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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am (live stream)

## DAILY MASSES

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday - Saturday	8:30 am

## HOLY DAY MASSES 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Upon Request

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays	2:30-3:30 pm
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## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Arrangements at least 1 year prior to date.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

## ROSARY

Monday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am



**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time • July 4, 2021**



*"....teach your children gentleness and mercy to the weak, and reverence for Life which, in its weakness or excess, is still a gleam of God's omnipotence..."*

*Longfellow*

*"The Birds of Killingworth"*

## Mass Intentions

July 3 Sat 8:30am +Kim Callahan  
 July 3 Sat 4:00pm +Dennis Anderson (MaryJane Anderson)  
 July 4 Sun 8:30am +Robert Shanoff (Whiteman Family)  
 July 4 Sun 10:30am +Peter Lenart (Castelli Family)  
 July 5 Mon NO MASS  
 July 6 Tues 7:00pm +Rose Marie Hood (Hood Family)  
 July 7 Wed 8:30am +Robert Perry  
 July 8 Thurs 8:30am +Rev. James McGrath  
 July 9 Fri 8:30am +Frank Riccio  
 July 10 Sat 8:30am +Shirley Richel (Sandy & Carl)  
 July 10 Sat 4:00pm +Angela Julia & William Pross (Grace Flood)  
 July 11 Sun 8:30am +Joan Lacroix (Betty Dennis)  
 July 11 Sun 10:30am +Michael Frechette (Terry Shea)



**The Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit the week of  
**July 4 in loving memory of**  
**Rose Marie Hood**

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY June 27, 2021

Parish envelopes	\$2,340.00
Cash	\$691.00
This week's total offertory	\$3,031.00

Year-to- date Income vs. Expense ~	Income	\$250,450.04
	Expense	\$237,011.23
		<b>\$13,438.81</b>

Monthly \$10.00

On-line giving \$327.21

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

You can make your weekly offertory in different ways – if you are attending Mass, the Offertory basket is located at the back of the church; you can use the mail slot located at the front door of the rectory; you can mail a check to the church office at 7 Hemlock Dr., Killingworth, CT 06419, or through Online Giving. *Thank you for your generosity and continued support!*

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**Poor Box for June ~ Covenant House: THANK YOU!**

Poor Box for July ~ Haddam Killingworth (HK) Youth and Family Services ~ **Backpack program for 2020/21.** Serves HK Students who need assistance of the essential tools to learn in the classroom. Last year backpacks and supplies were provided to many students!!

**PLEASE PUT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE WEEKLY BASKET With "POOR BOX" on the envelope. Thanks!**

### St. Peter Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm;  
 Sunday 9:00 am (Summer schedule starting June 6)  
 Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am; Saturday 9:00 am

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. MR 6:1-5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CEB



### July 4, 2021 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'"* **EZEKIEL 2:2-3**

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

**Prayer of the faithful** ~ That we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do.

### Holy Rosary Each Night @ 8PM

St. Peter and St. Lawrence Catholic Churches are offering the Holy Rosary each night at 8PM. This invitation is extended to all families in and outside of our parish to come together in prayer.



*"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the whole world."* ~ Our Lady of Fatima

**AND**

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### MARY'S GARDEN

If anyone is looking for ~ community service hours, please call Alice Lucas 860-663-1397 to schedule a time to help out in Mary's Garden.





Prayer Line – ***Did you know?*** We have a full functioning Prayer Line when someone is in need of special prayers...Contact Mary Jane Anderson 860-669-6903

### Diocesan News and Events Newsletter Signup

Now you can get the latest news and announcements from around the diocese emailed right to your inbox. Connecting area Catholics to church, faith, and the common good with news, upcoming events, and spiritual reflection, the new digital newsletter will keep you updated. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learning about employment and volunteer opportunities. It's informative, it's weekly and it's free! Visit [norwichdiocese.org/newsletter](http://norwichdiocese.org/newsletter) to sign up today!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Program started!

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program has begun. It will take place in the chapel during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass. It is an opportunity for children to hear the Word of God and discuss its contents in language appropriate to their age level. (Note: Children are called up to the altar for a blessing before going to the meeting room.) Children return to their seats in the main church during the offertory collection. All children ages 3-12 are invited. We are in need of additional leaders and assistants in the program. Time investment is minimal, but the rewards are great! Training is available. A children's lectionary, leader's guide, and related handouts are provided. Please contact Elizabeth Nemergut (860)-301-4941, or [enemergut@gmail.com](mailto:enemergut@gmail.com) for further information.



Kelly Coleman will need help with the confirmation class starting the next class. Please contact the rectory 860-663-2576 or [stlawrencec@yahoo.com](mailto:stlawrencec@yahoo.com).

