



Saint Martin of Tours Parish

October 3rd - October 11th

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 3rd

CANAAN 4:00 pm

Daniel Gasperini † ~ Susan and Perry

SUNDAY, October 4th

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am

Katherine & William O'Malley † ~ Ann O'Malley

NORFOLK 11:00 am

Laverne Barbagallo † ~ Lou and Family

WEDNESDAY, October 7th

CANAAN 5:00-6:00 pm

Holy Adoration and Rosary

CANAAN 6:00 pm

A Special Intention ~ Carmela & Dave Barger

THURSDAY, October 8th

NORFOLK 8:00 am

Bridget and Samuel Tarrant † ~ Bill Tierney

FRIDAY, October 9th

LAKEVILLE 8:00 am

For Our Young People to be Pilgrims of Hope

SATURDAY, October 10th

CANAAN 2:30-3:30 pm

Confessions

CANAAN 4:00 pm

Howard Lotz † ~ His Family

Sunday, October 11th

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am

Fr. Thomas Kelly and Family † ~ Friends

NORFOLK 11:00 am

Ann & William Tierney, Sr. ~ Bill Tierney

Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind, and soul of: Catie Aakjar, Gary Allard, Baby Grace Elizabeth, Barbara Lynn, Ruth B., Jerry Baldwin, Doyle Barger, Lana Barges, David Barrett, Patricia Boyce, Daniele Braham, Ginger Brayer, Maureen Broderick, Deirdre Broderick, Eric Bunker, James & Jennifer Buck, Melanie C., Benny and Rich Camardi, Donna Caldwell, Angela and Peggy Cain, Betty Carpenter, Betsy Case, George Catrambone, Suzanne Christofferson, Ellen Ciccarelli, Rachel Clasemann, Mary Corbo, Richard Cousins, Helen Curtiss, Kelsey Cyr, N.D., Laura Fabula, Tony H., Dennis Hannafin, Darlene Gerace, Jane Gillmor, Rita Gingras, Raphael Gonzalez, Debbie Griffin, Mary Justin Hornish, Dilma & Roun K, Bob & Dee La Bonne, Denise Littlefield, Darla Lovett, J.M., Stephen M., Betty Maddock, Donna Mallory, Terry Marshall, Martin Family ~ Allyson, Daniel, Deb, Donna, George, Michael and Victoria Martin, M. S., Bruce McElory, Susie McGraw, Arielle McLaughlin, Joe Merola, Meyer Family, Peg Michaud, Jennifer Michalak, Beverly Michaelowski, Peter Mieras, Kristie Miller, Krystal Morace and Family, J.N., Joseph N., Kay Naderite, Linda Neary, Cindy Newell, Karen Neumann, James Nivolo, Leah Newton, John O'Neil, Dixie Palmer, Marjorie Palmer, 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, Linda Valenti, Doris VanDeusen, Tad W., Fr. Josh Wilbur, Drew Wilkinson, Brooks William, Heidi Whitney, and Petey Z.



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>.

Needed	\$8690.00
Weekly & second	\$4767.00
HOPEs	\$130.00

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



Our second collection on October 11th is for
Grounds and Maintenance



***Are you an adult who has
not received one or more of
the Sacraments?***

***Or would you or someone
you know, like to learn more
about becoming Catholic.***

Our adult program, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, offers a welcoming path to learn more about Jesus, ask questions, and explore life in His Church. Classes are free, and we are happy to work with your schedule. Please call the parish office at 860-824-7078 to schedule an appointment and take the first step on your journey to a stronger faith!

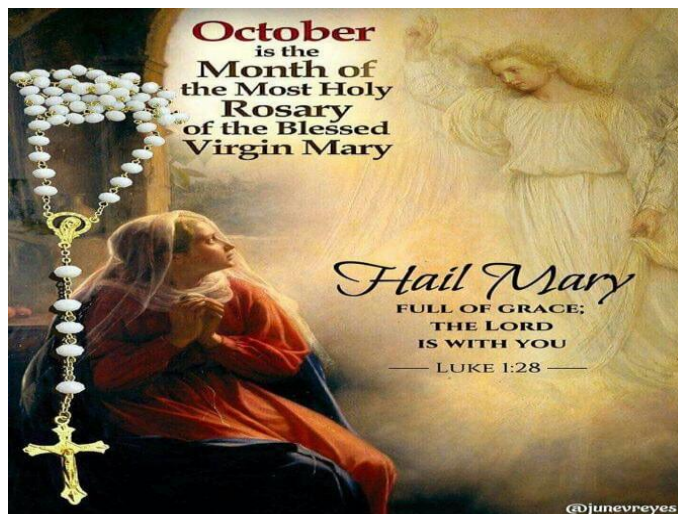
Do You Enjoy Reading a Good Book?

