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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 07, 5:00 pm (English)

+ Grace & Thomas Maltese r/b family.

+ John Ryczek, Sr r/b John Ryczek, Jr.

Sunday, Oct. 08, 9:00 am (English)

+ Emma Stielau r/b Peter Stielau & Arthur Weber.

Sunday, Oct. 08, 12 noon, (Spanish)

+ Tony Peñaloza, (1st ann) r/b MeryAnn Astudillo.

Monday, Oct. 09, 5:00 pm

+ Joy Joseph r/b family

Tuesday, Oct 10, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 5:00 pm

+ George Sawyer, 1st ann, r/b wife Nancy

Thursday, Oct. 12, 5:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 13, No Mass.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 5:00 pm (English)

+ George Sawyer, 1st ann, r/b Sawyer family.

+ Mary Lou Ross, 2nd ann, r/b Bob & Joan Kenefick.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 9:00 am (English)

Sunday, Oct 15, 12 noon, (Spanish)

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2017

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Oct. 1, 2017 = \$3,664.00

Oct. 3, 2016 = \$3,888.00

YTD (Year to Date)

2017 = \$47,568.00

2016 = \$43,312.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS COMBINED MISSION COLLECTION

ATTENDANCE FOR

Sept. 30 & Oct 1, 24,
2017

Sat. 5:00 pm = 84

Sun. 9:00 am = 93

Sun. 12 noon = 185

TOTAL = 362



WEEKLY CEREAL & CAN GOODS REPORT

65 lbs. & \$0.00



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This "A F R" will be sent out email and distributed at all the masses during October. Each week we need \$4,000 to make ends meet.

FROM FATHER KENNEDY,

It is very sad to say that our country has a long and tragic history of mass killings.

Las Vegas is just the latest, done by one person with a large number of powerful guns and lots of ammunition.

The real tragedy, in my opinion, is that NOTHING is going to change. Gun laws will not be made more restrictive and improved ways to kill people will become more available. Did you ever hear of "bump stocks?"

Most gun owners are extremely responsible, but it only takes one. We pray for the victims and their families and we wait for the next shooting.

TWO QUOTES FROM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"He who works with his hands is a laborer.
He who works with his hands and his head
is a craftsman.

He who works with his hands and his head
and his heart is an artist."

"Remember that when you leave this earth,
you can take with you nothing that you
have received--only what you have given."

ST. FRANCIS MULTI-CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Hello Everyone:

I hope you are well. I am Laura Cuadriello-Arreguín, a parishioner of St. Francis, and a coordinator for this year's Multicultural Event. I am writing to invite you to join in this year's celebration. The event will be on Sunday, October 15, and will start after the 12 o'clock Mass (approximately 1:00 p.m.). There will be many parishioners representing many countries with tables displaying the typical foods of their countries.

If you would like to partake in this event, please send me an email (lauracuadrielloarreguin@gmail.com) letting me know who will be in charge of your table, and which country you will be representing. Also, please let me know if you have any form of entertainment, i.e. dancing or singing you would want to do. You can notify either me or Sister Gloria, so we can add you to the program. Hoping to hear from you and see you at this year's Multicultural Celebration.

Laura Cuadriello-Arreguín

Coach de vida



SUNDAY, OCT 8, 1:30 PM
Union Green in Middletown.
Same place as last year.

KEEP IN CONTACT

If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office so we can send them a bulletin and bring them Holy Communion.

40 DAYS OF LIFE

The Diocese of Norwich, in conjunction with all the Diocese in the United States and many non - catholic Pro - Life organizations is sponsoring its annual 40 Days for Life campaign starting on Wednesday, September 27 and ending Sunday, November 5. 40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion through:

Our parish has to cover Monday, October, 9, from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm at the Planned Parenthood Center on Case Street, in Norwich. That is Columbus Day. We have a sign-up sheet available this weekend with time slots. We would like at least two people for each slot. I have done this a number of times and it is quite a nice experience.

AMAZING GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Invites you to the 2017 -
Amazing SOUP Challenge

Come & enjoy a Delicious
Soup Supper served by our
local celebrity servers!
Donations Welcome!



DATE: Thursday, October 19, 2017
TIME 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Cross Street, AME Zion Church,
440 West Street, Middletown, CT 06457

COME GATHER TO CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY'S
COMMITMENT TO SHARE ITS FOOD.

