

May 1, 2022

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**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.  
- Jn 21:12-13

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Sanctuary Candle Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles which burn near the Tabernacles at Saint Mary and Saint Thomas are available for one-week memorials, Saturday to Friday, 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.



This week, the sanctuary candle at Saint Mary burns in memory of...

# Leo and Marie Marquis

Requested by daughter Paulette

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albert • Mary Attardo • Suzy Bender • Nancy Caye  
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Trudy Johnson • Paul Jurgelonis • Tom Koepke  
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Marilyn Turner • Lydia Whitcomb • Henrietta Wood  
**Sherry Zeno** • Victor Zetterstrom Jr.

*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.

## Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Offering

For April 24, 2022

Weekly	6,728.00
Easter	1,615.00
Upkeep	1,048.00
Other	1,465.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,856.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity*

# NEW TO THE BULLETIN & UPCOMING EVENTS



On Thursday, April 21, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish hosted the monthly Norwich Diocese **Holy Hour for Vocations** at Saint Mary Church in Coventry. Pictured before the Blessed Sacrament: Father Jonathan Ficara, Pastor and Director of Vocations, Bishop Michael Cote, and Our Lady Queen of Peace Deacon Kim Thompson. Thank you for all who came out to pray to support vocations.

If you think the Lord may be calling you to explore the possibility of becoming a priest or consecrated religious, please speak with Father Jonathan Ficara or visit [God-Calls.com](http://God-Calls.com)

## Pancake Breakfast - NEXT SUNDAY



The St. Jude Council will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 8th, after the 10:30am Mass in the St. Mary Church Hall. The cost for the breakfast is \$5.00, and includes coffee, tea, hot chocolate, lemonade, sausage, and your choice of regular, blueberry, or gluten free pancakes, with butter and syrup. **Mothers eat free.** Take-out will be available.

## First Friday This Week

Join us on the first Friday of the month at Saint Mary Church at 7pm for our First Friday Devotions

## OLQOP Women's Retreat

**LAST CHANCE**

May 12-15, 2022 is the

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Women's Retreat**

Applications are available in the Saint Mary Hall on the bulletin board by the Kitchen

**Applications are due by May 4<sup>th</sup>.** For additional applications, see our Parish website at [OLQOP.com](http://OLQOP.com)

## Congratulations to Our Newly-Confirmed

Claire Anderson  
 Connor Critini  
 Catarina Cunha  
 Sydney Deluca  
 Jocelyn Foran  
 Aiden Hecht  
 Anissa Patricia Jahaj  
 Aiden Jeamel  
 Allison King  
 Julianna Marie Hatfield Kingsbury  
 Myles LaRose  
 Megan MacDonald  
 Jennifer Mahr  
 Julia Mansella  
 Megan McNally  
 Ryan Pothier  
 Charles Joseph Principato  
 Katrina Pruitt  
 Anthony Senna  
 Cloe Sheremeta  
 Brian Simes  
 Stanley Strycharz  
 Abigail Tindal



**Time is up!**

**Knights of Columbus  
 Scholarship**

This year we will be continuing our annual **Knights of Columbus Scholarship** in our parish, and we are now accepting applications for this year's award. A scholarship in the amount of \$1000 will be granted to a graduating high school senior who most closely epitomizes the Principles of our Order. Criteria includes:

- A child/grandchild of a member of St Jude Council 4313
- Or – A member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish
- A practicing Catholic in good standing
- Excels in the following categories:
  - Parish Service
  - Scholastic Grades
  - Scholastic Activities
  - Community Service
  - Charity
  - Patriotism

To apply please fill out an application form and send it to [Mikewhitam@hotmail.com](mailto:Mikewhitam@hotmail.com) before **May 6, 2022**.

The winner will be chosen by a panel of Knights from our Council from all those applications submitted. The scholarship will be announced at our Council Officers Meeting on May 17. **Applications are available at the church entrances or online at [OLQOP.com](http://OLQOP.com)**





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Month of May, we remember Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. She is the spiritual mother of all the faithful, and in a special way the mother of priests. In his 1950 apostolic exhortation on the sanctity of priestly life, *Menti Nostrae*, Pope Pius XII writes, "Our Lady loves everyone with a most tender love, but she has a particular predilection for priests who are the living image of Jesus Christ" (No. 142).

We are grateful for our priests here in the Diocese of Norwich. They respond daily to the Lord's call to "Follow me" by serving and accompanying God's people in the day to day circumstances of life.

We are grateful for our seminarians. They are currently finishing up another year of priestly formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. In a couple short weeks they will return to the Diocese for their summer assignments. Let's pray for them, for a successful completion of their coursework and a smooth transition home. Please also join me in praying for Deacon Jacob Ramos who will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. May Mary, Mother of priests, protect and guide Deacon Jacob to a closer union with her Son, the Eternal Priest.


Lastly, and most especially, we are grateful for you. We are grateful for the role you play in supporting our priests and seminarians. A seminarian's journey to priesthood is long and arduous. Preparation typically requires six years of formation beyond college. The average annual cost for tuition, room and board and health insurance per seminarian is approximately \$42,000 per year.

To help offset these expenses, a special collection is taken up each year in support of the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Donations to the Seminarian Education Fund provide tuition, room and board, and health insurance for our seminarians. I ask you to consider making a contribution to this year's Seminarian Education Fund collection. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of the men preparing for the priesthood in our diocese.

As St. John Vianney once said, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." I ask you to continue praying for our priests, our future priests, and for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. May the Lord Jesus Christ raise up men in our diocese who will follow in His footsteps to serve the Church as priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



**FIRST READING**  
"We are witnesses of these things,  
as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given  
to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)

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**PSALM**  
I will praise you, Lord, for you have  
rescued me. (Ps 30)  
Or Alleluia.


