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**Eucharist:**

**Mass:**

Mon. -Fri.:

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Sat. Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM  
& 10:30AM

**Adoration:**

M-F: 6:30-7:30AM

**Reconciliation :**  
**(Confession)**

Saturday: 4:00pm -  
4:30pm 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

**Baptism:**

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

**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 9294.

**Matrimony:**

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

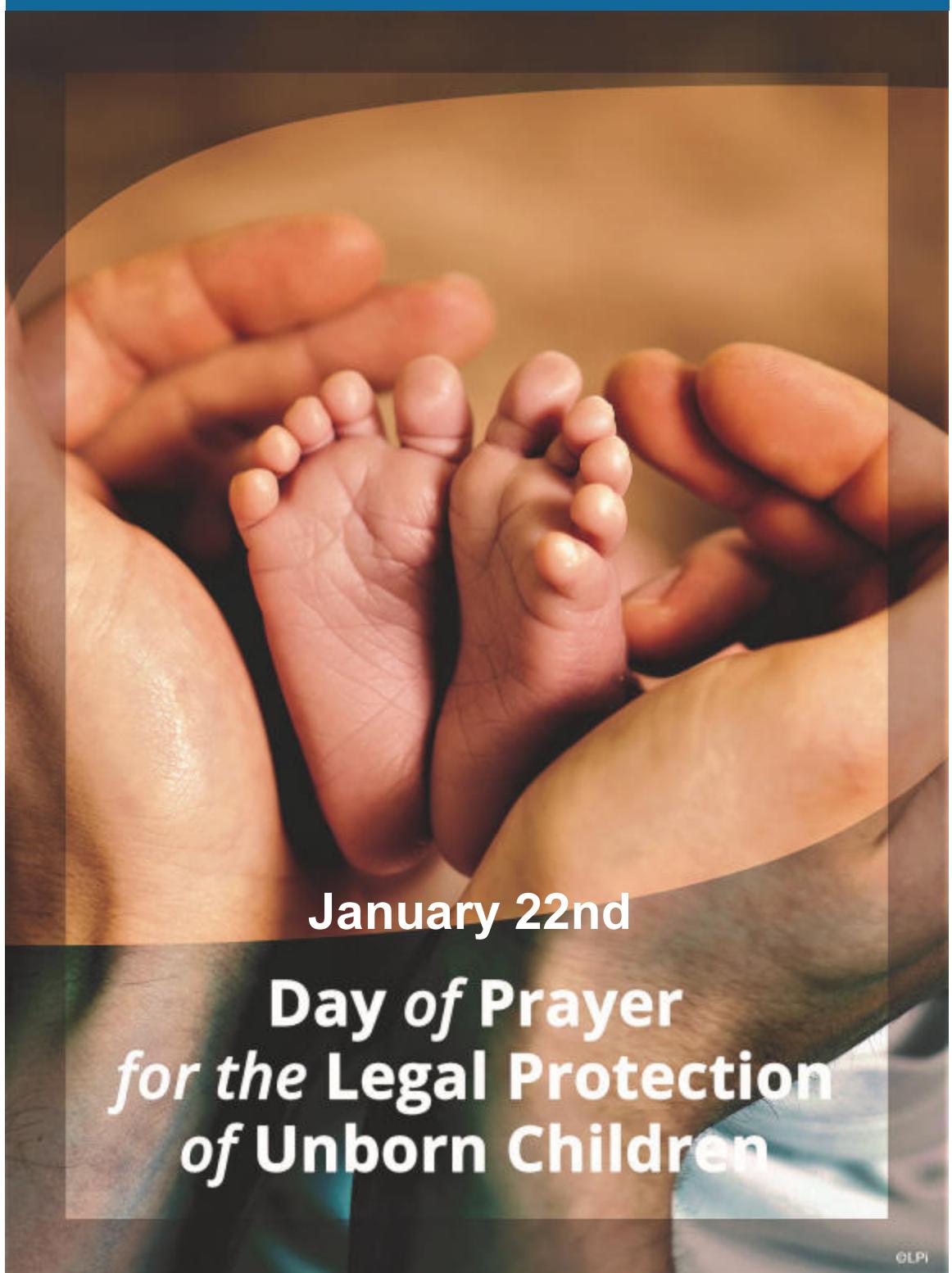
**Confirmation:**

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

Sexual Misconduct Services:  
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**January 22nd**

