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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 12, 5:00 pm (English)

+ For all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

Sunday, May 13, 9:00 am (English)

+ For our sick and homebound parishioners.

Sunday, May 13, 12 noon, (Spanish)

Monday, May 14, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 15, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 16, 5:00 pm

Thursday, May 17, 5:00 pm

Friday, May 18, NO MASS

Saturday, May 19, 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday, May 20, 9:00 am (English)

Sunday, May 20, 12 noon, (Spanish)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 2018

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

May 6, 2018 = \$3,015.00

May 8, 2017 = \$5,164.00

YTD (Year to Date)

2017/18 = \$162,099.00

2016/17 = \$154,787.00



THE SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND IS FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



ATTENDANCE FOR

May 5 & 6, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm = 65

Sun. 9:00 am = 78

Sun. 12 noon = 155

TOTAL = 298

HEALING PRAYERS FOR:

Helen LoGuidice Bousquet, Rick Csuhata, Jack Romegialli, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Florida Gallagher, Pablo Alborado, Lorraine Cimino, Josephine DeMaio..

REST IN PEACE

Rose Brousseau

Again, our parish will be participating in the "Change for Life" fund raising program that the ABC Women's Center has every year. Please take home a bottle and fill it with change.

HINKA'S CUPBOARD

The next date to serve the needy is Thursday, May 31, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. We are in need of rice, oil, beans, tuna, brownie and cake mix, soup, salad dressing, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce. The sad reality is that more and more people are falling below the poverty line and this includes more and more children. It is hard to imagine so much poverty in a country as rich as we are.



WEEKLY CEREAL & CAN GOODS REPORT

58 lbs. & \$0.00

EDWARDS TWINS UPDATE

The response to the Edwards Twins show has been great. We will be a group of 53 attending this Aqua Turf event scheduled for Monday, May 21st. Everyone should arrive at the Aqua Turf by 11:30 a.m. There will be coffee and doughnuts available. Family style lunch will follow. The show will begin at 2:00 p.m. There are no tickets involved. You will be assigned to a numbered table assigned for our group. We will have five tables and you will be sitting with those individuals you signed up with. Susan Gombotz will be there early to direct you to your table. Any questions, please contact Sue at (860) 346-1870 or email her at sbotz1014@gmail.com

BUS TRIP NEWS

Saratoga races & city tour has been cancelled.

Jesus - at Sight & Sound, Lancaster County & Longwood Gardens -

Event Date: Sept. 26-27, Cost: \$388 p.p. single, \$336 p.p. double, \$323 p.p. triple. Contact Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870 if interested.

BIBLE STUDY (English)

Bible Study this Wednesday at 7:00 pm.



TAG SALE

Dear St. Francis Parishioners, We will be having a TAG SALE on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 9-2 in the Parish Hall. Sooooo, clean out your closets, attics, cellars bookcases and garages for items you no longer need or want! Please contact Dave or Sue Wesoloski for more info at 860-916-1575 (cell) or read426@aol.com. (Email). If you would like help price items the week of June 12th and/or work on Saturday June 16th, or donate items for the sale, please respond via email to: read426@aol.com or call my cell 860-916-1575 or my home phone 860-347-9820. Many thanks to those who have contacted me already. Sue Wesoloski

LADIES' NIGHT OUT DINNER

Plans are underway to celebrate the last meeting of the Ladies Night Out before the summer break. Traditionally it has been celebrated with a "Night Out" dinner. This year our dinner will be held on Thursday, May 17 at the Campagna's Restaurant (151 Marlborough St.) in Portland at 6:15 p.m. All members of the Ladies' Night Out are invited. Please call Lois Smith at (860) 347-0489 to confirm by May 14th that you would like to attend the dinner and that your dues are paid in full.

Our next dinner for **St. Vincent DePaul** is rapidly approaching (June 3) We will need volunteers. Our parish has always done a GREAT job at this twice a year event. I'm sure we will come through with flying colors. There is a box for financial contributions. Please be generous.

MY IRELAND TRIP CANCELLED

Not enough people signed up for the trip. Maybe next year. My ancestral roots are around Waterford.

WELCOME FATHER BILL WALLACE

Fr. Bill Wallace will be saying the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass so I can attend an all-day Spanish conference in Bloomfield. Thank you, Father Bill.

