



Saint Martin of Tours Parish

January 10th ~ January 18th

The Feast Day of the Baptism of The Lord

SATURDAY, January 10th

CANAAN 2:30-3:30 pm
CANAAN 4:00 pm

Confessions

The Sick and Homebound of Our Parish

SUNDAY, January 11th

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am
NORFOLK 11:00 am

For Vocations to the Priesthood
Ron McNamee † ~ Marybeth

WEDNESDAY, January 14th

CANAAN 6:00 pm

Joseph & Teresa Solan † ~ Terry, Peter, & Richard

THURSDAY, January 15th

NORFOLK 8:00 am

John Consolini † ~ Lorraine Consolini

FRIDAY, January 16th

LAKEVILLE 8:00 am

No Mass

SATURDAY, January 17th

CANAAN 2:30-3:30 pm
NORFOLK 4:00 pm

Confessions

Margaret Westin † ~ Westin Family

SUNDAY, January 18th

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am
CANAAN 11:00 am

Charles Staats † ~ Harney Family
For World Peace



Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind, and soul of: Catie Aakjar, Gary Allard, Ron Arambasick, 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 Camardi, 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, A.E.H., Todd Faedi, Dennis Hannafin, K.M.G., Darlene Gerace, Jane Gillmor, Rita Gingras, Raphael Gonzalez, Debbie Griffin, Mary Justin Hornish, Bob & Dee La Bonne, Denise Littlefield, Stephen M., Betty Maddock, M. S., Bruce McElory, Arielle McLaughlin, Allyson Martin, Deb Martin, George Martin, Joe Merola, Meyer Family, Peg Michaud, Jennifer Michalak, Beverly Michaelowski, Peter Mieras, Kristie Miller, Joseph N., Kay Naderite, Linda Neary, Cindy Newell, James Nivolo, Leah Newton, Margo O'Connor, John O'Hara, John O'Neil, Dixie Palmer, Marjorie Palmer, Carmen Parisi, Holly Peppe, Colton Poley, Denise Rice, George Rivera, Jr., Irene Redford, C.A.R., 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, A. L. Torres, Anita Turner, Linda Valenti, Doris VanDeusen, Tad W., Fr. Josh Wilbur, Drew Wilkinson, Brooks William, Michele Markey Witowski, Heidi Whitney, and Petey Zinke



at St. Joseph's Church on Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm with the recitation of the Rosary before our 6:00pm Mass.



Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You, our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen

St. Bernardine of Siena

**MASS READINGS FOR
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026**

First Reading	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Responsorial	Psalm 40
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel	John 1:29-34

You may now request Masses for the year of 2026! Consider intentions for Healing, Thanksgiving, Repose of the Soul, or a Special Intention. Give the Gift that will be not be returned, and appreciated!

MEETING SCHEDULE

Daughters of Isabella	No Meetings Until April
Knights of Columbus	February 3 rd
Meeting	6:00pm ~ Bittermann
Catholic Men's Club	February 8 th
Meeting	9:30am ~ Klauer Hall
Catholic Women's Club	February 8 th
Meeting	9:30am ~ Klauer Hall

Being Good Stewards
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/stmartinofoursct/giving/funds>

Needed	\$8690.00
Weekly & 2nd	\$8956.00
Parish Annual Appeal	\$20550.00

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



The Sanctuary Candle that burns in every Catholic Church signifies the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. If you wish to reserve a week or schedule a Mass in any of our churches, in memory of a Loved One or Special Intention please call our office.

**Second Collection January 18, 2026,
Archdiocese Catholic High Schools**



After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. *Cf. Mt 3:16-27*

BINGO on Friday at the Bittermann Center
Doors open at 5:15pm!
Come and enjoy an evening of Fun!

The 2026 Annual High School Collection: Investing in Our Future

Next weekend, January 17–18, we will hold the annual High School Collection to support our Archdiocesan Catholic high schools. Your investment yields life-changing results, providing students with exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and a profound spirit of service. We deeply value your commitment to Catholic education as we work together to form a new generation in the faith. Thank you for your prayerful and generous support.

For more information or to donate, visit <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/ministry/catholic-schools/high-school-collection/> or Scan the QR Code:



“COME FOLLOW ME!”

