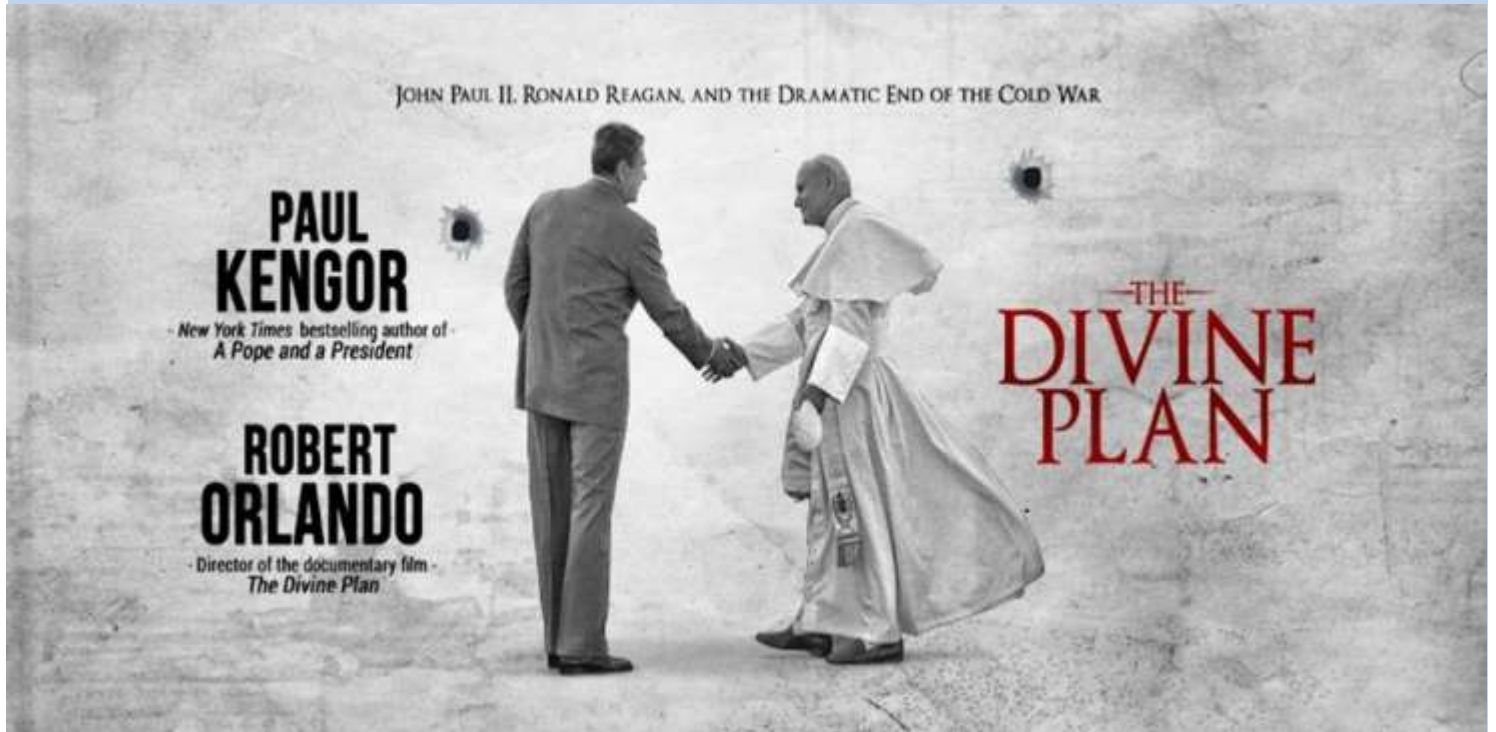




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EXCLUSIVE PRE-RELEASE SHOWING
AND INTRODUCTORY TALK WITH:

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Author and Director

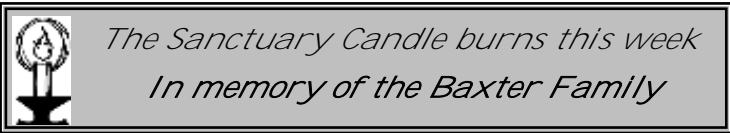
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
6:30 PM SHARP

