



*Saint Martin of Tours Parish*  
*April 18<sup>th</sup> ~ April 26<sup>th</sup>*  
*The Third Sunday of Easter*

**SATURDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

CANAAN 4:00 pm

Edward Kowalski † ~ Betty

**SUNDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am

For World Peace

NORFOLK 11:00 am

Donald and Josephine Tierney † ~ Bill

**WEDNESDAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

CANAAN 5:00-6:00 pm

Holy Adoration and Rosary

CANAAN 6:00 pm

Richard and Dorothy Wilson † ~ Bill

**THURSDAY, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

NORFOLK 8:00 am

Liam and Autumn † ~ Mom and Dad

**FRIDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

LAKEVILLE 8:00 am

For Children in Abusive Situations

**SATURDAY, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

CANAAN 2:30-3:30 pm

**Confessions**

CANAAN 4:00 pm

Victor Vargas † ~ Ruth and Family

**SUNDAY, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am

For Brother Kevin Gabriel Gonzalez Vega

NORFOLK 11:00 am

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**Lord Jesus,  
Open the Scriptures to us; Make our hearts  
burn while You speak to us. ~ Alleluia**

**MASS READINGS**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26, 2026**

**First Reading** Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
**Responsorial** Psalm 23  
**Second Reading** 1 Peter 2:2:20b-25  
**Gospel** John 10:1-10

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Daughters of Isabella May 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Meeting 6:30pm ~ Bittermann Center  
 Knights of Columbus May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Dinner & Meeting 6:00pm ~ Bitterman Center  
 Catholic Men's Club May 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Meeting 9:30am ~ Klauer Hall  
 Catholic Women's Club May 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Meeting 9:30am ~ Klauer Hall

The 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward.

**Act of Contrition**

O my God,  
 I am heartily sorry for having offended you,  
 and I detest all my sins because of your just  
 punishments, but most of all because they offend  
 you, my God, who are all good and deserving of  
 all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your  
 grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near  
 occasions of sin. Amen.

 **RETROUVAILLE**  
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**MAY MARRIAGE WORKSHOP**

**May 1 – May 3, 2026**  
 Windsor, CT



If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, **Retrouvaille** can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love.

[helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)  
 (860) 837-0447



We are grateful to the many parishioners who continue to support the parish week after week. Though you may attend Mass at another church, or even in another state, please remember that Saint Martin of Tours still relies on your support! You can mail or drop off your envelopes, or give on-line at:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmartinoftoursct/giving/funds>

<b>Needed</b>	<b>\$8690.00</b>
<b>Weekly &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>\$7297.00</b>
<b>Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>

Support Saint Martin of Tours Parish  
 Scan the QR Code to make your gift online.



**Our second collection on April 25<sup>th</sup> is for Building and Restoration**



**The Sanctuary Lamp**

next to the Tabernacle in every Catholic Church signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. If you wish to have it lit in memory of a loved one at any of our three churches or would like to schedule a Mass, please contact our office.

Our Parish will continue to support those who are in need in our Northwest Corner. We will be leaving boxes in all three churches for non-perishable food to help our local food pantries during these difficult times. Food will be distributed to:

**Corner Food Pantry** 80 Sharon Rd., Lakeville  
**Fishes & Loaves Pantry** 30 Granite Ave., Canaan  
**Norfolk Food Pantry** 12 Village Green, Norfolk

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

Everyone is welcome to join us for our free dinner held at the Bittermann Center on May 13<sup>th</sup>!  
 Serving from 4:30-6:00pm



We are collecting donations for the children at the Valley of the Angels Orphanage in Guatemala City. Boys and girls range from ages 6-18 years old. They are currently in need of the following items:

- Deodorant - Sunblock- Socks - Underwear

Please leave your donations in the provided boxes by Sunday, April 27th. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. This is an orphanage run by the Franciscans. The town is located where Brother Kevin will be ordained as a Priest on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. To learn more visit:

<https://www.valleyoftheangels.com/>



## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Practicing Catholics who plan to further their education may obtain

an application for the following:

**Daughters of Isabella ~ St. Joseph Circle #650 ~ Scholarship**

**ICC Men's and Women's Clubs Scholarship**

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

All completed applications must be returned by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available in the office or website; <https://www.stmartinoftoursct.org/>

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**



**JOIN US ON THURSDAY MAY 7, 2026**

Since 1952, all US presidents have proclaimed the first Thursday of May to be a National Day of Prayer. All are invited to the 75th celebration of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the pavilion across from McDonald's in North Canaan and also at 6 PM next to the war memorials by the Salisbury Town Hall. In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be held across the street inside the Salisbury Congregational Church. Members of the town will offer prayers for government, schools, businesses, arts/media, churches, families, military/veterans, as well as fire, police, and emergency responders. Come join your fellow townspeople at this community event.

**Please pray to the Holy Spirit to guide Br. Kevin as he continues his Holy journey of serving God and his people.**

**We also pray for his safe travels to Guatemala where he will be ordained into the priesthood on May 2, 2026.**



**Bingo every Friday evening at the Bittermann Center.**

Doors open at 5:15 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of Fun!



## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday ~ Norfolk**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday ~ Lakeville**

All are invited to join us for delicious treats and coffee while getting to meet new friends!

**Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind, and soul of:** Catie Aakjar, Gary Allard, Barbara Lynn, Ruth B., Lana Barges, David Barrett, Orson Benedict, Patricia Boyce, Daniele Braham, Ginger Brayer, Maureen Broderick, Deirdre Broderick, James & Jennifer Buck, Melanie C., Benny and Rich Camardi, Angela and Peggy Cain, Betsy Case, George Catrambone, Suzanne Christofferson, Ellen Ciccarelli, Rachel Clasemann, Mary Corbo, Richard Cousins, Helen Curtiss, Kelsey Cyr, N.D., Ginny Dawson, Lorraine Dubay, Eugene Dube, Laura Fabula, Todd Faedi, Tony H., Dennis Hannafin, K.M.G., Darlene Gerace, Jane Gillmor, Rita Gingras, Raphael Gonzalez, Debbie Griffin, Emma Hennig, Mary Justin Hornish, Dilma & Roun K., Bob & Dee La Bonne, Denise Littlefield, J.M., Stephen M., Betty Maddock, M. S., Bruce McElory, Susie Martin, George Martin, Joe Merola, Meyer Michaelowski, Peter Mieras, Kristie Miller, Newell, James Nivolo, Leah Newton, Palmer, Marjorie Palmer, Carmen Parisi, Holly Peppe, Colton Poley, Denise Rice, George Rivera, Jr., Irene Redford, Jonathan Routhier Jr., Sally S., Marie Sanford, Rosa M. Santos, James Seitz, Mireille Smith, Spencer Robert Smith, Brian Stanley, Sophia Sterling, Carol Sterling, Carol Stevens, Kylan Stewart, Alyssa Stone, Eileen Sullivan, Adam Tedesco, Liz Thomson, A. L. Torres, Anita Turner, Linda Valenti, Doris VanDeusen, Tad W., Fr. Josh Wilbur, Drew Wilkinson, Brooks William, Heidi Whitney, and Petey Z.



Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

# Novena

## for Protection and Healing from Abuse

### Intercessions

- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
- Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
- Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

**Day 6:** May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

**Day 7:** May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

**Day 8:** May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

**Day 9:** May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

### Prayers

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing*

### Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in  
them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with  
hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with  
faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

