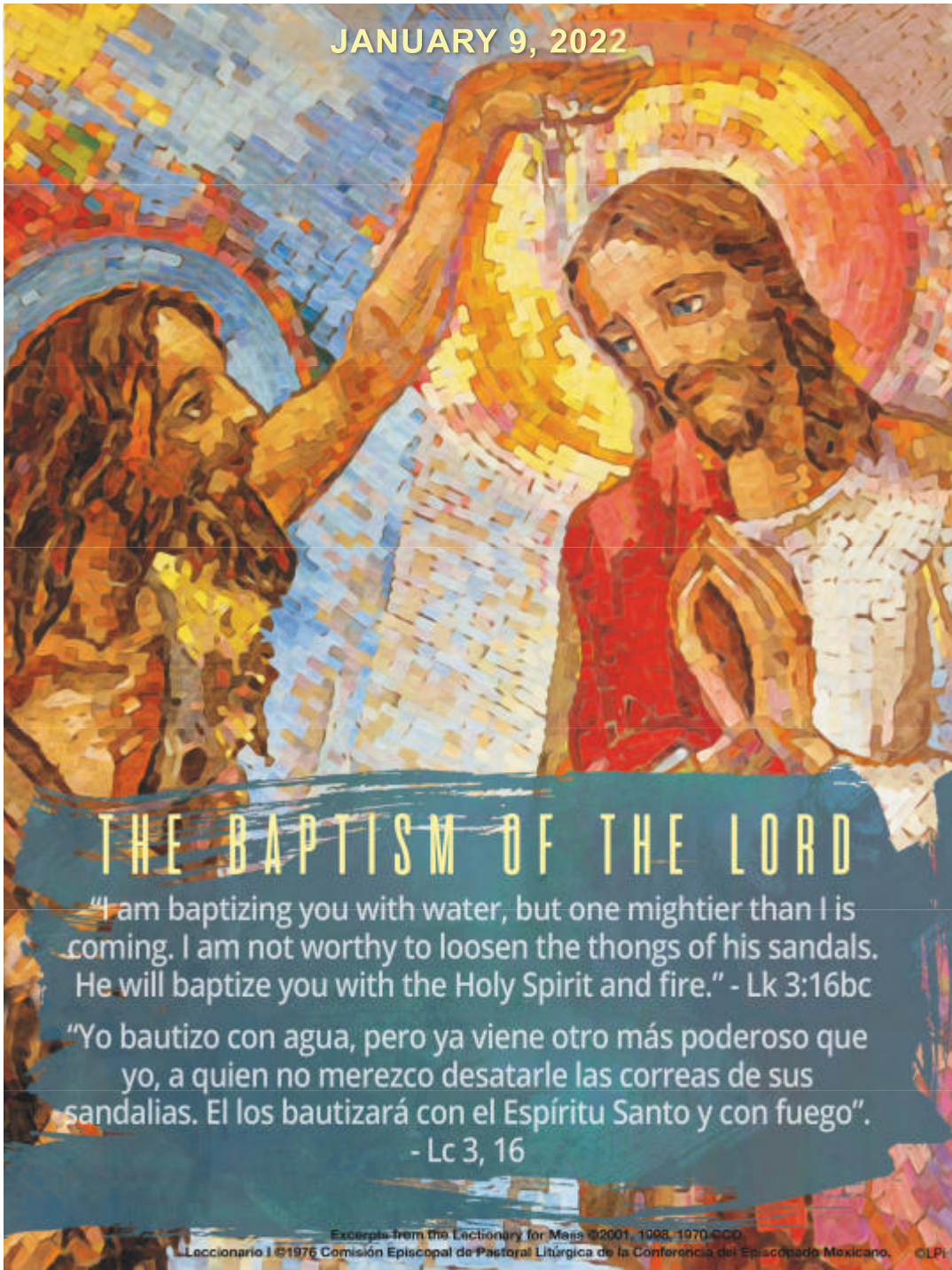


JANUARY 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"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

"Yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego".
- Lc 3, 16

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ST JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

