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Saint John the Evangelist Church

22 Maple Avenue Uncasville, CT



Our Lady of the Lakes Church

752 Norwich-Salem Turnpike Oakdale, CT



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

63 Old Norwich Road Quaker Hill, CT

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm	SJE
	5:00 pm	OLL
Sunday	8:00 & 9:30 am	OLPH
	8:00 & 10:15 am	OLL
	11:00 am	SJE

Daily Masses

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Monday	7:30 am SJE
	7:00 pm OLL
Tuesday	7:30 am OLP H
Wednesday	8:00 am OLL
	12:05 pm SJE
Thursday	7:30 am SJE
Friday	7:30 am OLP H
	8:00 am OLL

Reconciliation

Monday	6:00 - 6:30 pm OLL	
Wednesday	12:30 - 1:00 pm SJE	
Friday	8:15 - 8:45 am OLP	Η
Saturday	2:30 - 3:00 pm OLP	Ή
	3:00 - 3:30 pm SJE	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm OLL	

(or by appointment, please call parish office)

Sacraments

Baptism

Please call the office to arrange for Pre-Baptismal Instruction and time of ceremony.

Matrimony

Preparation for marriage must begin at least eight months before actual ceremony.

Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick

Please call the office when weekly visitation of the sick is requested and anytime person is sick or infirmed.

Holy Orders

If interested in becoming a priest or deacon, please contact the Vocation's office in Norwich at 860-887-9294.

Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish

We welcome all visitors. If you wish to be a parishioner, please register in the parish office. Every family in the parish should be properly registered. Single adults over 21 years of age should register separately from their parents. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 2025



November 16 - 23, 2025

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

(OLL) – For Peace in the Middle East

(SJE) – For Peace in Eastern Europe

(OLPH) – For Peace in Haiti



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2025

4:00 pm (SJE) †Barbara Vincente- Birthday Remembrance
(Requested by: The Vincente Family)
5:00 pm (OLL) †Erwin & †Margaret – Anniv. Remembrance
(Requested by: Bud & Lorie Schmidt)
†Roman & †Stephanie Niebielski – Anniv. Remembrance
(Requested by: Robert & Mary Cikatz)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2025

8:00 am (OLL) †Elizabeth Mallett – In Memoriam
(Requested by: Carol Lecce)
am (OLPH †Past & Present Members of the Divine

8:00 am (OLPH †Past & Present Members of the Divine Mercy Guild

(Requested by: Divine Mercy Guild)

9:30 am (OLPH) †Jean Churchill – In Memoriam (Requested by: George Jr. & Thecla Abbiati)

10:15 am (OLL) †Carrado & †Natala Nastasi – In Memoriam (Requested by: Grandkids)

For the Children of the 2nd Grade Faith Formation Class & their Families

11:00 am (SJE) †Donna Carter – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Husband, Gary)

†Leo Chupaska – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Trish Deveau, Cindy Crocicchia, Pat Myers)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2025 - WEEKDAY

7:30 am (SJE) For Our Divine Mercy Parish
7:00 pm (OLL) Living & †Deceased Member of Woronik &
Trawczynski Families

(Requested by: Ted & Marie Trawczynski)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2025 – WEEKDAY

7:30 am (OLPH) Holy Souls whose Names are on our Altar

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2025 - WEEKDAY

8:00 am (OLL) †Marie Maskell – Birthday Remembrance (Requested by: Shelley)

12:05 pm (SJE) †Deceased Members of the Lariviere & Snack Families – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Renee Johnston)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025- WEEKDAY

7:30 am (SJE) †Wanda Rester – In Memoriam (Requested by: Susan Schwartz)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025- WEEKDAY

7:30 am (OLPH) Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
(Requested by: Rose Harman)
8:00 am (OLL) †Maureen Compton – Anniv. Remembrance
(Requested by: The Brush Family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

4:00 pm (SJE) †Billy Ray Painter- Birthday Remembrance
(Requested by: The Vincente Family)

†Fred & †Teresa Onuparik –Anniv. Remembrance
(Requested by: Bill & Patty Onuparik)

5:00 pm (OLL) †Matthew Manavas – Birthday Remembrance
(Requested by: Kelly Barry)

†Margaret & †Bill McGrane – In Memoriam
(Requested by: Ann Marie Sosin)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

8:00 am (OLL) For Our Divine Mercy Parish
8:00 am (OLPH †Stanley & †Lottie Kulas – In Memoriam
(Requested by: Parzych Family)
9:30 am (OLPH) †Jack Pickering – 1st Anniv. Remembrance
(Requested by: Dorothy Pickering)
10:15 am (OLL) †Felix Zemko – In Memoriam
(Requested by: Joe & Maritza O'Connell)
11:00 am (SJE) †Tony 12th & †Doris 6th Malchiodi
Anniv. Remembrance
(Requested by: Family)

Divine Mercy Parish Support

Weekly Offertory Needed: \$8,654.00 Monthly Offering Needed: \$5,417.00

Weekly: \$7,983.00

All checks should be payable to Divine Mercy Parish, instead of St. John, Our Lady of Perpetual Help or Our Lady of the Lakes. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued generosity to all of our Parish and Diocesan Collections.