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**SECOND READING**  
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches, wisdom  
and strength,  
honor and glory and blessing."  
(Rev 5:12)

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**GOSPEL**  
Jesus came over and took the bread and  
gave it to them,  
and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

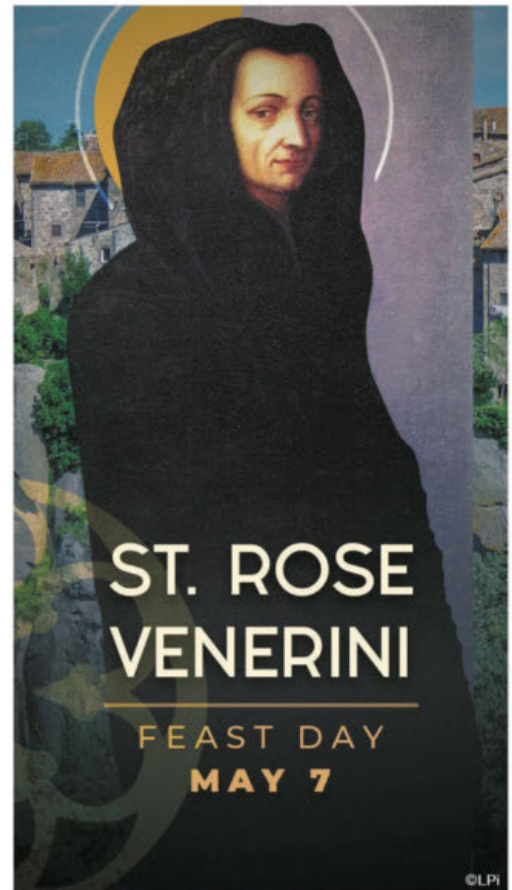
- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
- Monday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

--- MASS TIMES CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND ---

### SATURDAY

- 3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary  
 4:00pm † **Eugene Ryscavage**, r/b Steve and Dianne Kirchgessner  
 \*5:30pm **For the People of the Parish**

### SUNDAY, MAY 1

- 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aquinas  
 \*8:30am † **Geraldine Taylor**, r/b Kathleen & Kevin Taylor  
 10:30am † **Daniel Canny**, r/b Family  
 7:00pm **Marriage Blessings For John and Susan and Welcome Laura and Mario (Final 7pm Mass)**

### MONDAY

- 12:20pm **Rachel Holmes, Birthday Blessing**, r/b Ama and Papa  
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church  
 7:00pm **Rosary and Novena**, Saint Mary Church

### TUESDAY

- 12:20pm † **Gigi Mayne**, r/b Denver & Janice Schroeder  
 2-6pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church  
 6:00pm **Briana Smith, Birthday Blessing**, r/b Laurie and Bob Felix

### WEDNESDAY

- 12:20pm † **Michael Kubeck**, r/b Millicent Flynn  
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

### THURSDAY

- 12:20pm † **Frederick H. Perkins, Jr.**  
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

### FRIDAY

- 9:00am † **Marie Brandenstein, in remembrance**, r/b Daughter  
 12:20pm † **Rev. Edward M. Konopka**  
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church  
 7:00pm **First Friday Devotions**, Saint Mary Church

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SATURDAY

- 11:00am **First Communion**  
 3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary  
 4:00pm † **Ann Bernier**, r/b Beth Murphy & Soder Family  
 \*5:30pm † **Francis "Butch" Perrotti, Jr., 1st Anniversary**, r/b the OLQOP Parish Family

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

- 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aquinas  
 \*8:30am † **William DiNenno**, r/b the Richards Family  
 10:30am **Michael Holmes, Birthday Blessings**, r/b Ama and Papa

# GROUPS & MEETINGS

- Saint Mary
- Saint Thomas Aquinas

### SUNDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00am **Faith Formation**, Pre-K & K  
 12:00nn **AA**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement  
 5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Confirmation, 9 & 10, Last Session

### MONDAY

- 5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 1-4, Last Session  
 7:00pm **Rosary and Novena**, Saint Mary Church

### TUESDAY

- 9am-11am **Staff in Meeting**  
 5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 5-8, Last Session

### WEDNESDAY

- 5:30pm **AA**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement  
 7:00pm **Legion of Mary**, Saint Mary Church

### THURSDAY

- 7:30pm **Knights of Columbus**, Saint Mary Hall

### FRIDAY

- 7:00pm **First Friday Devotions**, Saint Mary Church

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

- 11:30am **Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast**, Saint Mary Hall  
 12:00nn **AA**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement  
 ~ All events planned to be 'live' unless otherwise noted ~



The St. Jude Council will be selling Mother's Day roses after the Saturday 4:00pm Mass on 5/7, and after the Sunday 10:30am Mass on 5/8. Cost per rose is \$2.00, and proceeds go towards council charitable activities. Thank you.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a non-residential two-day experience **May 21-22 at St. Patrick Church Hall, East Hampton**. This experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. For that reason, we will be accepting fewer couples, so it is important that couples register as soon as possible. To apply, contact **Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-869-2610** or sign up online at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) and click on May 21-22, East Hampton, CT or use the QR code at the end of this announcement.

Give your spouse the gift of your time and discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage! There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help couples work through common themes of which all married couples can relate. For more information, contact the Pearsons at the number above or call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.



The Haiti Ministry is getting ready to prepare more birthing kits to send to Haiti

**We are in need of specific items:**  
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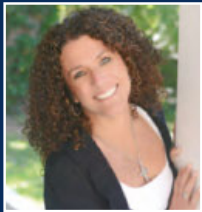
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