



Saints Peter & Paul Church

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MASSES

Vigil Mass, Saturday Evening: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mornings: 7:00, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please advise us of anyone in your family who is ill at home or hospitalized for pastoral visits, Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of the Sick

RECONCILIATION

Thursday Evenings (during Lent) 6:15—7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Saints Peter and Paul Church 5:15 vigil; 7:00 a.m.
Saint Joseph Church 5:00 p.m.
Saint Mary Church 8:30 a.m. (English)
10:00 a.m. (Creole)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to begin preparations



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MASSES

Vigil Mass, Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mornings: 8:30 a.m. (Polish), 10:00 a.m.
Mondays: 8:00 a.m.

MASSES

Vigil Mass, Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m. (English)
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. (Creole)
Tuesdays: 8:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

RECONCILIATION

Friday Evenings (during Lent) 6:15—7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:15—3:45 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

In Spanish and English Tuesdays 5:45—6:30 p.m.
In Creole, special services are being prepared

REQUESTED BY

Saturday	5:30 PM	Ed & Esther Caughey	The Family
Sunday	7:00 AM	People of the Parish	
	10:00 AM	Stanley Peter Andruskiewicz, Jr. 3rd Anniversary	The Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM		
Thursday	8:00 AM		
Friday	8:00 AM	Robert Stone	The Family
Saturday	5:30 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday	10:00 AM	Serge Lindor	50th Birthday

Welcome to the New Year, 2017!

As we begin this New Year, let's take a look ahead at life in our cluster of parishes:

- The website is up and running! It is more than an electronic church bulletin. Use our website to get Catholic News, to revisit topics you've heard at Mass and to discover other topics important to our life of faith.
- Early in January, we'll be sending out thank you letters to everyone who contributed to the parish through Sunday envelopes or electronic giving. Save your letter for your income tax preparation. Thanks for giving!
- Many of you signed up for ministry, to share talents, or to seek help with a need. We will be organizing our ministries to welcome your offer in the weeks ahead. If you have not signed up for ministry in the parish, we have forms in the sacristy and parish offices.
- Our parish pastoral council is looking for new members. Do you know someone who would be an excellent council member? We are looking for thinkers, readers, pray-ers, and conversation partners who have a deep interest in our faith and our Church. Let us know and we will begin a process of discernment with that person.
- On the evening of the first Friday of February, Feb. 3rd, we will hold our first Clarification of Thought at St. Mary Church. The topic will be on the Catholic conscience and climate change, and will include a recent video, "Merchants of Death".
- This Lent, keep your Thursday nights free. Our Lenten renewal topic: "The Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Lively Virtues": presentation, video, discussion, prayer!
- Our Latino parishioners also have a program of Lenten renewal. We will be holding group discussions to prepare our parish Encuentro, leading to diocesan and national Encuentros for the energizing and renewal of Spanish-speaking communities in our country.
- This Lent, our Haitian Creole-speaking parishioners are invited to take part in a series of sessions to pray together and to learn about our traditions of prayer.

MARY
MOTHER OF GOD
OUR MOTHER

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us. It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.



K- 7 Classes

Sunday January 8th after 10 am Mass.

Confirmation Class

On Sunday Jan. 8th at 6:30pm to 7:30pm is for parents and students.

A variety of events also being celebrated on this date:

January 1, New Year's Day, celebrates newness. Exactly 8 days after Christmas, traditionally it celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. Beginning 1967, Pope Paul VI requested that this day be set aside as a day of prayer for world peace. For over forty years popes have issued a message encouraging prayer as well as action toward the establishment of world peace. If we use today to be as loving to others as mothers are to their children, this might be the year that peace becomes a reality. That reality may move us all to renew our commitment to God. So maybe this various celebrations do link together. **Happy New Year!**



**Sunday Offertory December 17-18:
\$3,092.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

JANUARY 1, 2017



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Diocese of Norwich**

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Families.**

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help us reach our goal of 1000.**

R.C.I.A.

Becoming Catholic

Our Monday night sessions will resume on
January 9 with the topic: "How Catholics
Pray". At Sts. Peter and Paul at 7pm

**YOUTH TRIP TO MARCH FOR LIFE
IN D.C.**

To evangelize and advocate for life issues, the
Office of Faith Events and the Youth Council is
sponsoring a bus trip to The Annual March for Life
on Friday, January 27, 2017, in Washington, D.C.

The youth will leave on the evening of Thursday,
January 26th from two locations- Willimantic or St.
Bernard's High School. The participants will travel
to the Archdiocese of Washington's Youth Rally
and Mass for Life at the Washington DC Armory.

Youth will take the metro to the National Mall
where they will March for Life ending up on steps
of the Supreme Court. There they will hear
testimonies and speeches about respecting life
before traveling home. The cost for the trip is \$85
per person and includes breakfast, t-shirts, metro
ticket, and bus fare. For information, please contact

Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or
860-848-2237 ex. 305.

Home Visits and Communion Calls

In the months ahead we hope to update the work of our Caring Committee in visiting and bringing Communion to those who are shut-in or in nursing homes. This is an ever changing list and we need your help to keep our records accurate.

Home Visits and Communion Calls

Name of Person: _____

Nursing Home: _____

or

Homebound at: _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Relative/Friend to contact for additional information: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please drop in the weekly collection basket
or mail to the Rectory Office.

Please Help Us with Our Parish Outreach Programs.

Morning Rosary

A reminder that each weekday
the Rosary is prayed at
7:45 AM before morning Mass.

Rectory Office Hours

Rectory Office hours are 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday - Thursday

For Your Information

If there is an Emergency of any kind, especially
a medical emergency during Mass, there is a
telephone located in the Sacristy of the Church.

PARISH UPDATE

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE

New Registration Change of Address

Want Envelopes Moving Out of Parish

PLEASE CUT AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BOX OR MAIL TO RECTORY.