HEALING PRAYERS FOR: Billy & Kathy
Kowalski, Nar Scaia, Helen LoGuidice Bousquet,
Ethan Heng, Robert Rau, Rick Csuhta, Charlotte
Trapasso, Joe Dorgan, Lydia Perez.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AWARD

Susan Gombotz and Primitiva Quiñones were selected as the two award recipients for this year. Billy Kowalski will be recognized for his many years of service as our parish custodian.

REST IN PEACE
Oscar Shippee

PROJECT RACHEL

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS ~ If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. The next weekend in Connecticut is October 20-22 in Litchfield, CT. For more information call 203-631-9030 or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

"PROJECT RACHEL" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the Project Rachel ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

8TH ANNUAL SETON SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Please join Bishop Cote at the Eighth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam Connecticut. This year's honorees are: Ms. Sharon Briere, Principal, St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT; Mrs. Robin Holtsclaw, Claims/Risk Manager, representing Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and Mr. James Leone, Theology Teacher, St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT. Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 16, 2017. All proceeds benefit Catholic elementary school students within the Diocese in the form of tuition assistance. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kqaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

WORKSHOP FOR THE BEREAVED

~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring two workshops for the bereaved entitled: Praying Your Goodbyes. Both workshops will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling, and will give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays, and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. It will be offered on two separate dates: Saturday, November 4 from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic, and the second Sunday, November 19 from 1:30 to 4 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 10 Elm St., Middletown. There is no cost for either workshop, but registration is required. To register for one of the two dates, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

Every Thursday afternoon at 4:00 pm, members of our Spanish community gather in the church to pray. Everyone is invited.

On Thursday evenings, the charismatic prayer group, formerly from St. John's, now meets in our chapel every Thursday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. The church is open during the day.

UNLOCKING THE WORLD OF JESUS & THE BIBLE

Come for a day long presentation by Speaker Tom Smith, Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School. Discover the meaning of discipleship, unlock the Gospels with a new understanding of idioms and images in the Bible. Saturday, October 21, 2017, Christ the King Church, Old Lyme, from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. \$35 (includes lunch) For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

PERMANENT DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Diocese of Norwich intends to start a new Permanent Diaconate Formation Class. A deacon is ordained and missioned by Christ through the bishop to minister to the needy and the poor and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests. The deacon is a sacramental sign of this service and he solemnly promises to be a living example of such service for others. The first step is the identification of potential Candidates for the five-year Permanent Diaconate formation program. If you are college educated, under the age of 55, and feel called by the Holy Spirit to begin investigating a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate then please discuss this with your pastor and send an email to director@norwichdeacons.org no later than Sunday November 5, 2017.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

HARVEST FAIR HOSTED BY THE SAINT SEBASTIAN CHURCH, SAINT THERESA'S GUILD

On November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Saint Theresa's Guild will hold a Harvest Fair at St. Sebastian Church, 155 Washington Street, Middletown, CT.

Featuring: ARTS, CRAFTS, FARM FRESH VEGGIES, CHOCOLATIER, HOMEMADE ITALIAN COOKIES, & MORE! Morning muffins & coffee--lunch available. Handicap accessible. For more: 860.930.3447

UPCOMING FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 7 - Feast of St. Francis Dinner
Oct. 8,- Blessing of Animals, 1;30 Union Green.
Oct.11-13- Niagara Falls Bus Trip
Oct. 15 - Multi-Cultural Celebration Time 1;15 pm
Nov. 11 - Festival of Angels Fair
Nov. 30 - Radio City Christmas Bus Trip



FESTIVAL OF ANGELS - GRANDMA'S ATTIC

Please take the time now to see if you have any items you can donate for our **Grandma's Attic**. We are accepting **gently used Fall, Winter, and Christmas items**. **Thanksgiving decorations, small Christmas trees, and lawn decorations** would also be greatly appreciated.

Religious items, Boutique items i.e. Jewelry, gently used Handbags, etc. are also appreciated. Please bring your donation(s) to the Fox Parish Center any day during office hours (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. on Fridays). (Will pick up if necessary). For more info or any questions, please contact: **Sherrie Schlechtweg at (860) 346-4383**.

PARISHIONERS' ARTS & CRAFTS TABLE

Handmade scarfs, bags, ornaments, decorations, as well as Holiday Baskets will be offered. Orders will be taken for Holiday Swags and Basket arrangements. We encourage all parishioners to use their creativity and contribute to the Arts & Craft Table. Anyone wishing to make a craft contribution can contact **Elsie Kiley at (860) 347-3554**.