PASTOR: REV. EMMANUEL I. IHEMEDU

PAROCHIAL VICAR: REV. CARLOS ZAPATA

DEACONS: ROY DUNGAN (SENIOR STATUS), ANGEL LUIS GARCIA JR.,
RICHARD HAMEL, PETER HYDE (SENIOR STATUS)

OFFICE — Pope St. John Paul II Pastoral Center
160 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790

The parish office is currently closed to the public. We are available by phone, email and fax:
Monday thru Friday, 9 am - 4 pm | PHONE 860-482-4433 | FAX 860-489-4070
SaintJohnPaulTheGreatParish@gmail.com

Saint John Paul the Great Parish OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community united by faith in God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist and empowered by the Holy Spirit to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our parish family and community through prayer, faith formation, stewardship, fellowship and outreach.

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

MON.	St. Francis	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
TUE.	St. Peter	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
WED.	St. Francis	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
THU.	St. Peter	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
FRI.	St. Francis	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
SAT.	St. Peter	10:00 am - 5:30 pm

OUR WORSHIP SITES

Masks are recommended regardless of vaccination status.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CHURCH**
160 Main St.

Masses:

Sundays 7:00 am, 10:00 am
Weekdays (M, W, F) 8:30 am

ST. PETER CHURCH
99 East Main St.

Masses:

Sundays 4:30 pm (Sat. Vigil)
8:30 am, 11:30 am (*Español*)
Weekdays (Tu, Th) 8:30 am
& (Tu) 6:30 pm (*Español*)

SACRED HEART CHURCH
116 Grove St.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS (Eng/Esp)
St. Francis • 2:00-3:00 pm

TUESDAYS (Esp/Eng)
St. Peter • 5:30-6:00 pm

Confession is available face-to-face as well as behind the privacy screen.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please contact the parish office to register.

*It's not too late to make
a New Year Resolution
to volunteer at
St. John Paul the
Great Parish!*



- ♦ Volunteering in the parish can give our lives greater purpose.
- ♦ We often learn new things while volunteering.
- ♦ Volunteering can help to provide a broader perspective of life.
- ♦ Serving others provides hope and improves the quality of other people's lives.
- ♦ Volunteering can give us lifelong friendships.
- ♦ There is a healthy sense of pride which comes from serving others.
- ♦ Volunteering lets us pass on a legacy of service to the next generation.
- ♦ One day our Heavenly Father will say, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Please call Chris Delgrande, Director of Ministries, at 860-482-4433 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord, Masses Pg 4
Community Meal - See Kevin's Place on page 6

Monday, January 10

8:00 am, bulletin submission deadline for January 16 bulletin
8:30 am, Mass @ St. Francis, open for private prayer until 4 pm

Tuesday, January 11

8:30 am, Mass @ St. Peter, open for private prayer until 4:00 pm
4:15 pm, Legion of Mary @ Pastoral Center
5:30 pm, Exposition, 6:15 pm Benediction @ St. Peter (Spanish)
5:30-6:00 pm, Confession @ St. Peter (Spanish/English)
6:30 pm, Santa Misa @ St. Peter (Spanish)
7:00 pm, Reunión de Juan XXIII en el Salón de San Pedro

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 am, Mass @ St. Francis, open for private prayer until 4 pm
4:30-5:30 pm, Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Francis (English)
5:00-6:30 pm, Father Carlos office hours (Spanish)

Thursday, January 13

8:30 am, Mass @ St. Peter, open for private prayer until 4 pm

Friday, January 14

8:30 am, Mass @ St. Francis, open for private prayer until 4 pm
6:30 pm, Adoration & Community Prayer @ St. Peter Church

Saturday, January 15

10:00 am - 5:30 pm, St. Peter open for private prayer
2:00-3:00 pm, Confession @ St. Francis
4:30 pm, Mass (Vigil) @ St. Peter Church

Sunday, January 16

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Masses Pg 4

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 26, 2021: \$10,128.00

CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2021: \$6,931.00

ONLINE GIVING

December 20-26, 2021: \$3,041.05

**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERING TOTAL:
\$20,100.60**

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO
ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT PARISH

Thank you for your continued generosity

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT 2021 Annual Parish Collection

AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2021:

Total pledges: 536 Total paid: \$99,278.00

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parish families to our Annual Collection that assists us in addressing our offertory income shortfall. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so this week.

