

Saturday: **4:00pm** Sunday: **10:30am** Weekday Masses: Monday **9:00am**, Tuesday **6:00pm**, Wednesday.through Friday **9:00am**

Reconciliation: **Saturday 3:00pm** or by appointment

Saturday Vigil: ***5:30pm** Sunday Mass: ***8:30am** Weekday Masses: *No weekday Mass until* 01-31-22 **This Mass streamed live*

Reconciliation: Sunday 8:00am or by appointment

860-742-0681 or 860-429-6436 For Emergency Anointing: ext. 104



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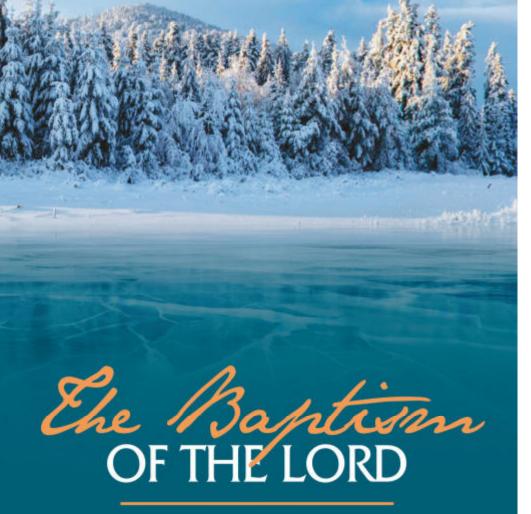


SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS 46 North Eagleville Road Storrs, CT 06268



The Catholic Center @ Storrs

Standing Together, Including Everyone Center open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. M-F and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat. and Sunday



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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

STAFF DIRECTORY

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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 January 2, 2022

Weekly	9,569.00
Add'l Christmas	4,600.00
Solemnity of Ma	ry 522.00
Other	235.00
TOTAL	14,926.00

Thank you for your generosity

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.olgop.com*

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. *(Bonus: with option #2; the parish does not incur a fee!)*

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.



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 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/Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus St Jude Council #4313

Catholic Men of this Parish! If you are committed to Faith, Family, Community, and Life, join our Council.

Free One Year Membership!

Visit www.KofC.org/JoinUs or use QR code on a smartphone Free One Year Membership!

Enter Promo Code: gbeausoleil Preferred Local Council: 4313 Member Referral Number: 3977409



For more information contact: David Imhof Telephone: 860-604-4710 or email imhofda@aol.com

Basketball Free-Throw Competition

The Coventry KofC Council 4313 **Basketball Free-Throw Competition** will be held in the Windham Community Center **at Jillson Square in Willimantic** on **January 20, 2022 at 6pm.** All kids ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. Proof of age must be provided at time of registration. Winners for each age group will go on to participate in the KofC District competition immediately following the Council competition. Winners of the District competition will go on to compete in the KofC State free throw championship. Contact Bob Beaulieu via email rbeaulieu54@gmail.com for any questions.

French Meat Pie Dinner

The St. Jude Council will be hosting a **Take-Out only French Meat Pie Dinner** on **Saturday, January 22nd**, starting at **5:00**

PM at St. Mary Church. The cost for the dinner is \$15.00, and includes French Meat Pie, carrots, Cole slaw, bread and butter, and a



dessert. Beverages will not be provided. Orders will be taken

from your cars in the parking lot, and food will be delivered to your car. Masks are required. Whole meat pies will be sold after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, 1/23, for \$20.00. To reserve your whole pie, or for more info, contact Dan Garafola at dgarafola.smpc@live.com or Rick Parr at rick.parr@hotmail.com – phone: (860) 742-9818.

Temporary Change in Mass Schedule

SAINT MARY Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday Mass: 10:30am

Weekday Masses: New! Monday 9am 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 31, 2022 — Date Change— Women's Retreat: "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist & Everyday Life" –

Ladies, join us for this <u>FREE</u> virtual (Zoom) Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 9am-3:30pm presented by women from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry/ Storrs.



Unite for a day of talks, discussion, prayer, reflection, & song. Hear about encountering Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist at Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, & everyday life. Fr. Jonathan Ficara will start us off with a prayer. Hear an engaging presentation by Deacon John Hunt from the archdiocese of Boston plus discussions of personal experiences from women like you. Don't miss this opportunity. Limited to 50. Register by 1/24/2022. To register, email Elizabeth Percy at: tiggpercy@hotmail.com

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

Dangerously Low Blood Supply

Give blood Jan.1 through 31 and you'll be entered for a chance to win an exciting **Super Bowl LVI getaway in LA** for you and a guest!

As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate by Jan 31 will also be **automatically entered to** win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card.

Blood Drive at Saint Mary Church Monday, January 17—11:30 AM - 04:00 PM redcrossblood.org

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday:	ls 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, ls 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
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

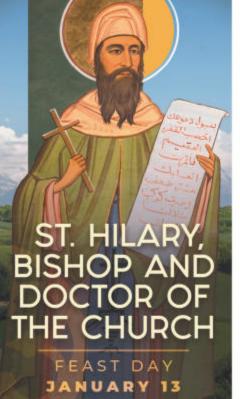
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

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Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

- Ebenezer Scrooge v. 2.0



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

Mass Intentions

The Baptism of the Lord Saturday, January 8				
3:00pm				
4:00pm	Michael Savitsky, r/b Barbara, Tracey and Edward Koepke			
	Maria DiNenno, r/b the Richards family			
SUNDAY				
8:00am				
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10:30am	Stanley and Alexandra Wojcik, r/b Natalie and Ed Marek			
Monday				
9:00am	For Those in Whose Memory Christmas Flowers Were Given			
2-7pm	Adoration, Saint Mary Church			
TUESDAY				
	Adoration, Saint Mary Church			
6:00pm	For the sick and homebound of our parish, r/b the OLQOP Parish Family			
WEDNESDAY				
9:00am	Richard Floer, 20 year anniversary, r/b the Family			
2-7pm	Adoration, Saint Mary Church			
THURSDAY				
	William DiNenno, r/b the Richards Family			
2-7pm	Adoration, Saint Mary Church			
FRIDAY				
	Christmas Blessings for Maria Schopper, r/b Laurie Felix			
2-7pm	Adoration, Saint Mary Church			
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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Weekly Happenings

SATURDAY JANUARY 8		
	No Events	
Sunday 12:00nn Monday	AA Meeting, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement	
7:00pm TUESDAY	Rosary and Novena, Saint Mary Church	
6:45pm Wednesday	Pastoral Council, Saint Mary Church Hall	
5:30pm 7:00pm	AA Meeting, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement Legion of Mary, Saint Mary	
THURSDAY 6:30pm	Liturgy Committee (via Zoom)	
FRIDAY		
	No Events	
SATURDAY JANU 6:00pm	JARY 15 POSTPONED—Roundtable, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Catholic Center	
SUNDAY 12:00nn	AA meeting, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement	
~ All Events planned to be 'live' unless otherwise noted ~		



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://wwmectw.org/.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

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