Have you ever thought about becoming a Lector to help our Priest spread the Good Word? We need Substitutes or Permanent Lectors in all three churches. Please contact our office for more information.



The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle in every Catholic Church signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle. This

week it burns at St. Joseph Church in **Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William A Tierney, Sr.**
~ From Bill.



MASS READINGS

**The Twenty Eighth Sunday of
Ordinary Time ~ October 11, 2026**

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10a
Responsorial	Psalm 23
Second Reading	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14

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

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MEETING SCHEDULE

AA Meetings:

St. Joseph Church Hall, Canaan: **Sundays**,
6:00 pm–7:00 pm

St. Mary Church Hall, Lakeville: **Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday**,
Noon–1:00 pm and

Thursday Evenings, 7:00pm

Catholic Men's Club: October 11th, 9:30 am

Catholic Women's Club: Oct 11th, 9:30 am,
Klauser Hall

Daughters of Isabella: November 5th, 6:30 pm,
Bittermann Center

Knights of Columbus: October 6th, 6:30pm,
Bittermann Center ~ Dinner and Meeting

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

2ND Sunday ~ Norfolk

3RD Sunday ~ Lakeville

Everyone is Invited after Mass.

This is a great chance to meet and make new friends while enjoying coffee and sweet treats!





**Saturday, October 10th
12:00 Noon
Park Place Green,
Winsted**

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, for the repentance of our great nation, asking God to save our country through the Rosary of His Holy Mother. Bring your Families!

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2026**

Rebuild My Church

Saturday, October 10, 2026
**Holy Cross Catholic HS
Waterbury, CT**

NATIONAL SPEAKERS
**CATHOLIC EXHIBITS
& MINISTRIES**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
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CONFESSION
**VIGIL MASS with
Archbishop C. J. Coyne**

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
At the BITTERMANN CENTER**
On Wednesday, October 14th
SERVING FROM 4:30-6:00PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

BINGO

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the reopening of the
St. Anthony School

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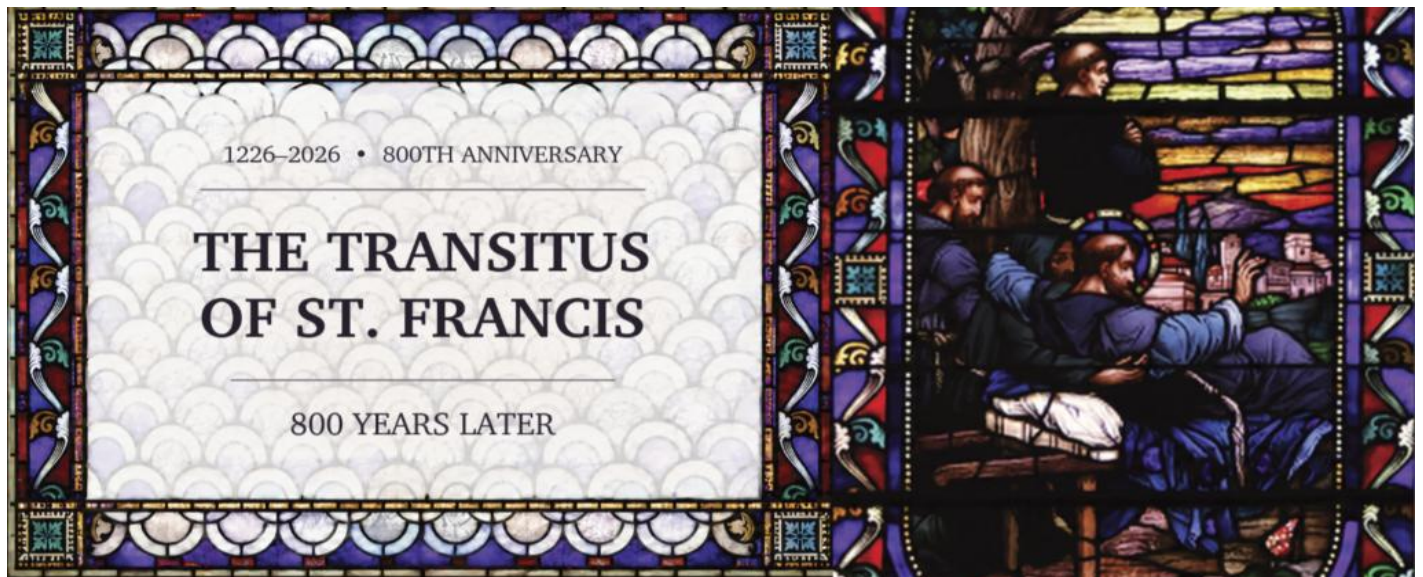
Daniel Moran recently completed his Eagle Scout project in the historic section of Saint Mary Cemetery, Norfolk, leading volunteers in restoring and caring for the older headstones and grounds. He is deeply grateful for the support he received from the Parish, especially from his project mentor, Richard Byrne. We are pleased to acknowledge Daniel's Eagle Scout recognition and congratulate him on this meaningful achievement!

