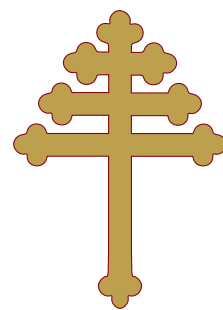


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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 18 St. Luke the Evangelist, Ev
- 19 St. Aaron of Antioch, M
Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and
Companions, M
- 20 St. Shallita (Artemius), M
- 21 St. Hilarion of Tabatha, C
- 22 Pope St. John Paul II (+2005), C
- 23 St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople, C
- 24 St. Arethas (Hares) and His Companions, M

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:1-13



"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS (mural section)
1893-1901. Phoebe Anna Traquair. Edinburgh:
Mansfield Traquair Centre.

Why not be ready for the Lord? Jesus calls us to remain faithful and spiritually prepared at all times, keeping the light of our faith burning as we await His coming.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT MARK
beginning on page 835

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17 at 4:30 p.m..

In memory of Albertina Gonzalez NeJaime
Requested by Gary and Janet Fleet and her family

Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Mass for the Connecticut Community for
Addiction Recovery as they support those in
recovery

Saturday, October 24 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Deacon Odell Daniel
Requested by Deacon Steven Marcus

Sunday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Paul Samele, Jr.
6th Anniversary
Requested by his family

Saturday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m..

Available

Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m.

For the intentions of the Fatherhood Initiative
group at Family Strides

Saturday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Roy Dudley, MSW
Requested by Barney Marshall and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul of Marion T. Rooke
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

Sunday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Michel and Zakeeya Noujaim
Requested by Hayat and Joack Comproesi and
Richard and Toni Noujaim

UPCOMING ST. MARON PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES!

CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY

October 18 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

CCAR volunteers will be with us and share what services are available at the Torrington Recovery Community Center, and how individuals and families can connect with the center.

SATURDAY SPECIAL BINGO

Saturday, October 24

Doors open at 9 a.m. • Coffee and donuts served. • Early bingo starts at 10 a.m.
From 11:00 to 12:00 check out our many raffle items and buy your raffle tickets!
Lunch is available from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon bingo begins at 12:30, followed by raffle drawings.
Snacks and drinks available for sale all day!

CHRISTMAS WREATH AND DECORATION SALE

The month of October

The Christmas Wreath and Decoration Sale to support our Scouts is back again this year. Funds raised from this sale are used to make Scouting affordable for

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of October 10/11

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$877.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$347.00**

Mail in: **\$0**

Bingo: **\$1,373.00**

Thank You!

*The second collection on October 18 is for the
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY*

*(As per the norms established by the USCCB,
91% of this collection goes to the Society for the
Propagation of the Faith, and 9% to the Catholic Near
East Welfare Association [CNEWA]).*

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

everyone. Items sold as part of this fundraiser are made using fresh greenery and will be delivered to you during the week following Thanksgiving. Items available for pre-sale include the Classic Christmas Wreath (\$40), Door Swag (\$35), Table Centerpieces (\$30).

Items can be purchased after Mass throughout October or by contacting Jeffrey Seiser (jseiser@torringtonscouting.org or 860-806-2993) by October 30th.

VETERANS MASS ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 8

Please submit names of both your living and deceased Veterans for our Veteran's Honor Roll by October 24. Please include service branch, if available. Names can be submitted via email, the weekly collection basket, or by mailing to the church office. If you would also like to contribute to a recognition tribute wreath, it would be greatly appreciated.

THE ST. MARON HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

November 28

More information to come shortly.

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL- CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Monday, December 28, 2026

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Arrive at St Anthony's 10 a.m. for 10:15 departure

Family style lunch at Carmine's Restaurant, then off to Radio City for 4 pm Christmas Spectacular – seating in 3rd Orchestra

Return to St Anthony's approximately 8:45 p.m.

Price \$325.00/person. All taxes/tips included.

Contact: Grand Knight Nick Diorio 860-833-0030

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But, even if I am poured out as a libation upon the sacrificial service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with all of you. In the same way you also should rejoice and share your joy with me.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOMASTON SAVINGS BANK FOR A GRANT FOR A NEW REFRIGERATOR FOR THE HALL KITCHEN. We would also like to thank Subdeacon Mike for the time and effort involved with completing the grant. If anyone in the parish knows of any organization that we can apply to for grants for items we need for the parish, please let us know.



COTHING DONATIONS NEEDED

Winter is coming and we are once again collecting clothes from now through Christmas for our homeless friends. Please, bring new or clean, washed clothing to the parish hall. FISHNWCT (Friends In Service to Humanity of NW Connecticut) will be distributing the items we collect to those who need it most.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

I invite everyone to join me as we reflect on these two questions.

- 1- Why not greet my neighbor every day?
- 2- Why not volunteer for one hour this month?

I would also like to express so many thanks for everyone's hard work on the parish breakfast last Sunday. Over 100 hundred people came and everyone enjoyed the delicious food.

Nick and Patty Zabbara headed up the amazing team, seconded by Carlos and Pascale Nejaime, with Jack and Hyatt Comporesi, Gary and Janet Fleet, Mark Denegre, Richie Noujaim, Talia Zabbara, Nick Spino, Sal and Linda Rinaldi, Sam Slaiby, Anne Marchand, Judith Theeb, Donna Motuzick, Katie Maiolo and AJ Maiolo all helping. God bless your dedication and hard work. A special thank you goes to Melanie Libby for selling 49 tickets! And, of course, I am grateful to all our wonderful bakers who always come through for our events. God bless you all.

I wish you a blessed and beautiful autumn week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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OUR OCTOBER PARISH PRAYER INTENTION IS FOR Children

Lord Jesus,

We pray for children who feel lonely, forgotten, or afraid.
Be close to them and let them know that they are never alone.

Protect them from thoughts that may hurt them.
Fill their hearts with Your peace, hope, and love.

Lord Jesus, hold every child in Your loving hands and help them see that their life is worth living and is a beautiful gift from You. Amen



Parish Breakfast
October 11, 2026





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