**Day of Prayer  
for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children**

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**"The time is always right  
to do what is right."**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 18th

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sat. Jan. 16

5:00pm Varkey Mattam r/b the family  
John Torrenti, Jr. r/b D. Lavoie-Gonci & family  
Mary Levassur r/b D. Lavoie-Gonci & family

### SUNDAY Jan. 17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Alfred Joseph Zaleski r/b family and friends  
10:30am Faustina Fogarty Goodwin r/b family

Mon. Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (office closed)  
8:00am John Wilcox r/b Bob and Susan Wickland

### Tues. Jan. 19

8:00am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Wed. Jan. 20 St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  
8:00am Healing for Bob Staab r/b Joe and Nancy Lacasse

Thur. Jan. 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am Healing for Bob Wickland

Fri. Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

8:00am For all victims of abortion

Sat. Jan. 23 St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope,  
Virgin; BVM

5:00pm Dolores Garofalo r/ Joan Moylan  
John Torrenti, Jr. r/b Celeste and Michael

### SUNDAY Jan. 24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Philip Bucchi r/b Joe and Nancy Lacasse  
10:30am Rosemary Towmczak Strekel r/b her sister Margie

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week  
will be lit for the innocent  
victims of abortion.**



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## WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

### COME TO SUNDAY or SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

(Public WEEKEND Masses began on July 4, 2020)

SAT: 5pm, SUN: 8am & 10:30am

...OR WEEKDAY MASS

(began June 8, 2020) M-F: 8AM

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote,  
Bishop of Norwich, has dispensed of the  
Sunday Mass obligation.

As of Nov. 6, limitations on religious worship are now 25% building capacity or 100 people as amended by CT's Governor. We comply with state orders by social distancing, every other pew is taped and unused; masks are to be worn by attendees and hand sanitizer used at the entrance. [norwichdiocese.org](http://norwichdiocese.org).

## LIVE THE LITURGY (John 1:35-42)

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness.

To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

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## Day of Prayer for the LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

JANUARY 22nd

It is an error to claim, "It's not a human, it's an infant," or, "It's not a human, it's an adolescent." That would be like saying also in error: "It's not a human, it's a fetus." These are category fallacies.

The proper answer to these assertions would be, "Sure it's a fetus, sure it's an infant, and sure it's an adolescent. It's a *human* fetus, a *human* infant, and a *human* adolescent." These are simply stages of development in the human life cycle.

A human starts as an embryo, becomes a fetus, is born an infant, develops into a child, grows into an adolescent, matures into adulthood, and eventually dies.

Scientifically and philosophically, there is no good reason to believe a human being is created at birth, because *nothing* is created at birth. At birth, a fetus simply changes location and changes its mode of acquiring food and dispensing waste, but at no point does the child become something entirely new or different.

Life begins at conception and proceeds through its stages until death. From the moment of conception, we, when unborn, are human beings.



Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church?

**IS RCIA FOR YOU?** There are many reasons why you may want to become involved in the RCIA. Do any of these fit you?

- I have never been baptized.
- I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step may be.
- I have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic.
- I have been baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments.

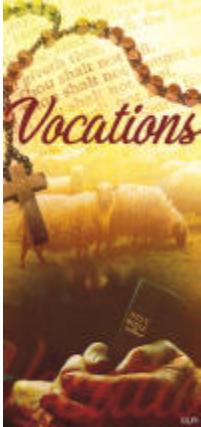
Do you know someone who might be interested? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step!