MOTHER'S DAY PARTY MAY 20, 1:00 PM

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and the following Sunday at 1:00 pm we will be having a Mother's Day celebration in the parish center. Everyone is invited.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LIST

Alexander Alderete, Amarellis Arenas, Angel G. Benitez, Christopher Mendez **, Evelyn Zanjuampa Romero, Gabriella Benitez, Hannah Marie Crocker, Ismael Zanjuampa Romero, Jefferson Albañil, Jonathan Alderete, Josh Jimenez, Kimberly Mendez**, Laura Ann Baber, Lily Franco, Michael Alderete, Yeretsia Zanjuampa Romero, Saxvi Perez Ramirez, and Eder Maximino Valencia.

** Christoper and Kimberly Mendez were also baptized.

12TH ANNUAL JUSTICE CELEBRATION JUNE 06, 2018, 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 10 Elm St., Middletown CT 06457 United Action CT will be holding its 12th Annual Justice Celebration on Wednesday, June 6th at St. Francis of Assisi, Monsignor Fox Parish Center, 10 Elm Street, Middletown CT. The doors open at 6:30 PM and the program and dinner start at 7:00 PM.

UACT always honors a person who has shown exceptional social justice fortitude and a dynamic guest speaker is also scheduled. Our committee is still working on the details so save the date and plan on attending this exciting event. RSVP Online

MOTHER'S DAY

(Written by Fr. Rick Ricard, pastor of St. Bernard parish in Rockville, CT.)

May is the month we remember our mothers, both in heaven and here on earth. It's a sad reality that we can easily take for granted those we love the most. Mother's Day reminds us of the gift God has given us with our mothers. Like our heavenly mother, Mary, they give us life, support, strength, direction and, most of all, their unconditional love. On behalf of my brother clergy and the staff of our parishes I would like to thank our mothers for all they do for their families and for our Church. May God bless you and those you hold most dear.

"May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing."

--Saint Padre Pio.

POSITION VACANCY

The Diocese of Norwich seeks a full time **Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul Middletown**. Job description available on Diocesan Website. (norwichdiocese.org)

Deadline for application is June 15, 2018.

Send letter of application, resume, references, and salary expectations to becky@norwichdiocese.net or mail to:

Office of the Chancellor - Diocese of Norwich
201 Broadway - Norwich, Connecticut 06360

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT and Nov 2-4, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at [860-315-2127](tel:860-315-2127) or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS

Adoration is held every 2nd Sunday between masses.

**Adoration/Holy hour every Thursday in April, 11 am – 5 pm.

** Sister Gloria leads this and it is mostly in Spanish.

LATEST BUS TRIP

CONNECTICUT LIGHTHOUSES

Join us on Tuesday, August 21 for a relaxing lunch and then cruise out on the ocean. We'll begin with some time at the Olde Mistick Village and lunch at The Steak Loft. (Your meal choices are: Chicken Teriyaki, Crab Cakes or BBQ Baby Back Ribs, with Potato, Dessert & coffee.)

We'll then board the high-speed SEA JET CATAMARAN for a 2-hour cruise which will take us past eight Lighthouses: New London Ledge & Harbor, Avery Point, Watch Hill and Race Rock, Latimer Reff, North Dumpling and Little Gulf. Cost: \$107. If interested contact Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870.

Hope to have flyers at the church entrances next week.

NEW READERS AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Being a Reader or Eucharistic Minister is not supposed to be a life time position. After three years it is highly recommended that new people come on board and those who are replaced can always help out when needed. They don't forget how to read or distribute Jesus' life-saving Body or Blood. They are always "on call."

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ST PIUS PARISH, MIDDLETOWN

Vacation Bible School!!!! This fun filled week will be June 25-June 29 from 9 am—noon for preschoolers through current fifth graders. The cost is \$50 per child for the week. To register please download a form from the Saint Pius website: www.saintpius.org and mail it to Saint Pius Faith Formation. If you have any questions, please call Kim Molski at 860-346-9100 or email at k.molski@saintpius.org

St. Edmund's Retreat on Enders Island is offering an upcoming seminar on Suicide Prevention. Please consider posting the following attachment in your weekly bulletin. Your parish support of the ministry of Enders Island is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Enders Island at [860.536.0565](tel:860.536.0565) or visit our website, endersisland.com, for more information or to register for a program.

ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Consider attending this upcoming Women's ACTS retreat, a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. This is a simple, reverent, Catholic retreat with goals of renewing yourself spiritually, strengthening your faith in your daily life, and creating lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. Retreat begins on Thursday evening June 28th, with a 5:45 PM check-in at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT. Participants will then go to My Father's House in Moodus, CT, for the remainder of the retreat where you will experience true faith, fun and unconditional love. The retreat will end on Sunday, June 1st, with a morning Mass and reception at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT.

**\$199 First Time Retreatant Special
Questions? Contact Maureen Fleming at 860-338-1392
For more information, go to actsct.org