen@olqop.com

Engaged Couples

Couples need to reach out to the Parish office **at least** six months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

New Parents

Congratulations! Now please contact Eileen to register for baptism preparation.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Offering

For December 19, 2021

Weekly 6,770.10

Upkeep 643.00

Other 702.00

TOTAL 8,115.10

Thank you for your generosity

Sanctuary Candle Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles which burn near the Tabernacles at Saint Mary and Saint Thomas are available for one-week memorials, Sunday to Saturday, for \$15.00. Please contact Eileen at Saint Mary or Ernie at Saint Thomas to have the candle lit in remembrance of your beloved deceased.



Here's how you can give electronically to your Parish

- WeShare Online Giving site:** Set up a recurring donation and link it to your bank account or a debit/credit card at give.olqop.com
- 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. (*Bonus: with option #2; the parish does not incur a fee!*)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albert • Mary Attardo • Craig Barnes • Suzy Bender
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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 let us know

Prayer Requests

Who do you call when you need prayers for loved ones, friends, or even for your own intentions???

The 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 sorrow.

These prayerful petitions are also added to the prayer intentions at First Friday Devotions at 7pm on the First Friday of the month at Saint Mary 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

WE CAN HELP

To report inappropriate conduct of any kind by a Diocesan Bishop please contact ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1-800-624-7407

Temporary Change in Mass Schedule

Please be aware of the following changes in Mass times from December 19th until January 17th while our UConn students are on winter break

SAINT MARY

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday Mass: 10:30am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 6pm,

Wednesday—Friday 9am

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Saturday Vigil: *5:30pm

Sunday Mass: *8:30am

* = these Masses are livestreamed

Weekday Masses:

No weekday 12:20pm Mass at StTA until January 18, 2022

The Offices of St. Mary and St. Thomas will be closed from Friday December 31st to Monday, January 3

Young Adult Mass & Reception

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 following the liturgy there will be a social in the Catholic Center.

Save the Date

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



SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL Open House

Sunday, January 30th 9—11am

St. Bridget School offers our students a safe and disciplined environment steeped in Catholic tradition, and academic excellence.

We invite you to our open house on January 30th from 9:00am to 11:00 am. At our open house

families will be able to tour our school and learn more about our exceptional programs. Our daily curriculum offers students a challenging

academic schedule and participation in art, music, gym, Spanish and library. We also support a variety of sports and clubs.

Those unable to make our open house may call to schedule an individual tour. Visit our website, www.saintbridget-school.com or call our school office at (860) 649-7731 Ext 217

We look forward to meeting you!



MERRY
Christmas

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus St Jude Council #4313



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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



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

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>

1-855-654-0902

Liturgical Life

Everyday Stewardship

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Live the Liturgy

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI:

"Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction."

Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying,

"Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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"I will
honour Christmas
in my heart,
and try to keep it
all the year."

- Ebenezer Scrooge v. 2.0

Mass Intentions

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY

- 3:00pm Confession at Saint Mary
- 4:00pm † **Bernadette LeBlanc and George Polinski**, r/b family
- 5:30pm † **For those who have died during the pandemic**

SUNDAY

- 8:00am Confession at Saint Thomas Aquinas
- 8:30am **For the People of the Parish**
- 10:30am † **Debbie Olbrias**, r/b Bridget Blake

MONDAY *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
No Mass

TUESDAY *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
6:00pm **Ordination Blessings for Fr Larry Barile**, r/b Vromans Family

WEDNESDAY *St. John Neumann, Bishop*
9:00am † **Eileen Schopper**, r/b Ruth Simons

THURSDAY *St. André Bessette, Religious*
9:00am † **Marlyce Rooney**, r/b Mitchell family

FIRST FRIDAY *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*
9:00am † **Angela Bowen**, r/b Mitchell family
7:00pm First Friday Devotions at Saint Mary

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY

- 3:00pm Confession at Saint Mary
- 4:00pm † **Bernadette LeBlanc and George Polinski**, r/b family
- 5:30pm † **For those who have died during the pandemic**

SUNDAY

- 8:00am Confession at Saint Thomas Aquinas
- 8:30am **For the People of the Parish**
- 10:30am † **Debbie Olbrias**, r/b Bridget Blake

Readings for the Week

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Q. What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

A. This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host.

The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the *sacarium* (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

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Weekly Happenings

NEW YEAR'S DAY—SATURDAY JANUARY 1

No Events

SUNDAY

12:00nn **AA Meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement

MONDAY

7:00pm **Rosary and Novena**, Saint Mary Church

TUESDAY

No events

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm **AA Meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement

7:00pm **Legion of Mary**, Saint Mary

THURSDAY

No Events

FRIDAY

7:00pm **First Friday Devotions at Saint Mary**

SATURDAY

6:00pm **Roundtable**, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Catholic Center

SUNDAY

12:00nn **AA meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement
Faith Formation Sessions Resume

~ All Events planned to be 'live' ~

Saint of the Week

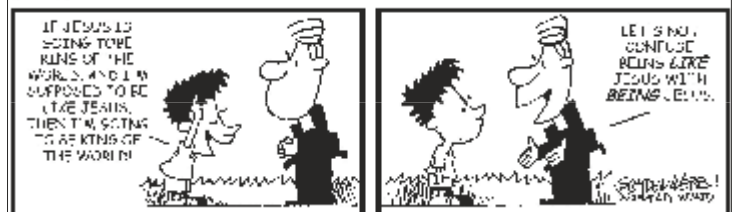
Examples of our Faith

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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