



Sunday, Sept. 9: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Ardadiusz Plona by Elaine Nesta
10:00AM †Lorraine DeSantis by Jean Pepe & Famiy
11:00AM Baptism: Liliana Emilia Mangiafico
5:00PM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Monday, Sept. 10

12:15PM For an Increase in Vocations to Priesthood

Tuesday, Sept. 11

12:15PM †Family of Klekawka by K. Dzwonkowski

Wednesday, Sept. 12

12:15PM Intentions of the Celebrant

Thursday, Sept. 13: Saint John Chrysostom

12:15PM

Sunday, Sept. 16: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Zygmunt Uszynski by Alicija Grabek
10:00AM †Piotr Rajnik by Pastuszek Family
5:00PM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Please Pray for...

Our Sick, Homebound and those in Nursing Homes:

Rita Dubois, Phyllis Hary, Kathleen Kryszak, Lee Labianca, Joseph Malena, Marita O’Neill, Richard Picerno, Cecelia & Theodore Pisarz, Stephen Sen, Helen Tomassetti, and Frank Windish.

Our Deceased: Thomas L. Campanelli.

This week the Blessed Sacrament lamp will burn...

In Memory of

Thomas L. Campanelli

Requested by Elaine Nesta

Our Memorial candles are changing. Please call Paula at 860-225-6449 for details.



Church Support

September 2, 2018

Weekly Collection..... \$2,202.06
Children’s Envelopes..... \$4.00
Online Donations..... \$119.00

Thank you for your support.

Tonight at St. Thomas the Apostle

As part of their quarterly lecture series “Logos: The Catholic Imagination”, St. Thomas the Apostle in West Hartford has generously invited St. Francis’ Music Director Sarah Rodeo to give a presentation on liturgical music on Sunday, September 9th at 7:00 pm. Sarah will define the Greek word “logos” within the context of Christian philosophy and theology, situating the “logos” within the tradition of natural law, and explaining the relevance of the “logos” with regards to art – to (liturgical) music, specifically.



The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES grants.

Last Year’s HOPES Grants totaled \$155,000 to fund technology, safety, and advancement initiatives at thirty-two schools.

The Collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media.

Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2018 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of September 23, 2018.

Ladies' Guild Membership Social

Our monthly meeting will resume on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Membership dues remain at \$5.00.

Our evening will begin with a presentation from **Fancy Bagels**. Learn about the history and production of Fancy Bagels. Samples will be provided for taste testing.

Following the presentation there will be a brief business meeting. Refreshments of Fancy Bagel sandwiches and desserts will be provided. The evening will conclude with a raffle.

We urge all members to attend this meeting if at all possible as there are changes to be discussed. We would like to have our members hear about the changes in person and **not through the grapevine!**

Please come and join us for faith and fellowship as we begin our new year.



We need volunteers willing to help count the weekend collections on Monday mornings between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Each week three parishioners open, count, balance and deposit the collection on a rotating basis in accordance with Archdiocesan policy. If you are willing to join our team please call the parish office at 860-225-6449.

Saturday, October 6th

On the first Saturday of October, St. Francis is having an 8:00 AM Mass for the sanctification of our priests. Spread the word!

Our Vocation Corner

Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of "Ephphatha!" echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life. If you think you are being called, call Father Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, at 860-225-6449. You can also email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

SACRED MUSIC CATECHESIS

EVERY TUESDAY AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH!



ALL ARE WELCOME! WE WILL PRACTICE THE MUSIC THAT WE ARE SINGING THE UPCOMING SUNDAY AND LEARN A BIT ABOUT WHY WE ARE SINGING IT.

Our Music Director Sarah Rodeo is offering free organ and piano lessons to parishioners of all ages! Email her at sarah@stfranciscatholic.org to schedule lessons.

Attention CCSU Students

Every Thursday that school is in session, the Newman House (145 Paul Manafort Dr.) has FREE Student dinners at 7:00 PM. All are welcome – spread the word & invite your friends!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **October 19-21, 2018 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties.. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

175th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, November 28th at 2:00 PM

Archbishop Blair cordially invites you to attend this anniversary Mass at Saint Joseph Cathedral in celebration of the founding of our diocese. Handicapped parking is available in the rear of the Cathedral, with easy access to the elevators. Please save the date on your calendar and plan to attend. A reception will follow at Aetna.



Our Lady Queen of Angels Holiday Bazaar

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish in Meriden will be hosting a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, November 24th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Holy Angels Center. Currently we are looking for crafters. Please help us spread the word. If you are interested, or if you know of someone who is interested, in being a crafter, please contact our Craft Court Chairperson, Cheryl Raffile at 203-238-0199.

All Are Welcome to the Order of Malta's Fifth Annual

Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage

Saturday, October 13, 2018 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford, CT

Please register by October 5, 2018 with Mark Sullivan slvnchrth@yahoo.com 860-523-1405

"Like" Us on Facebook



If you are on Facebook, make sure to "like" our page, **St. Francis of Assisi Church, New Britain, CT**, and to "invite" your friends to "like" it too!



SSND Champagne Brunch

Sunday, October 14, 2018, 1 pm
The Boathouse at Saugatuck
521 Riverside Avenue, Westport, CT 06880

Celebrating 185 years of transforming lives through education – locally and globally. Hear what the School Sisters of Notre Dame are accomplishing today and enjoy a festive brunch surrounded by New England’s spectacular autumn palette.

Tickets are \$125 per person, available online at www.amssnd.org
For more information, please contact Jamie Shannon,
jshannon@amssnd.org or 203-761-9732, ext. 3207

St. Paul Catholic High School OPEN House & Placement EXAM Schedule

1001 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, CT

Join us for a tour of our campus, meet our faculty and visit with the St. Paul family. **OPEN House dates:** Saturday, September 22, Saturday, October 13, or Saturday, November 10 at 10:00 AM.

We are welcoming prospective grade 9 and 10 students wishing to attend St Paul Catholic High School for the 2019 –2020 school year to take the **Placement Exam** on Saturday, November 17 at 8:00AM.

For more information, contact Mr. Matthew Crowley, Director of Admissions at mcrowley@spchs.com or register online at www.spchs.com/admissions.

The exam will be held at St. Paul Catholic High School. A \$25.00 testing fee covers the cost of the exam. Students are encouraged to take the November Placement Exam to be eligible for certain academic scholarships.

Retrouvaille Weekend

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and rediscover why you feel in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend is September 21-23, 2018. For information, call confidentially [1-800-470-2230](tel:1-800-470-2230), email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or go to information & registration. Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program, which recently received Canonical recognition, and is an avenue for couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

Knights of Columbus Council #1090 Gala Art Auction

Terryville Knights of Columbus Council #1090 is asking you to save the date (September 29, 2018) and join us for our Gala Art Auction. The Art Auction will be held at The Lyceum on Main Street in Terryville, CT. The doors open at 5:30 pm, preview at 6:00 pm with the auction starting at 7:00 pm.

Hors D’oeuvres, desserts and a cash wine and beer bar will be featured. Admission is \$15 per person with limited seating.

All proceeds benefiting local communities, charities and Knights of Columbus initiatives. For tickets or more information please call Seb Russo (860) 205-4451 or Eric Pelz (203) 232-8705.