Offering envelopes and <u>correspondence</u> may be deposited into a securely locked box in each of the Churches.

*** If you mail your offertory envelopes, please address **ALL MAIL** to:

Divine Mercy Parish

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The post office will no longer forward the mail from Our Lady of Perpetual Help address and/or Our Lady of the Lakes address. Thank you.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Our Parish Holy Hours

(OLL) - Every Friday following 8:00 am Mass.
(SJE) - Every Wednesday at 11:00 am.
(The Legion of Mary will be reciting the Scriptural Rosary on the 1st Wednesday and the "Divine Mercy Adoration Companion" will be recited on all other Wednesdays).
(OLPH) - First Fridays after 7:30 am Mass.
(OLL) Eucharistic Adoration - First Friday of every

Prayer Time for the Faithful

month from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

(OLL) – Monday – Friday open 10:00 am to 1:00pm (OLPH) – Monday – Friday open 9:00 am to 2:00pm (SJE) – Monday – Friday open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Parish Prayer Line

Please contact: Janet Bucko at 860-537-1752, Jean Farr at 860-859-1189 or Louise at 860-848-8560 to request prayer. These parishioners will contact others for prayer.

The Legion of Mary

Meets weekly:
(OLL) Wednesday at 8:30 am in the church.
(SJE) Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the church.

All are welcome!

The Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

At OLL on Mondays, after the 7:00 pm Mass

The Rosary- At OLPH - every Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

Please join us to pray for 1 hour for world peace.

At SJE, the Legion of Mary leads the Rosary prior to
7:30 am Monday Mass. At OLL, the Legion of Mary leads
the Rosary prior to 8:00 am Sunday Mass.

The Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary lead
the Rosary prior to 5:00 pm Saturday Mass
beginning at 4:25 pm

Sanctuary Light & Mass Offerings

Weekend Masses may be requested for your special intention for \$20.00. Weekday Masses may be requested for your special intention for \$10.00.

Sanctuary Candle may be requested for your special intention for \$20.00.



Parish Office News Mass Intentions:

The forms for your mass intentions are at all the entrances to our churches. Please fill out your mass intentions form and drop it in any offertory basket or lock box along with your offering. You may also mail it to the parish office at: 22 Maple Ave, Uncasville. You will receive a confirmation in the mail when your mass intentions have been scheduled.

Please make every effort to use the mass intention form. Thank you for your cooperation. The Parish Office hours are: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Parish Office telephone number is:

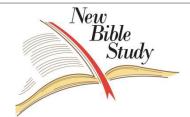
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Bingo Monday evenings at St. John's Community Center Doors open at 4:30pm Bingo card sales 5:30-6:15pm Bingo starts at 6:30pm

Come enjoy an evening of bingo.
We are looking for more volunteers to help sell snacks in the kitchen & bingo. Text Sandy at 860-984-9652 for more information or stop into bingo on Monday evening.



New Woman's Book Study

held 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 7-8:30am at
Our Lady of the Lakes. We will be going through The
Science of Love according to St Theresa of Lisieux. The
book is available from EndowGroups as a book or
downloaded book. All women welcome!
For questions please contact
Teresa Jorgensen @ 703-772-5872

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Stewardship Reflections

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that result and others desire this in their own life.

Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of "the sun of justice, with its healing rays," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet he says they will not be harmed because "by patient endurance you will save your lives." If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end.



His Word Today By Rev. William J. Reilly

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025

"You know how one must imitate us...on the contrary, in toil and drudgery night and day, we worked, so as not to burden any of you...we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat."

St. Paul told it like it is. He taught by his written words, but also by his deeds, not afraid to say, 'follow my example.'

His many letters and his missionary journeys are an example of his dedication and commitment. How can I imitate him?

