

3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020



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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30am

Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am &
10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm -
3:30pm and *anytime* by
appointment.

Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick:

Call the rectory anytime a
person is sick and would
like anointing or a visit

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our parish
office to arrange pre-
Baptismal instruction and
the time of the ceremony.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434
1660, if you want to *learn
more about becoming a
priest or deacon*, or
contact Fr. Greg Galvin,
Vocations Office: 860 887
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Sacrament of Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage
must begin at least six
months before actual
ceremony. Please call our
parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in the 9th grade and
the sacrament is received
in the 10th grade. Adults
can join the RCIA.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am & 6:30pm

(No evening Mass the day
before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed
Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

Sexual Misconduct Services:
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"Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men." - Mt 4:19

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Winter Weather

*If there is a school cancellation or delay
due to snow, morning Mass
will be celebrated at 12:00pm noon.*

MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Jan. 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

4:00pm Elizabeth K. Planeta r/b her family

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8:00am Don McCue

10:30am James LaChere r/b Pete and Betty Gallagher

Vincent Wilczynski r/b Bob and Sue Staab

Mon. Jan. 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin

7:30am Healing for Louise Rochon r/b her sister, Mim

Tues. Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30am George & Sylvia Wood r/b Amanda Babineaux

Wed. Jan. 29

7:30am The Holy Souls in Purgatory r/b The St. Elizabeth of The Trinity Community of Discalced Carmelite Seculars

Thurs. Jan. 30

7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Fri. Jan. 31 St. John Bosco, Priest

7:30am The Healing of America r/b a parishioner

Saturday Feb. 1

4:00pm Richard H. Miller r/b Barbara Burns and daughters

SUNDAY February 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD;

World Day for Consecrated Life

8:00am Jeanne Nagle r/b her son, Fr. Walter

10:30am Siro and Ellen Ann Toffolon



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: How do I discern if a call to do something big is from God?

A: Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

GOSPEL MEDITATION (Matthew 4:12-23)

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea." Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? "Come after me." These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

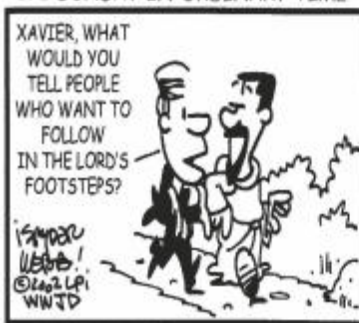
"Come after me." The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. "Come after me," Jesus says. "At once they left their nets and followed him."

Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

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Readings for the week of January 26, 2020

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 /Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7-10 /Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Ps 132:1-2,3-5,11-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10 /Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40



Parish Pot Luck Supper Friday, Jan. 31 @ 6:00pm



Our *monthly* Pot Luck will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel (CTK) parish hall on Friday, Jan. 31 @ **5:45pm** *for cocktails (wine & beer) BYOB, 6:00 pm for dinner.*

Please bring a dish, salad or dessert to share.

Come to enjoy a good dinner & good company!

Questions? Call Nancy Gatto, 860-390-6314.

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

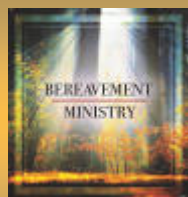
**Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, 8:30am
at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich**



*Pray for the pre-born, the sanctity of all human life,
and healing for all who, because of abortion, have suffered.*

Join Fr. Ray Introvigne, celebrant.

The Power of Prayer is Endless.



Bereavement Ministry:

We gather on the
**2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm
in the St. John's rectory.**

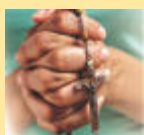
If you want to be with others who
understand feelings of loss, please join us.

Contact: Donna MacNeill 860-395-7326.

Come to daily Mass: M-F mornings @ 7:30am!

There is something about the intimacy of daily Mass that creates a different experience than Sunday Mass. It is the same Mass, but you hear things in a different way, you witness things in a different way. The quiet and peace of the daily Mass experience is a great opportunity to discover the genius of Catholicism.

(Matthew Kelly)



***Have you been thinking about praying
the Rosary with a committed group
praying for peace and other's needs?***

Give us a try... we are a small group who meets regularly (**Tuesday @ 4:30pm**). We welcome more devotion to Our Lady as she urges us to "Pray the Rosary".

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Children's Choir	Tuesday 6:15pm
Adult Choir	Tuesday 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration	M-F 6:15-7:15am
'God Squad' Prayer Group	M-F mornings after 7:30am mass
Rosary	Tuesday 4:30 pm
Men's Club	1 st Thursday 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group	1 st Wednesday 7:00pm
Small Christian Community (scripture sharing)	Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study (for all)	Thursday 9:00am
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday 9:30am
Parish Pot Luck Supper	last Friday of month 6:00pm
Shoreline Soup Kitchen <u>Sign-up</u>	2nd Sun, even months
Shoreline Soup Kitchen <u>Serve</u> (Sat. breakfast)	3rd Sat, even months
N.L. Soup Kitchen <u>Sign-up</u>	1st Sun, odd months
N.L. Soup Kitchen <u>Serve</u> (Sun. Supper)	2nd Sun, odd months

New Altar Server Training:

After All Masses on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2.



