



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

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

Monday, Sept. 17

12:15PM Intentions of Celebrant

Tuesday, Sept. 18

12:15PM For Healing & Blessings

Wednesday, Sept. 19

12:15PM Souls in Purgatory in Honor of Sacred Heart

Thursday, Sept. 20: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön

12:15PM For an Increase in Vocations to Priesthood

Saturday, Sept. 22

11:00AM Baptism: Hunter Timothy Boughan

Sunday, Sept. 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
10:00AM †Albert Carrier by Daughters & Sons
5:00PM †Albert Carrier by Rita Dubois

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.

This week the Blessed Sacrament lamp will burn...

In Memory of
All Deceased Parishioners

Memorial candle cost is \$20.
Please contact Paula by email
parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org
or call 860-225-6449 for details.



Church Support

September 9, 2018

Weekly Collection \$1,791.76
Children’s Envelopes \$2.00
Monthly Collection \$1,002.00
Online Donations..... \$107.00

Thank you for your support.



- 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.**

Michael S. Griffin, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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 Faith, Our Future

Thank You!! More than **38,000** generous donors have pledged over **\$9,567,900** to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **Our Faith, Our Future!!**

In response to inquiries received over these past weeks, we again assure you that 100% of the funds donated to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are distributed as published in the annual report. Not one cent collected for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is used for settlements of sex abuse cases or legal fees.

To view the complete accountability report, go to <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2>.

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.

The ABCs of Annulment

Rev. Robert Turner, pastor of the St. Ambrose Parish (St. Monica, Northford and St. Augustine, North Branford) will host **"The ABCs of Annulment"** on **Friday, October 5th, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the St. Monica Church Hall, 1326 Middletown Ave., Northford.** Members of the Annulment Team will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Br. Larry Lussier CSC, Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham make up the Annulment Team who will help participants in writing their application in the follow-up **Annulment Workshop** also at **St. Monica's Church Hall on Fridays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.**

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. Participants receive a folder with the required printed materials. **A donation is requested to defray the cost of the printed materials. No registration is required.**

Directions from Hartford: Exit 14 from 91 S follow signs for CT 150 to Wallingford, turn LEFT onto E. Center St., turn RIGHT on to Northford Rd. for 2 miles which becomes Woods Hill Rd., then turn RIGHT onto Middletown Ave. to CT Highway 17. Church is on the LEFT. Hall is in the center of the complex.

For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at larlus300@sbcglobal.net.

Our Vocation Corner

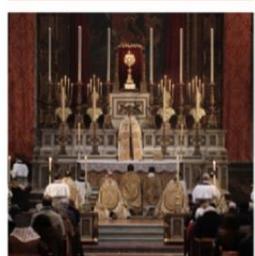
The Lord God gives sight to a blind person, opens our ears that we can hear. Lord, what are you asking of me? How do you want me to serve you? If you are being called to serve as a priest or religious, call Fr. Michael Casey as Director of Vocations at 860-225-6449. You can also email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Pro-Life Thought of the Week

It is well known that often – as the Second Vatican Council has also revealed (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 51,1) one of the main anxieties that spouses face is constituted by the difficulty of realizing the ethical value of responsible procreation in their conjugal life. The same Council bases a just solution to this problem on the truth that there can be no contradiction between the divine law concerning the transmission of human life and true conjugal love.

St. John Paul II, Address, 6/5/87

SACRED MUSIC CATECHESIS EVERY TUESDAY AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH!

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| <p>"WHAT EARLIER GENERATIONS HELD AS SACRED..."</p> |  |
|  | <p>...REMAINS SACRED AND GREAT FOR US TOO" <i>Pope Benedict XVI</i></p> |

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.

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.

Northwest Catholic High School OPEN House & Placement Exam

Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective students and parents to attend our annual OPEN House on Sunday, October 28th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. NWC will offer an entrance exam on Saturday, November 17th at 8:00 am. A completed application serves as registration for the exam. Walk-ins are welcome! You can apply online at www.northwestcatholic.org/apply. Please contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcath.org with any questions.

St Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School

100 Mayflower St. West Hartford, CT 0110

[\(860\) 561-2130, ext. 106](tel:(860)561-2130)

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For 3 and 4-Year Olds!

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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.

Franciscan Fund Raiser at Casa di Roma

Wednesday, September 19th 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

You can enjoy a great meal and support a good cause all at the same time. Casa di Roma Pizzeria Restaurant located at 103 Main Street in South Meriden will donate 20% of all orders (Dine In or Take Out) to Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care and Franciscan Life Center on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Visit their website www.casadiromact.com to view their menu.

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day Festival October 4, 2018

**MASS AT 6:00PM
CATERED DINNER AT 7:00PM**

TICKETS FOR DINNER ARE \$20 A PERSON AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT ALL MASSES, FROM PAULA AT THE PARISH OFFICE, FROM EMILY AT THE NEWMAN HOUSE, OR BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE: STFRANCISCATHOLIC.ORG/ AND CLICKING "CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS"

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!



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.

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.