**2026 NW CT CROP HUNGER WALK ~
THANK YOU!** - Many thanks to all who participated in and supported our St. Martin of Tours CROP Hunger Walk team. Special thanks to our Good Shepherd, Father Dennis, who braved the nor'easter with us and walked 3 1/2 miles. Thanks to many generous donations we raised over \$20,000! Your generosity will benefit many local food pantries and churches. We will update you when we have our final fundraising results of the walk. Great teamwork St. Martin Tours!
~ David & Diane Valcin & Denise Dower



Fall FOOD DRIVE –

St. Martin of Tours will have a food drive during the month of October at all three churches. Please bag non-perishable food items and place them in the box provided in each church. All food donations will be taken to the local food pantry in each town. Thank you for your support and helping our neighbors in need!



During this autumn of 2026 (more precisely, on October 3rd), the Franciscan Family gathers for the 800th time to remember and celebrate the evening St. Francis “fell asleep in the Lord.” As he was about to die, the brothers carried him to the sacred place below Assisi that he loved: the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, also known as the Portiuncula, meaning, “little portion.” It was a special place for him because there is where he really heard for the first time the message of the Gospel. His response: **This is what I want!**

Shortly before approaching their goal, Francis asked the brothers who were carrying him to pause and turn him toward Assisi. He wanted to gaze one last time upon Assisi carved above on the side of Mt. Subasio. He thanked God for the city of his birth. He prayed and blessed its inhabitants, including all of those who would subsequently dwell there for generations to come.

Upon arrival at the small church, the brothers gathered. In like manner, Francis prayed for them and blessed them and all the brothers yet to follow him. He forgave and sought forgiveness. To bring the Word of God explicitly into his passing, his transitus, he asked that the story of the Passover of Jesus as found in the Gospel of John be read to him. He pondered his impending death as a share in the Eucharistic sacrament of the Lord’s Passover to the Father.

His transitus was the high point of his life. Following Christ: to suffer and die with Him, to become dead in a tomb like Him, and thereby ultimately know the glory of His Most High God. Nothing else mattered. To fully dispossess himself of any possession, he requested to be placed naked on the naked earth. He died in intimacy with his Sister, Mother Earth. No wonder, then, that in his own dying he could sing of Sister Death! Among the brothers of his day there were various memories of events surrounding his death. Many move the heart, and some are even a bit humorous. However, it is clear what Francis himself wanted us to remember. In his dying breath he composed what became the last line to his well-known *Canticle of Creatures*. He added a new verse to that song in which he acknowledged all created elements as his brothers and sisters: **“Praise be You my Lord, for Sister Death from which no one can escape.”**

Death is a sister to be embraced! Who has ever heard of such a thing? Even though the apocalyptic tradition of the destruction of the earth at the end of time had become a popular understanding, St. Francis obviously understood with St. Paul (Romans, chapter eight) that even though the old world of sin and destruction is still with us, the new world of grace in the Kingdom of God is already present and ever increases among us. The new creation of the life-giving Spirit of God has already arrived. Even death, as common to every creature, is thereby already created anew and joins the chorus, “Praise be You my Lord,” together with all other fellow mortal creatures. In that praise, death will do us no harm.