Thank you for your care and concern of our parish.



Dear Parishioners, we depend totally on your weekly offerings for the upkeep of our parish. I thank you for your continued generosity in supporting St. John Paul the Great Parish.

God Bless You, Father Emmanuel

MAKING DONATIONS AND OFFERTORIES IS EASIER THAN EVER. Sign up for **ONLINE GIVING** on our easy-to-use platform! *The Benefits of Online Giving: It's fast and easy.* Once your account is set up, you don't have to do a thing. You can start, stop, and change your gift-giving at any time for any reason. It's automatic, fully secure and confidential. You have total control.

Set Up Your Online Giving Account today. Simply visit www.johnpaulgreatparish.com and click on the online giving link to get started. *For questions, contact anitaressel@yahoo.com or call Anita at (860) 482-4433.*

ONLINE GIVING IS PROVIDED BY OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, A CATHOLIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING PARISHES FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS.

Our 2022 Mass Books are open for: January 1 – June 30, 2022.

Due to COVID our parish office is closed to the public. We are accepting PHONE CALLS ONLY from 9 am – 3 pm. We will allow 2 daily and 2 weekend Masses to be booked.

Masses can be requested in memory of your deceased loved ones, or for those who are sick or suffering, or in celebration of an anniversary, sacrament or birthday.

The Church considers the Mass the greatest possible prayer of intercession because it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection.

**The next bulletin submission deadline is
8:00 am • MON., JANUARY 10
FOR JANUARY 16 bulletin**

*Submissions cannot be accepted over the phone. Please submit no later than deadline by email to: saintjohnpaulthegreatbulletin@gmail.com
Late submissions will be considered only if space allows.*

**FATHER EMMANUEL'S
WEEKLY PRAYER**

My prayer for you this week is
Romans 8:28.

**IT SAYS: "And we know that God
causes all things to work together
for good to those who love God,
to those who are called
according to His purpose."**

What if you knew that everything that burdens your heart today will work out fine? What if you knew for certain that everything that is going on or has gone on in your life was meant to be, planned just for you, and in your best interest? What if you knew that your medical condition would work out for the best? ROMANS 8:28 assures us that everything will work out for good to those who love the Lord. As you love the Lord, may He cause all things work together for good for you and your family in Jesus' Name. Amen!

– Father Emmanuel



*Happy New Year
from my family
to all of you, my church family!*

*May the Hand of God rest upon
all of you in this 2022!*

New Year Wish List for Parish



**Our aging parish truck
is a 1997 Dodge Ram
in poor condition
and we need to replace it
with something newer.**

**If you have a used truck to
donate to the parish, we
would be very grateful!**



– Fr. Emmanuel

Please contact the office
at 860-482-4433.

**Little things are indeed little,
but to be faithful in little
things is a great thing.**

– Mother Teresa

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8th

4:30 pm St. Peter
† Farkas & Gentile Families *by the Family*

Sunday, January 9th

7:00 am St. Francis
For the intentions of all parishioners

8:30 am St. Peter, live-streamed
† Dennis M. DeFranceschi *by sister Claudia*

10:00 am St. Francis, live-streamed
† John Hudach *by Tim & Liz Nardi*

11:30 am Mass in Spanish, St. Peter, livestreamed
For the intentions of all parishioners

Weekday Masses

MONDAY 1/10 8:30 am ST. FRANCIS
For the intentions of all parishioners

TUESDAY 1/11 8:30 am ST. PETER
† John & Johanna Meyer & Joan Bertoli *by Edward & Lois Asklar*

Mass in Spanish 6:30 pm ST. PETER
For the intentions of all parishioners

WEDNESDAY 1/12 8:30 am ST. FRANCIS
For the intentions of all parishioners

THURSDAY 1/13 8:30 am ST. PETER
† Francesco & Pasqualina Perugini and Nunzio & Antonia Guerrera *by the Guerrera Family*

