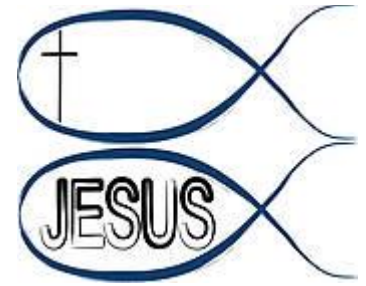


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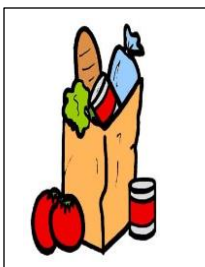


MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Oct. 06, 5:00 pm (Bilingual)
+ John Ryczek r/b son John.
Sun. Oct. 07, 9:00 am (English)
+ Emma Stielau r/b son Peter.
Sun. Oct. 07, 12 noon (Spanish)
+ Tony Peñaloza (2nd ann)
r/b family.
Mon. Oct. 08, 5:00 pm
+ Tony Peñaloza (2nd ann)
Tues. Oct. 09, 5:00 pm
+ Joy Joseph r/b family.
Wed. Oct. 10, 5:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 11, 5:00 pm
+ George Sawyer (2nd ann)
r/b wife Nancy.
Friday, Oct. 12, NO MASS
Sat. Oct. 13, 5:00 pm (English)
+ Mary Lou Ross (30th ann) r/b Bob
& Joan Kenefick.
Thomas & Grace Maltese, r/b family
Sun. Oct. 14, 9:00 am (English)
+ Carol Novello, r/b Ed and AnnMarie
Cook.
Sun. Oct. 14, 12 noon (Spanish)

BIBLE STUDY

Has begun. Next class is
Monday, Oct. 8, at 7:00 pm until
8:30 pm.. Bring a Bible.



WEEKLY
CEREAL &
CAN GOODS
REPORT
53 lbs. & \$00.00

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

October 07, 2018

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Sept 30, 2018 = \$2,943.00

Sept 30, 2017 = \$3,659.00

YTD (Year to Date)

2017/18 = \$44,906.00

2016/17 = \$47,699.00

The second collection this
week is for the Cradle Fund.
The second collection next
week is for the Combined
Mission Collection

ATTENDANCE FOR

Sept. 30, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm = 52

Sun. 9:00 am = 80

Sun. 12:00 pm = 208

TOTAL = 340

HEALING PRAYERS FOR: Helen
LoGuidice Bousquet, Rick Csuhata,
Jack Romegialli, Norma Ramirez,
Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James
Rosado, Pablo Alborado, Frank &
Sandy Magnoli, Sue d'Antonio, Sal
Quadarella, Tatiana Johnson,
Robert Condron, Ron Sirles,
Carmen Rivera.

SPECIAL MEETING

I will have a special meeting for our parishioners who would like to discuss the sexual abuse crisis in our church on this coming Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7:00 pm in the parish center. This crisis has devastated the Church's credibility in many ways and the repercussions will be felt for generations.

HINKA'S CUPBOARD

"H C" is next open on Thursday,
October 25 from 1 – 4 pm. All are
welcome!

If you wish to donate to "H C"
please make the check out to St.
Francis church with Hinka
Cupboard in the memo line.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Epifanio Casarez & Emma
Palmiera, who were married
here last Sunday afternoon
and to Marialyn Nuñez who
was baptized at the Spanish
mass last Sunday.
Pictures in online bulletin

40 Days-For-Life

This year, the Campaign runs from
Wednesday, Sept. 26th through Nov. 4th. It
is hoped that you will join our Diocese by
praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the
peaceful prayer vigil held outside the
Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in
Norwich.



NEW BULLETIN STARTS NEXT WEEKEND

Our new bulletin format starts next weekend with a bilingual color bulletin. Judy, Paola, Belki, Sister Gloria and I are not yet in panic mode, but will probably be there by this coming Tuesday. It will take a month or so to get the bugs out, as they say, but it will work out in the long run. Announcements must be in by noon on Tuesdays.

Dates for GIFT and CONFIRMATION programs here at St. Francis

October 21 - November 18 - December 16, 2018

January 13 - February 10 - March 10 - April 14 (Palm Sunday) - May 19, 2019

ST. FRANCIS AWARD

Congratulations to
Myron Markowski and
Belki Santos.



FESTIVAL OF ANGELS FAIR MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: FOX PARISH CENTER

REMINDER - OCTOBER COFFEE

SOCIAL WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

PUERTO VALLARTA FUNDRAISER

Sincere thanks to Esaul Rodriguez, owner of Puerto Vallarta, for again sponsoring our parish fundraiser. For the past several years, Puerto Vallarta has, on a given day, donated 10 percent of all sales (before taxes) to help defray the cost of the Angel's Fair's Grand Prize raffle item. In addition to this, Puerto Vallarta has supported our Hispanic community's celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are very fortunate and appreciative to have the support of Puerto Vallarta. Won't you please come and enjoy the delicious food, support our parish, and show Puerto Vallarta how much we appreciate all it does for St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Our next event is DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 - TIME 11:00 A.M. – 10:30 P.M.