Q. What did the science book say to the math book?  
A. Wow, you've got problems !!!



### INFORMATION

from **St. Lawrence Healing Ministry**

### ***THE HEALING MINISTRY TRANSPORTATION ~***

*~ The Healing Ministry will provide transportation for people in need of a ride to go to a doctor and/or treatment appointments in the Middlesex County area and Smilow Cancer Center in Guilford. Contact Joan Kuzminski 860-663-1457, Or call Alice 860-663-1397.*

**HELP NEEDED/WANTED ~ Drivers needed ~**  
**Call the numbers above if you are interested in becoming one of the drivers.**

**~ Parish Nurse ~** Did you know that we have a Parish Nurse? It is so easy to request a phone call or a visit. Just call the rectory with your contact information and you will receive a call-back from the nurse as soon as possible.

**Healing Ministry ~ Wellness checks ~** Are you aware of anyone who is homebound and could benefit from an occasional check-in call from one of our volunteers? If so, please contact Alice Lucas at 860-663-1397.

### GENERAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Live stream of the Mass will continue every Sunday at 10:30 am until further notice.

<https://livestream.com/jodec/mass>

### GENERAL GUIDELINES—

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** *Per Connecticut guidelines, all capacity limits have been eliminated for places of worship;*

- **The general dispensation from attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation ended.**

### **ALL PEWS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SEATING.**

Some persons may be prevented from attending Mass for legitimate reasons, including;

- ~ those with pre-existing conditions that may make them fall ill from Covid.
- ~ those that are ill and homebound
- ~ a caregiver in contact with one who has tested positive for any contagious disease.
- ~ is in quarantine due to any exposure to any contagion, or residing with one who is in quarantine.

\*Holy Communion will be distributed to those who wish to receive at the usual time during the Mass, i.e., immediately following the Celebrant.



**THIS WEEK****Sun July 4** Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:30am**July 4 First Sunday Adoration & Rosary 1:30****Mon July 5 Active Adult Exercise 9:00am****Mon July 5** Shawl Ministry 10-11:30am**Mon July 5** Rosary Chapel 7:00pm**Tues July 6 Active Adult Exercise 9:00am****Wed July 7** Rosary Chapel 9:00am**Thurs July 8 Active Adult Exercise 9:00am****Thurs July 8** Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:30am**Fri July 9 Active Adult Exercise 9:00am**

"1st Monday Coffee Breaks" have resumed and will continue for the foreseeable future with the Deacon. We'll meet on the 1st Monday of the month from 10-11am at our local DD for some coffee/tea, cold drink, etc. and for some "light" talk and Christian fellowship (don't let that scare you!). I'll continue to be there as long as I have an "audience" (you know how we Deacons love to have someone to listen to our "babble").



The **Columbiettes Women's Auxiliary** are in need of **travel size containers of personal healthcare items** such as toothpaste and toothbrushes; q-tips; disposable razors; sanitary products; shampoos and conditioners; bars of soaps, hand sanitizing products; first-aid supplies such as band aids, ointments, cough drops, and lotions; combs, brushes, and barrettes; crayons, pens, pencils, small pads of paper; and even small toys and socks, as we begin to fill the **treasure boxes (shoe boxes)** - for the homeless and needy within the **three diocesan areas of CT**. We make complete boxes; some for adults and some specifically for the children, with a little of each and every item included. Annually, at this time the **CT Columbiettes** work on this project, and we are so grateful if you can donate any of these items and place them into the **decorated container at the back of the Church in the Narthex**. *Thank you so very much!* Questions? Please call. Betty 860-663-0204.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Fri July 16 KofC ~ Kids Game Night 7pm~10pm Church Hall

Sat and Sun July 17/18 ~ Mission Coop Collection

Sat July 17 ~ Memorial Mass for Peter Lenart ~ 11am

Sun Aug 8 ~ Church Picnic ~ 1pm

Sept ~ Car Show ~ Date to be determined

Sun Oct 24 ~ Confirmation with Bishop Cote ~ 2pm

Calling all men of the parish! It's time to step up and join us for the 14th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference. This year is going to be our best year ever! We have lined up some great speakers and some great activities to help you grow spiritually as men. This is an opportunity to share your faith with Catholic men from all over Connecticut, experience powerful worship, go to Confession, and have an all-around great time! You can purchase tickets online at [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org). Don't miss out on this incredible event!

The Killingworth Women's Organization (KWO) has taken over the responsibility of overseeing Helping Hands ~ Food Bank. Helping Hands provides food, grocery gift cards and cash to help less fortunate Killingworth families. They have asked for various items to help in their endeavors. They are in need of the following toiletries; conditioner, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, soap, body wash, shaving cream, feminine pads. Also needed are the following foods; cereal, tomatoes/spaghetti sauce, rice, pasta, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned regular beans, canned fruits, mac & cheese, cleaning products and detergent (all cans preferably with pop tops). A basket is in the Narthex for collection of these items. Thank you in advance!