FRIDAY 1/14 8:30 am ST. FRANCIS
For the intentions of all parishioners

Saturday, January 15th

4:30 pm St. Peter
† Nick Donahue *by mother Marianne Fusco Donahue*

Sunday, January 16th

7:00 am St. Francis
† Christopher M. Triggs *by Wife & Family*

8:30 am St. Peter, live-streamed
† Fil Leto *by Peter & Barbara Zaffina*

10:00 am St. Francis, live-streamed
† Joseph DiLullo *by Maria, Michael & Laura DiLullo & Children*

11:30 am Mass in Spanish, St. Peter, livestreamed
† Maria M. Galvan & Vicente Luna *by Father Carlos*



IN NEED OF PRAYERS?
Please call Cheryl at our Prayer Line.
860-960-4805
...completely confidential

SUNDAY 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am (Spanish) Masses are live-streamed.

Online Masses and services can be accessed by using **Facebook** and **YouTube** links on our website under *Mass Schedule* at:
<https://johnpaulgreatparish.com/masstimes>
(Please note: Facebook link is live and YouTube link is recorded video).
Our YouTube channel is [SJPTG Parish](#).

For those who do not have access to the internet
optimum. but who would like to watch the Sunday Mass:
a brand of attice CABLE 5 broadcasts a recording of the St. John Paul the Great SUNDAY MASS each week, premiering Fridays, with repeats on the following Mondays and Wednesdays:
MASS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 9
will air Friday, January 14 @ 2 pm; repeating
Mon., Jan. 17 @ 4 pm; AND Wed., Jan. 19 @ 3:30 pm

Also, a television Mass produced by the Office of Radio & Television is aired DAILY AT 10 AM on WCCT-TV (CW20) and WCTX-TV (MyTV9), and also at 5 am Saturday and Sunday on WCCT-TV. <https://ortv.org/mass.html>



SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning this week

at **ST. FRANCIS** in memory of

MATT CANFIELD

at **ST. PETER** in memory of

DENNIS M. DEFRANCESCHI



Parishioners may request that Sanctuary Candles be lit for one week in memory or in honor of a loved one. For more information, please contact the parish office at 860-482-4433.

Please pray for recently
deceased members of our parish...

ANNA C. GALGANO

MARY KAKOWSKI

NELLIE VESTALI

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

SATURDAYS • 2:00-3:00 pm



Confession is available face-to-face as well as behind the privacy screen. All must wear masks regardless of vaccination status. See directives at johnpaulgreatparish.com.

ATENCIÓN PASTORAL EN ESPAÑOL

Martes - 5:30 pm: Exposición del Santísimo
5:30 - 6:00 pm: Confesiones
6:15 pm: Bendición
6:30 pm: Santa Misa
7:00 pm: Reunión de Juan XXIII en el Salón de San Pedro



Miércoles - 5:00 - 6:30 pm: Atención de oficina. Confesiones, consultas sobre sacramentos y orientación espiritual. Para citas en otros días u horas, por favor de llamar a la oficina o hablar con el padre Carlos.

PASTORAL CARE IN SPANISH

On Tuesdays: 5:30 pm: At St. Peter's. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions available from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. Benediction is at 6:15 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by the John the XXIII meeting at St. Peter Hall.

On Wednesdays: Office Hours from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. For appointments at another day or time, please see Fr. Carlos or call the office.

EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays ~ English
4:30 – 5:30 pm • St. Francis



Join us Fridays, 6:30 pm
St. Peter Church

for **DIVINE MERCY**
CHAPLET / ADORATION
COMMUNITY PRAYER!

Open to the Public. Masks are
recommended for everyone
regardless of vaccination status.

Livestream: facebook.com/JohnPaulGreatParish



Urgent Need for Volunteers!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE OUR PARISH?

At St. John Paul the Great, we've been able to provide the Mass virtually for parishioners since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020 and we are committed to continuing this for as long as the need exists.



To accomplish this, we urgently need additional volunteers to run the livestream Masses. We're looking to train a number of volunteers from each Mass (especially daily Mass) so that we can alternate who will be running the livestream and to ensure we always have a member available.

There's no age requirement or age maximum. The volunteer needs to arrive a little early, run the livestream on a laptop and stay a few minutes after. If you're good with technology or a quick learner, this will be easier for you; training will be provided for all volunteers.

