



# *Saint Martin of Tours Parish*

*January 31<sup>st</sup> ~ February 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## SATURDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### **Confessions**

For the Healing of Sally Sanderson ~

## SUNDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am  
NORFOLK 11:00 am

Rafael Porro † ~ The Harney Family  
Edward "Red" and Linda Cattey †

## WEDNESDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>

CANAAN 6:00 pm

For A Special Intention ~ Carmela & Dave

## THURSDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup>

NORFOLK 8:00 am

For Emil Petronio † ~ Patricia Seachrist

## FRIDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup>

LAKEVILLE 8:00 am

For Married Couples who are Struggling

## SATURDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>

CANAAN 8:00 am  
CANAAN 2:30-3:30 pm  
CANAAN 4:00 pm

**In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

### **Confessions**

Rev. Paul J. Halovatch †

## SUNDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am  
NORFOLK 11:00 am

Our "73<sup>rd</sup>" Wedding Anniversary ~ Elyse  
For Married Couples



**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.

**MASS READINGS FOR  
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 8, 2026**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 58:7-10</b>
<b>Responsorial</b>	<b>Psalm 112</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 2:1-5</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 5:13-16</b>

**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 not be returned, and appreciated!

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

**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.



**BINGO** on Friday at the Bittermann Center  
Doors open at 5:15pm!

Come and enjoy an evening of Fun!



**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen

**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>

<b>Needed</b>	<b>\$8690.00</b>
<b>Weekly &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>\$3998.00</b>

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



**Second Collection February 7, 2026  
Snow Removal**



Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor You with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



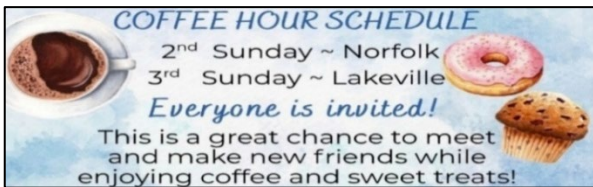
Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 to Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center. Your donation will enable us to continue to provide care and support for God's precious children. It is because of prayers and financial assistance that we can fulfill the mission work of Two Hearts. Please pray for the mission work of Two Hearts. Prayer is an important part of the work we do to support this ministry. May God bless you and your family for your kindness. In His Love and Service, Lynn Reynolds Executive Director

**“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!  
Contact:  
Br. Dan Cavalieri, OFM  
917-830-4575  
VOCATIONS@ICPROVINCE.ORG**



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.



**Our Religious Ed Coordinator, Christina Allyn needs help from someone with technical skills to help her learn how to use the audio/visual equipment and projector using Wi-Fi. Contact her at [CORE@stmartinoftoursct.org](mailto:CORE@stmartinoftoursct.org)**

**Join Us for a Steak Teriyaki Dinner**

The Catholic Men’s and Women’s Clubs will be sponsoring dinners in the Klauer Hall at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 North St. in Norfolk on

**Saturday, February 14th ~ 5:00pm ~  
Steak Teriyaki**

**Saturday, March 14th ~ 5:00pm ~  
Corned Beef and Cabbage**

On these days we will have Confessions from 2:30-3:30 and our Vigil Mass at 4:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church, and the 11:00am Mass on Sunday will be a St. Joseph Church.

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:

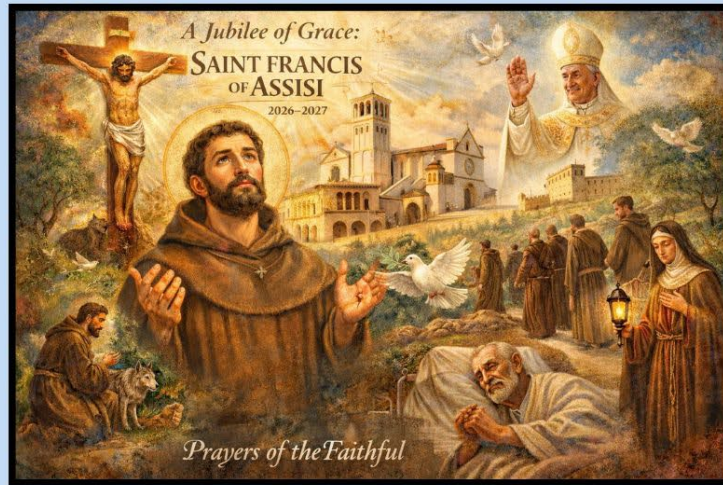
- Corner Food Pantry 80 Sharon Rd., Lakeville**
- Fishes & Loaves Pantry 30 Granite Ave., Canaan**
- Norfolk Food Pantry 12 Village Green, Norfolk**

**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!

**Please contact our office if you would like an IRS statement for your 2025 contributions to St. Martin of Tours Parish. Thank you for your generosity and support!**

**Message for Religious Ed Students**

Just a reminder that Religious Education Students will be meeting on Wednesday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bitterman Center 6:30 pm.



## In Honor of the 2026 Franciscan Jubilee Year

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis” to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on Jan. 10 with a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See.

Until Jan. 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains or sufferings to God.

In a world where “the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ,” the decree states.

For the Order of Friars Minor, this time is also an opportunity for the faithful to become “models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.”

On the occasion of this anniversary, Pope Leo XIV addressed a letter to the ministers general of the Franciscan Family Conference in which he emphasized that “in this era, marked by so many seemingly endless wars, by internal and social divisions that create distrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.”

In this regard, he highlighted that St. Francis reminds us that “peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.”

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