2021 ACA Update: As of June 10, 2021, **Saint Lawrence Parish, Killingworth** has donated \$30,589.15 or 68.33% of its goal, and 12.74% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). Thank you to everyone for your support!

**Father Joseph De Costa and the parishioners of St. Lawrence Church** wish to congratulate the following students of **Xavier High School** who made honors; 11 Colin Loria, High Honors; 11 Julian Sicurella, High Honors; 11 Matthew Tracy, High Honors; 10 Luke Anderson, High Honors; 10 Matthew Ferrucci, High Honors; 10 Owen Lelko, High Honors; 9 Joseph Kielb, High Honors; 12 Mark Kowalski, Honors; 11 John Fox, Honors; 11 Isaac Gonzalez, Honors; 10 Ethan Bessoni, Honors; 10 Jon Paul Hosney, Honors; 9 Anthony Basile, Honors; 9 Nicholas Fox, Honors; CONGRATULATIONS Gentlemen We're all so very proud of you!

**MISSION COOPERATIVE  
PROGRAM (MCP) ~  
COLLECTION JULY 17-18  
weekend.**

**John & Betty's Column:** Our God longs to speak to His children. Throughout the entire Bible, He is reaching out to teach and to lead those He has called in the path of righteousness. He wants to speak to us right now, today, at this very moment, if we will let Him. We may say that we already know Jesus. We have grown up with Him. We know He is the Son of God. We may say that we have come to church all our lives, and we pray to Him daily. But what if today Jesus Christ wants to give us a new vision of Himself. Are we open to that possibility? Perhaps, today Jesus wants to clean our spiritual glasses so that we can see Him in new ways. Jesus speaks to us every day, but time and time again, we, His children, ignore His words and go our own way, and do our own thing. Or perhaps we don't take the time to really listen. But the Lord does not give up on us. Not only does the Lord speak to us, but He also welcomes our questions. Jesus wants us to ask Him questions, but then He also asks us to listen. We can listen to Jesus through His Word, the scriptures, the Mass, and the Eucharist. He can speak to our hearts in the sights and sounds that surround us, and He can guide us through the love and support of our Christian family and friends. God speaks to us each day as a loving Father, an obedient Son, and a life-giving Spirit, but we need to give Him the freedom to speak to our hearts. If we look at Him as the God of our childhood or of our youth, we can mute His voice, just like we do to our televisions when we do not want to hear the sound. We are sent to share Jesus' mission to spread the Good News. One of the most difficult groups to share about our life with the Lord could be our own family and friends. They are aware of our shortcomings, our mistakes and our sins, just as those in Nazareth only saw Jesus as a carpenter, neighbor, and a friend. Undoubtedly, they had heard the rumors that Jesus could be the Messiah, the long-awaited one. But they just could not handle it. In that atmosphere, there was nothing Jesus could do. Do we have a preconception of what the Lord can do in our lives and the lives of the ones we love? Do we put Him in a box, and fail to see all the possibilities when we put our faith and trust in Him? Our job is not to create disciples for the Lord, but to plant seeds – seeds of kindness, seeds of faith, seeds of hope, and seeds of true happiness. Those seeds may bloom, or they may remain dormant for many years. But the watering of those seeds is the Lord's work. We may never know when they will bloom. We hope and pray that through God's grace, they bloom in time to bring happiness and peace into the lives of those we love. We don't have to figure out how to lead our lives on our own. He is there to help us. He is there to be our wisdom, our strength, and our friend. More than words, what will speak the loudest to those closest to us are our actions. When we stop living for ourselves and begin living for others, that will speak volumes to those who know us. It will create a hunger in their hearts to know what is going on inside us. We will be a light shining in the darkness to them, even if they do not admit it. It is about the joy of sharing our life with the Lord with others. Perhaps today Jesus Christ is asking us to look at life a little differently. He may be asking us to place an old hurt in His loving hands; He may be asking us to smile a little bit more; or He may just be asking us to pass on His love to someone else. We need to become the Lord's voice to a world that needs to hear Him. Is Jesus asking us to help set their spirits free by being His voice to them, by helping them see the gifts that the Lord has given to them? (And yes, God gave all of us gifts, you included.) We are God's homily to the world by the lives that we live and by the care that we show each other. We are God's homily in the difficult times of our lives. When we know deep in our hearts that our Lord speaks to us, we will rely on Him just like St. Paul did in our second reading. Our weakness will become our strength. All the Lord asks is for us to listen to Him.



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