I ask myself if I am doing my part or merely going along with the flow. That is not imitating the model. Anyone who claims discipleship has to do his or her part. My final destiny depends upon it. One confined to his or her home, an elderly person, can offer prayer for the mission of the church. One can spend time in prayerful adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, reading the scriptures, serving the needs of someone who is ill, hospitalized. The list goes on and on. Where does the church, my parish need me?

How often we think or hear someone say 'the church should do this' but it remains undone, as I forget 'I am the church.'

Apostolate Prayer for Priests

Sunday	V/Reverend Jan Swiderski
	Reverend Gerald Kirby
Monday	Reverend Walter Nagle
	†Reverend John O'Neill MS
Tuesday	Reverend John Moskus
	Reverend Martin Noe
Wednesday	Reverend Raymond Introvigne
	Reverend Michael Gill
Thursday	Reverend Michael Sequeira
	Reverend Michael Castiblanco
Friday	V. Reverend Ted Tumicki
	Reverend Edward Dempsey DBA
Saturday	Reverend Stephen Gulino
	Reverend Michael Phillipping

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Legion of Mary Corner

Our Lady of Refuge Praesidium, St. John the Evangelist, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Praesidium, Our Lady of the Lakes Church,

As we end this year of Hope, Deacon Bill and I visited Our Lady of the Universe in Orlando, Florida. It's another amazing Basilica to Our Mother. Is has a "sea" leading up to the Lord entering Heaven. If you ever get the chance to visit, please do.

When Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris reopened more than five years after its devastating fire, people all over the world marveled at its transformation. The rebirth of the centuries- old religious and culture landmark involved some two-thousand artisans and workers, including carpenters, stonecutters and gold-leaf decorators, according to *The New York Times*. Those who had once cried in the wake of its destruction rejoiced and worshipped.

The exquisite construction of houses of worship may be inspired by the divine, but it is made possible by scores of visionaries and artisans who place their lamps on lampstands and let their creativity shine. What is the most beautiful house of worship you have visited? What makes that place feel sacred to you?

Election Prayer for Wise Governance

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for Democracy alive in our country and for the freedom to worship you. Help the elected government and all in position of power and authority to govern wisely and for the common good of all.

Amen

Have you ever thought that the Lord may be calling you to serve Him and the parish by becoming an extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist? This ministry allows ordinary Catholics to assist the Priest and Deacon to distribute the Eucharist at Mass and to bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend mass. Schedules are flexible and training is provided. If you hear that little voice in your head saying that this might be something you can do, say YES! If you are interested, please join us at OLL Nov. 16th at 7:00pm or contact Deacon Bill at wherrmann74@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

An Invitation for Married Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a new sevenhour experience designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples called, "God Chose You For Me. It will take place Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Center, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA 01056. The experience will be led by Fr. Larry Brault of the Worcester Diocese, a married couple, and a surviving marital spouse. The experience is an exploration of matrimonial spirituality, rooted in the love shared between husband and wife - a reflection of God's presence. Couples will be guided in creating a personal couple prayer developed progressively through the day. This prayer will then serve as a daily spiritual practice. The \$100 cost includes materials, lunch, and refreshments. Couples may register online no later than November 30, 2025

at http://wwmectw.org/enrichment.php For more information contact Bob & Marie Lussier: (413) 224-1145 or R-M-Lussier@charter.net



2025 ACA update:

As of October 31, 2025, Divine Mercy Parish,
Uncasville has donated \$118,818.13 or 97.94% of its goal,
and 19.55% of your parishioners have donated. We are
striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.
THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends
December 31, 2025. With your donation, our ACA
supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If
you have not made your contribution to the 2025 Annual
Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to
make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still
available within the church or you can contact the
Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go
online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank

you to everyone for your support!

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SI Music Ministry Notes II

During the month of November we will be singing the Lux Aeterna Litany as a prelude to all weekend liturgies to remember those parishioners who have died during the last year. Each name will be sung in the verse of the litany while the choir and congregation sing a response.

"Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis" is a Latin phrase from the Roman Catholic Requiem Mass that translates to "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them"

Saint Augustine said, "He who sings, prays twice!" Come and join our DMP music ministry!

Our annual Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2pm at SJE. If you'd like to join our adult and youth choirs, contact Laura at music@divinemercyparish.net

Adult choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:00pm and sings 3 times per month rotating between the 3 churches.