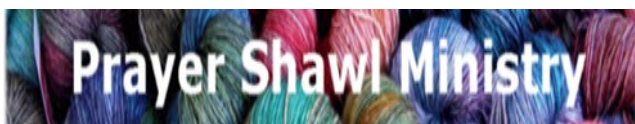
**Jesus is calling, will you answer?
Discern a vocation to be a Franciscan
Friar in the footsteps of Christ.
Attention Men aged 20-40!**

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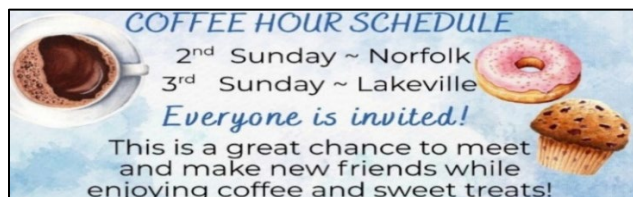
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Blessed Shawls are in our Churches and in the Parish Office. If you know someone who would be comforted with the shawl, please take one.



**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER at the
Bittermann Center ~ Wednesday,
January 14th ~ Serving 4:30- 6:00pm**



Sponsored by
The Catholic
Men's and
Women's Clubs
will be in the
Klauer Hall at

Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Main St., Norfolk **next Saturday, January 17th** after Mass. On this day we will have our **Vigil Mass at 4:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church**, and Mass on Sunday will be at 11:00am at St. Joseph Church. Dinner includes Spaghetti & Meatballs with salad, bread, beverage, and dessert! Suggested offering only \$10.00 for Adults and Children Under 10 ~ \$5.00. This will be a great way to help support our parish and make new friends while enjoying a delicious dinner!

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**

The Word Among Us Subscriptions will still be available for only \$25.00 annually. This monthly publication allows you to have your own missalette to follow the readings and Gospels of our Lord each week. It also has daily meditations to help you strengthen your faith and helps to bring your heart peace and joy! Please call the office 860-824-7078 if you wish to continue to receive your subscription for the New Year!

Message for Religious Ed Students

Just a reminder that Religious Education Students will be meeting on Sunday, January 18th at the Bitterman Center from 1:00 to 3:00 pm



January is the perfect month to reform your spiritual life!

Let's be honest, sometimes life can really bring us down. It can seem like the world is out to get us as we struggle to keep our head above water and survive one more day. What's interesting is how the month of January can provide a welcome jolt to our lives, providing for us a little glimmer of hope that things could be different. When all seems to be crashing around us, January reminds us that all things be renewed.

Starting fresh in your spiritual life.

While many people use the month of January to make pledges surrounding bodily health and exercise, it is also a perfect time to examine our spiritual lives and determine what needs to change.

The first area of our spiritual life that we should explore is any **attachment to sin**, especially **mortal sin**. We simply cannot progress in our relationship with God if we are attached to a particular sin. What we need to do is pause to reflect on which sins we can't seem to shake and to resolve to never commit that sin again.

Begin the process by **going to confession** in the beginning of January, so that you can truly start fresh, letting God wash away all of your sins.

After that, you'll likely need to formulate a "battle plan" for how you intend to stop this particular sin. Typically, this means reflecting on the common circumstances that led you to that sin, and to do what you can to cut it out. For example, if you are addicted to pornography, the best thing you can do is find an accountability partner and to install some sort of software that blocks out a potential occasion of sin. Whatever sin it might be that you want to get rid of, the key is to invite God into your life and invoke his name as often as you can. We simply cannot break free of our chains on our own and need a liberator to come and rescue us.

Next, consider your own relationship with God. St. Francis de Sales, in his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, provides a set of questions that we should all ponder and think about:

With respect to God Himself -- **does your heart delight in thinking of God, does it crave after the sweetness there of? Do you feel a certain readiness to love Him, and a definite inclination to enjoy His Love?** Do you take pleasure in dwelling upon the Immensity, the Goodness, the Tenderness of God? When you are immersed in the occupations and vanities of this world, does the thought of God come across you as a welcome thing? Do you accept it gladly, and yield yourself up to it, and your heart turn with a sort of yearning to Him?

The spiritual life is not simply about stopping bad habits, but it is about fostering a relationship with a God who loves us dearly and who constantly knocks at our door.

Whatever you do, take advantage of January as a month that is typically filled with great hope. Invite God into your life and resolve to make the next year one that is open to God's loving grace.

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