If you're interested in joining the livestream team, please contact the parish office at 860-482-4433

Livestreaming of daily Mass has been suspended until volunteers come forward.



2021-2022 Religious Education

Grades K-8th meet
Sundays 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Confirmation Students meet
Sundays 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Classes are held at St. John Paul
the Great Academy,
360 Prospect Street

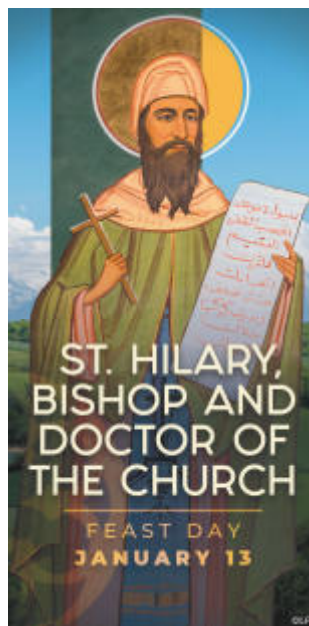
Jen Owens, Director of Faith Formation
Email: johnpaulgreatreligioused@gmail.com
Cell: (860) 307-2291 (call/text)
Web: <https://www.johnpaulgreatparish.com/religious-education>

BAPTISMAL BIB

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. 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. ©LPi



St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

(c. 315 – c. 367) was born a pagan, 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 Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. 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.

THREE EASY STEPS TO KEEP YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



WASH YOUR
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE

St. John Paul the Great Parish Ministries & Volunteer Opportunities

"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." — ST. JOHN PAUL II

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server Coordinator	Nicole Fragione
Eucharistic Adoration	860-482-4433
Eucharistic Minister Coordinator	
St. Francis	Gail Marchand
St. Peter	Pat Fairchild
Eucharistic Minister Training	Mary Ann Seiser
Lector Coordinator	
St. Francis	Peg Doyle
St. Peter	Brian Tutt
Liturgical Decorating Ministry	
St. Francis	
St. Peter	Pat Fairchild
Music Ministry	Konstantza Chernov
Sacristans	
St. Francis	
St. Peter	Louise Binelli

MINISTRIES/CLUBS/SOCIETIES

Bereavement Ministry	Mary Ann Seiser	860-482-4433
Holy Name	Michael Yuchunas	860-309-0448
Holy Rosary	Claudia Guisti	860-307-9696
Homebound Visits	Mary Ann Seiser	860-482-4433
Knights of Columbus #55	David Mwanza	203-419-6144
Legion of Mary		860-482-4433
Family Life Ministry	Jen Owens	860-307-2291
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Joan Colangelo	860-482-6294
RCIA		860-482-4433
Scripture Discussion	Mary Cashman	860-489-7568
Social Ministry	Maria Daddario	860-482-4433
St. Anne's, Mother Cabrini & Franciscan Societies		
.....	Jacqueline Stefurak-Harms	860-482-7791
Virtus Training		860-482-4433
Welcoming/Hospitality		860-482-4433

GRUPOS APOSTÓLICOS Y

COORDINADORES PASTORAL HISPANA

Movimiento Juan XXIII	Fani Orellana	336-695-3672
Preparación para el Bautismo		
.....	Diácono Ángel García	203-577-7130
RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)		
.....	Diácono Ángel García	203-577-7130
Preparación para el Matrimonio		
.....	P. Carlos M. Zapata	860-482-4433 (Ext. 16)
Evangelización	Orlando Orellana	860-806-4522
Pastoral de Vida Matrimonial y Familia		
.....	Yuneris Owens	860-307-2291
Pastoral Social	Doris Ramírez	860-459-6658
Preparación de Quinceañeras		
.....	Yuneris Owens	860-307-2291
Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión		
.....	Carmen Fernández	860-921-3408
Lectores	Sonia Sánchez	860-307-8349
Ministros de Acogida	Rubén De La Roca	860-459-6845
Sacristán	Roberto Castillo	860-309-2316



Kevin's Place

**Provides a FREE COMMUNITY MEAL on the
2nd and 4th WEEKENDS of each month.**

Until further notice, Kevin's Place will not hand out meals at the hall. We will deliver a meal to FISH and/or Friendly Hands on our normal monthly schedule. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support.