OLL 1st Sunday 10:15am OLPH 2nd Sunday 9:30am SJE 3rd Sunday 11am

SJE 4th Sunday 4pm (Schola-smaller group that rehearses at 3pm before Mass)

Youth choir rehearses **either** the 2nd/4th Thursday 5pm-5:45pm **or** 2nd/4th Sunday 12pm-12:45pm Mass rotation is 2 times per month: OLL 10:15am 1st Sunday and SJE 4pm 3rd Saturday

OLL Parish Folk Group Rehearsals are Wednesdays
6:30 pm 2-3 times monthly and the Group sings Saturdays
at the 5 pm Vigil. All singers and instrumentalists are most
welcome to join! Contact: Susan Hollo, Folk Group
Director at 860-537-9750 or

email: fahollo@sbcglobal.net

OLPH needs a couple of people to count the weekly offertory money. They meet after 9:30 mass in the rectory about once a month and do the paperwork to deposit the income for that week. It usually takes no more than an hour.

Call Judy at 860-710-6057 if you can help.

An Evening of Wine Music and Giving

Catholic Charities invites you to "An Evening of Wine, Music and Giving" on November 19, 2025 at the Holiday Inn, Norwich, Connecticut. Bishop Reidy will be sharing part of his evening with us. Come and enjoy an evening of fine wines for swirling, hors d'oeuvres for savoring and live music to enjoy with family and friends from 5:00 to 7:30.

A Silent Auction features unique lap and baby quilts, gift baskets, golf foursomes, a Giants autographed football, jewelry and lovely pocketbooks.

Individual tickets are \$50.00 and a Business/Family Sponsorship is \$500.00, which includes 2 tickets.

Providing Help, Creating Hope is at the center of all Catholic Charities Educational and Service Programs provided to our families/individuals/veterans who are struggling to pay utilities, rent and provide food for their families. Come, support Catholic Charities, a Ministry of our Diocese, and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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Creating a culture of vocations...

A STUDY COMMISSIONED by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered priesthood or religious life felt that they were never encouraged to pursue that vocation by anyone. Do you know someone who would make a good religious or priest? Why not tell them? Your encouragement might be all that they need.

Join Bishop Reidy at **St. Joseph** church in **Norwich** on **Friday, November 21st** at **6:00 PM**, as we join together in prayer for vocations in our diocese, particularly for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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RCIA

As Christ's Disciples, one of the greatest accomplishments we can attempt is to invite someone to consider becoming Catholic! RCIA, known as, The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a non-committal period of inquiry and an opportunity to learn, grow and advance to becoming fully initiated in our Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at our Easter Vigil in the coming year.

For Adults, we plan on meeting on Tuesday evenings, 6-7:30pm at Our Lady of the Lakes Rectory Religious Education Room from September to April. Children and young people will meet on Sunday mornings after the 8am Mass.

Fr. Brian Maxwell, Parochial Vicar at fr.brianmaxwell@gmail.com

THE GUILD BLOG

December Meeting 12/6/26 @OLPH - 10:30am in the parish hall.

Christmas Catered luncheon starting @11:30am. Choice of: Stuffed Chicken or Baked Fish. Includes salad, hot vegetable, and desert.

Cost per person -TBD Reservations are required.
Call for additional information.
Contacts: Ann Marie 860-705-1975
Shelley 860-859-1228
Barbara 860-442-8733
Judy 860-710-6057
Cyndi c.kozaczensky@gmail.com

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center's 2025 Christmas exhibit highlights seasonal traditions, customs, and celebrations. "The Spirit of Christmas," is open now through February 1, 2026, featuring art and crèches from across the globe. The McGivney Center is at 1 State Street in New Haven. Admission and parking are free. For more information: michaelmcgivneycenter.org



How to be an Evangelizer

Stand Up for Your Values and Beliefs

Standing up for your values and beliefs doesn't necessarily mean preaching to an audience of people.

Catholic/Christian values often are in sharp contrast with our ever changing culture. When you live out those Christian values daily, others will notice. Sometimes the best witness is how you live your life when you think no one is watching. When a person asks you why you are different, share the gospel with them. Evangelism is more than words, its actions too!

Christmas Holiday Pierogi Sale Order Form

St. Joseph Church 120 Cliff Street Norwich, CT 06360 (860) 887-1565 email: stjosephnorwich@yahoo.com
Cost is \$15.00 per dozen. Please complete the form below,
mail or drop in the church collection basket, with your
payment. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY your information.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS is November 22nd

** If orders come in after the deadline; we can't guarantee orders will be filled.

Thank you for your support!

Pick up at the parish center (formerly the convent). Pick up dates are:

Saturday, December 20th 3:00 - 5:00 PM AND Sunday, December 21st 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Remit below with payment				
Deadline for orders is November 22nd				
Potato and Cheese Combo: Quantityx				
\$15.00/dozen				
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Name: (Print clearly)				
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