**Contact Fr Joe & Fr. Walter:** 860 434 1660, or contact Mark or Jo Ann Staves: 860 434 4374, markstaves1122@gmail.com

**Thursday, January 21, 2021**  
**St Joseph Church, Chester**  
**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. Pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those applying to the Diocese.

[God-calls.com](http://God-calls.com)



**Project Rachel Rosary:** Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the third Tuesday of each month as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. **The next Rosary will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021.** Contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) to receive a link.

Pro-Life Quote of the Week:

*"All that is required for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing."*

Edmund Burke



To all our parishioners and contributors, thank you for your generosity and support throughout the challenging year of 2020. We appreciate your kindness!

**Readings for the week of January 17, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1-4 /Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2,4-5, 9-10/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4 /Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 - 8:6/Ps 40:7-10, 17 /Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8, 10-14 /Mk 3:13-19

Sat.: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 /Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9 / 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20



The office staff was treated to such kind words, treats and gifts over the Christmas Season. We greatly appreciate our fellow parishioners' thoughtfulness. You made the season bright! Thank you! ~ Louise and Peg

#### Positions Open at Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care

Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care is seeking a full-time **Registered Nurse** for its hospice care program **and** a **CNA/HHA** for its home health care program. **Hospice Nurse Requirements:**

- RN license
- home care and hospice care experience
- driver's license,
- understand computers.

#### CNA/HHA Requirements

- Experience preferred but not necessary
- Driver's license
- Personal and caring

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January, 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

January 22, 2021 marks the 48th anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The day is set aside as a day of prayer and penance. Traditionally, each year in Washington, D.C. there is the National March For Life. The theme of this year's march (which will be held on January 29) is "Together Stronger, Life Unites".

Defense of the unborn is a pastoral priority of Pope Francis. He often speaks about the "throw away culture". In doing so he echoes the clarion call of Saint John Paul II who noted in his encyclical Evangelium Vitae: " It is no less true that we are confronted by an even larger reality, which can be described as a veritable structure of sin. This reality is characterized by the emergence of a culture which denies solidarity and in many cases takes the form of a veritable 'culture of death'. This culture is actively fostered by powerful cultural, economic, and political currents which encourage an idea of society excessively concerned with efficiency. Looking at the situation from this point of view, it is possible to speak in a certain sense of a war of the powerful against the weak: a life which would require greater acceptance, love and care is considered useless, or is held to be an intolerable burden, and is therefore rejected in one way or another." (EV, 12) Who can be more weak and vulnerable than an unborn child?

At its core, the issue of abortion is fundamentally a spiritual problem. Do we have the trust in God that the developing life within will have enough food, money, resources, love, and support? If not, where is the Christian community? This past year the U.S. Bishops launched a year-long service project to mark the 25th anniversary of Evangelium Vitae - The Gospel of Life. The service project is titled "Walking With Mom's in Need". If our pro-life witness is to be effective, we need to be on the front lines of caring for moms in need. In doing so we are heeding the call of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to go to the margins of society.

One of the bright lights in our culture is the work of crisis pregnancy centers/services. Recent ultrasound technology has now been made readily available so that pregnant mothers can see the miracle of life growing in their womb. Many abortion-minded women have changed their minds with the gift of this technology.

As the U.S. Bishops have noted, defense of the unborn is a "pre-eminent priority" for U.S. Catholics. We turn to the Lord of Life and beseech His aid and guidance. God doesn't need large numbers. Remember, in the Old Testament Gideon was successful in battle with just a handful of men. If we are to transform the "culture of death" into a "culture of life" everyone is called to a conversion of heart. Prayer can obtain all things. May the Lord hear our prayers and pleas for a culture that values and treasures human life.

Thank you for your work in God's vineyard and thank you for all you do to build a culture of life in the Diocese of Norwich.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



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