PLACE: 200 Metro Square, Middletown, CT

PLEASE TELL YOUR WAITER, BEFORE YOU ORDER, THAT YOU ARE FROM ST. FRANCIS

BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS"

PASSES ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT - DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. - COST: \$5 - INCLUDES: 25 % SHOPPING PASS

3 CHANCES TO WIN \$500 SHOPPING SPREES AND 46 CHANCES TO WIN

\$100 SHOPPING SPREES - Don't have time to go shopping but want to enter for a chance to win the prizes, purchase a ticket fill out the entry form. Leave your entry form at the Parish Office and it will be delivered to Boscov's on October 16. Passes on sale after all Masses this weekend and next weekend and also at the Parish Center until October 15th. All proceeds go to help support our Fair's Grand Prize Raffle and St. Vincent DePaul Dinner Fund.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

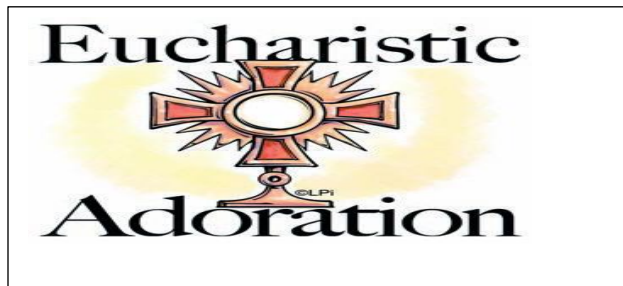
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS

Adoration is held every 2nd Sunday between masses.

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

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



VISITING OUR SHUT-INS

As our parish ages with the English-speaking community, we have more and more parishioners unable to get to church. We currently send out 20 bulletins but I'm sure the number could be triple that. We need coordination of our shut-ins as well as those members of the Spanish community who can no longer attend Mass.

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.

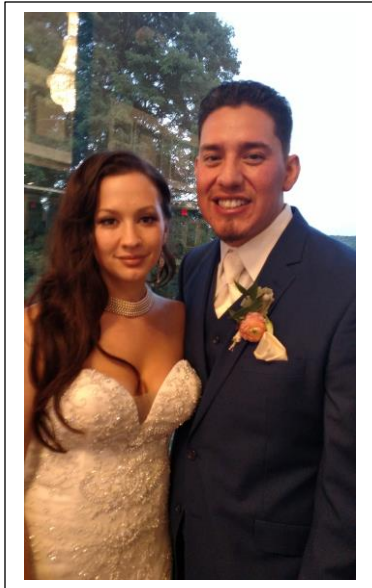
9TH ANNUAL SETON SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

The Ninth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner will be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton, Connecticut. At the dinner, Bishop Cote will present the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to: Monsignor Robert L. Brown, Chancellor, Diocese of Norwich from 1989-2017, (Posthumously); Reverend Mark D. O'Donnell, Pastor at St. Joseph Church, New London, St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, New London, St. Paul Church, Waterford, and Our Lady of Grace Church, Fishers Island; Father also oversees St. Joseph School, New London; and Mrs. Doris Messina, Principal, St. Michael School, Pawcatuck, Connecticut. Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 15, 2018. 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, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Red, White and Blue Mass

Twenty-Seventh Annual Red, White and Blue Mass
Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine. For more information call, Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.



NEW PEOPLE 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."

WEATHER ALERT

If the weather is too hot and you do not feel safe coming to church, stay home and watch Mass on TV. This include hurricanes!



WORKSHOP

Catholic Funerals: Rites,
Cremation, Planning,
Pre-planning, Cemetery Policies
Saturday, November 3, 2018
St. Matthew Parish, Tolland
Registration at 9:00AM. Program
from 9:30 to noon

Fee: \$10

For more information go to
www.norwichdiocese.org
Or call 860-848-2237x302

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 29TH



Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ 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: Thursday, November 8, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. at St. Sebastian Parish Hall, 155 Washington St., Middletown or Saturday, November 10, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. at Cathedral of Saint Patrick Church Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich. 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.

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2018-19 Theme Retreat for Women: *The World Will be Saved by Beauty*

“The World Will be Saved by Beauty,” is a weekend women’s retreat that will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, in Farmington. It begins Friday evening on October 26, 2018 at 7:00pm to Sunday, October 28 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme encourages us to spend time looking for what is beautiful, and to focus on those things that lift us up and help us feel closer to God, the One who sends beauty to refresh, nurture, and sustain us. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch. Offering is \$265. To register and view our other available Women’s Retreat dates: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

11TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 8 am – 4 pm
(Mass celebrated by Archbishop Blair)
St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol, CT
Featuring dynamic speakers, exhibitor, confession, adoration, food, and fellowship.
Speakers include Fr Bill Casey, Bob Kroll, Jason Calvi and Deacon Doug Hoffman. BUY TICKETS ONLINE www.ctcatholicmen.org
Questions? 860-484-7950
Early bird Cost: \$45 (includes lunch)

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND ~ 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 is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God’s love, forgiveness and compassion. It includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. The next weekend in Connecticut is October 19-21. For more information call Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

“**PROJECT RACHEL**” is our Norwich 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.