Donations to support Kevin's Place are welcome and appreciated. Please make payable to St. John Paul the Great and put "Kevin's Place" in memo on checks. Mail to parish office: 160 Main St., Torrington, CT 06790.

*For more info or to volunteer, contact Chris Delgrande
860-307-2969 / christine.delgrande@gmail.com*



FOOD PANTRY

If you, a family member or elderly neighbor are in need of food, come to FISH NW CT Food Pantry, 332 South Main St., Torrington or call the office 860-482-7300, 9 am - 5 pm and we will provide you with information. **Everyone is welcome!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS® SOLIDARITY COUNCIL #55

Knights Council #55 was formed with the purpose of helping and sustaining our parish. We are looking for more men to help us in our task of supporting our pastor and the parish.

JOIN US! Get more information by calling or texting 860-307-5204 or e-mail to kocsolidarity55@gmail.com

You can also join the Knights Online:
<https://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

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://www.wmectw.org/>.

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

Para apoyar a las parejas casadas durante este tiempo de distanciamiento social, el Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial está patrocinando experiencias matrimoniales virtuales. Algunas son los fines de semana y otras se presentan los martes y jueves durante 7 sesiones de 7:00PM – 9:30PM en la comodidad de su hogar. Las parejas explorarán sus estilos de personalidad individuales, mejorarán las habilidades de escucha y comunicación, entenderán el plan de Dios para su matrimonio y aprenderán a mantener su relación como una prioridad. El cupo es limitado y se requiere una cuota de solicitud de \$100.00. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, llame a Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o renuevatumatrimonio.org.

“The ABCs of Annulment”

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Philip Schulze, pastor of **Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street in Madison**, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on **Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm**, in the Church Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham. **Follow-up Annulment Workshops** to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team will be present for the workshops.

The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required.

For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

TRAVELING? Masstimes.org helps Catholics get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes.

Churches routinely change their Mass times, so remember to double-check the parish's website to see if the Mass times are still valid.

Courage & EnCourage Support Groups

EnCourage: Wed., January 19th at 7-8 p.m.

Courage: Call Fr. Landback, 203-934-6357 x2

Courage International is a Catholic network of confidential support groups for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and seek to live chaste lives in Christ. Courage International also sponsors separate confidential support groups (called “EnCourage”) for those who seek to gain greater understanding and acceptance of their loved-one’s same-sex attraction, while honoring chastity. For meeting locations and additional information, contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-934-6357 X2 or aohctcourage@gmail.com. The website for Courage International is couragec.org.

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father, in the face of confusion and concern, impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You, allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

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SHARE THE WARMTH THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Holy Rosary Society would like to **thank** everyone who contributed to **Share The Warmth this Holiday Season.**

We collected an abundance of hats, gloves, mittens, socks and scarves that were distributed to FISH, Friendly Hands and The Gathering Place.

They were very grateful to receive these items that were handed out at Christmas.

Your **generosity** made this possible.

Thank you again.



Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center | 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT 06032 (860) 677-8519

Women's Retreats at OLC – Retreat weekends at Our Lady of Calvary give you the time, space, and Spirit-led guidance to find your way. Our program content is inspired by the Holy Spirit and deeply rooted in Scripture, while drawing from everyday life experiences shared by all women.

Weekend Retreat Dates in January and February

January 14 @ 7:00 pm - January 16 @ 12:00 pm

February 11 @ 7:00 pm - February 13 @ 12:00 pm

February 25 @ 7:00 pm - February 27 @ 12:00 pm

<https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/retreat-weekends/>

Beginning Saturday, January 8th, 2022,

The Grotto Gift Shop

at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 53 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118 is open weekends only from

11:30 am-4:00 pm, weather permitting.

A 30% discount will be offered on selected Christmas items during this time.

Regular hours will resume in March.

For further information,
email: lourdesshriect@gmail.com
or call 860-567-1041.



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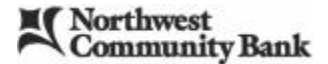
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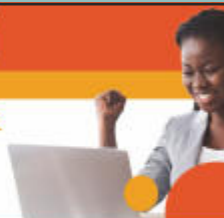
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