Please plan to stay after mass for a brief training session. We need new altar servers at all masses, but especially at the 4pm Vigil Mass. (Children must have received their First Holy Communion.)

Each new altar server will fill in a short form indicating mass preferences and contact info.

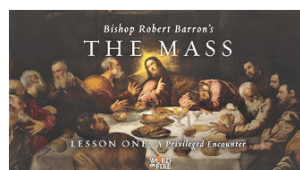
Morning Eucharistic Adoration

M - F 6:15 - 7:15 am

before the 7:30am Mass

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2/18/2020 through 03/31/2020

Morning session: 10-11:45am at St John Sheridan Center.

Evening session: 7-8:45pm at St. Mark's

Information and registration:

Clare Rayder 860-304-4946, or clamaray@gmail.com

OUR PARISH SUPPORT:

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Thank You for your generosity!

Do you want to register with the parish? Welcome!

Have you changed your address, are you moving out of or into the parish, or would like to receive envelopes? Please call the office, 860-434-1669. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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☐ New registration ☐ Envelopes

☐ Change of address

Mass of Thanksgiving for Consecrated Life

Sunday, February 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

All are invited to join **Bishop Michael R. Cote** in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and the Diocese of Norwich by building up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment.

The homilist for the Mass will be **Father Jacinto Chapin, FI**. Father Jacinto is a member of the **Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate** and is currently the delegate superior for the **Marian Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Griswold, CT**.

Open Houses 2020

- Sunday, Jan. 26th, 10am–noon,
- Wed., Mar. 18, 9-11am & 6-8pm
- Thur., May 7th, 9-11am (PreK3, PreK4 & K only).

See our facilities, talk to our staff and learn about our challenging curriculum, enrichment and extracurricular after-school programs, our competitive sports and clubs. Please register in advance by visiting our website.

- Come visit also on "Walkabout Wednesdays". Parents are invited to visit St. John School on Wednesday mornings from 9-10am to experience a typical day. You will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, peek in on the classrooms, tour the gym, computer lab, science lab, Spanish/music room, library, gymnasium and briefly meet with the Principal. **These special tours will be offered on Feb. 5, March 4, 11, April 8, 22, May 6.** Registration is required. You are invited to hear about "Educating the Whole Child" from PreK3 to Grade 8. Registration for 2020/21 academic year will commence in February 2020, after current student enrollment. For more information and to register for open house or "Walkabout Wednesdays", see our website, saintjohnschool.org. To arrange private tours or a shadow day for your child, please call the school office (860) 388 0849. All are welcome.



Saint John
SCHOOL

Project Rachel.....is our Norwich Diocesan ministry *for anyone* seeking healing or coping with an abortion experience. Priests in the Project Rachel ministry are there for you with God's grace and mercy. Call 860 848 2237, ext 306. *All inquiries are confidential.*



Birthright in Clinton seeks volunteers!

Make a difference...

Have you recently sent your youngest off to kindergarten or college? Are you looking for a productive and fulfilling way to fill some of your time each week? Birthright is in need of office volunteers to provide friendship counseling, free pregnancy tests and practical support to women in our community. ***We are looking for a 3-hour weekly commitment for office volunteers and we provide full training....no experience necessary!*** If you would like to learn more about Birthright and our volunteer opportunities, please contact our office at 860-664-9466.

Sunday, Feb. 9 is World Marriage Day, the perfect time to recognize and affirm the Sacrament of Marriage in your parish.

In honor of World Marriage Day, the Diocese is sponsoring a Marriage Enrichment **Saturday Feb. 8 at St. Mary Parish Hall, Jewett City**, entitled ***The Joy of Love***, based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' ***Amoris Laetitia***. This enrichment will re-energize a couple's marriage and deepen their faith through practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life.

Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

at Saint Mary Church Hall

34 North Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal



As the 2019 ACA comes to a close, we would like to express our appreciation for your generous donations that have allowed our diocesan programs and ministries to carry out their missions.

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Middlesex Looking for Hospice Volunteers.

Hospice volunteers are an integral part of the Middlesex Health team, and they work with patients and families as they cope with the challenges of terminal illness. Aspiring volunteers must submit a volunteer application and complete 12 hours of training and a 12-hour mentorship before they can begin their work. The next training sessions will be held on April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and April 18 from 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Both sessions are mandatory for new volunteers and will be held in the Randy Goodwin, MD Conference Center located at Middlesex Hospital, 28 Crescent Street in Middletown. For more information, contact Diane Santostefano, Middlesex Health Hospice's volunteer coordinator, at 860-358-6955.



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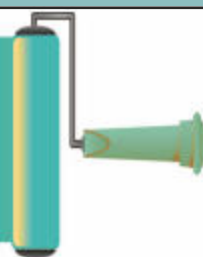
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