AT THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Nagle Hall (Basement of the Church, Parking in rear)
279 ATLANTIC STREET, STAMFORD, CT

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT:
www.eventbrite.com/e/the-divine-plan-tickets-69768237677

Free Admission Paid by the Parish

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WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN



The Altar Guild would like to offer all members of the Parish an opportunity to honor and remember loved ones on a birthday, anniversary, or a memorial event by placing flowers on the altar. The book with available dates is located on the bookshelf in the lobby.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:30pm Victor Portanova (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00am Rose Papageorge (req. by family)

11:00am Jose Pastilha (req. by Neto family)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00am **Fr. Michal Murzinski**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00am All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am **Kazimierz & Henryk Uzieblo**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00am **Lucyna & Stefan Smolik**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00am **Jan Cichowski**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:30pm Jerry Wolack (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00am Deceased members of Mallozzi & Grossi family (req. by family)

11:00am Addipietro Maria Grazia (req. by family)

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

All Are Welcome to the Order of Malta's Sixth Annual

Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage

a day of grace and healing

Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford, Connecticut
 please register by September 15, 2019 with Mark.Sullivan@mcchrt@yahoo.com 860.523.1405

This special day will include:
 Washing in the water of Lourdes, Celebration of the Mass, Sacrament of the Sick, Confessions, Adoration, Benediction, the Rosary, talks for the Malades and the Caregivers and a relaxing lunch.
 All are welcome especially the sick, handicapped and frail.

Greetings, Men of God! It's time to get ready for the

12th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

at St. Paul Catholic H.S. in Bristol, CT
 on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019

BUY TICKETS ONLINE www.ctcatholicmen.org

Doors open 7:30am and the event concludes with the Vigil Mass at 4pm
 We're calling all men of the parish to join us for a day of dynamic speakers, Exhibitors, incredible worship, Confession, Adoration, fellowship, and food!
 Our lineup includes Fr John Bartunek, Dan Burke, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers.
 Our opening speaker is Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt & the MC will be Sam Todzia.
 The ticket price is \$45, includes lunch and we are looking at a full house.
 Ticket prices rise 3 days before the event and at the door - so buy them now.
 Don't miss out on this wonderful event for Catholic men from all over Connecticut!
 The Men's Conference is a STATEWIDE laymen collaboration for all Catholic Dioceses.

Advertise in the program? Want a vendor table? Go to: <https://www.ctcatholicmen.org>



**Malta House's Midtown Men Concert
September 14, 2019**

\$150 Concert Ticket includes VIP cocktail reception 6pm featuring hors d'oeuvres by Columbus Park Trattoria.

Carey Dougherty, Executive Director
cdougherty@maltahouse.org

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5 Prowitt Street, Norwalk, CT 06855
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Fall 2019 Personal Care Collection

Sept. 22nd through Sept. 30th

Please leave the donations in the basket in the Lobby of the Church

Any brands are most welcome!

SJPC is so appreciative for all the food donated by OLSS parishioners throughout the year. Your generosity enables SJPC to distribute a bag of groceries to each family every week. As you know, every 6-8 weeks, they also distribute personal care items to families. They send many thanks to the OLSS Parish for her continued support!



BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND.

If you have not already registered please download the 2019/20 form at www.ourladystaroftheseastamford.org.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:

(3yrs to Kindergarten)	Anne Heekin-Canedy	anne.heekin.canedy@icloud.com
(1st to 8th grade)	Dee Fumega	olssdre@yahoo.com
(entering 9th grade)	Adriana Tutillo	a.tutillo@eci-research.com

We look forward to sharing Sunday mornings with your children!

Coffee Sundays are back!



Kicking off September 22 and continuing through May.

Stop by for Coffee and Refreshments between the 9:00 and 11:00 Mases.

If you would like to help out please contact Deb Harrington

olssfellowship@gmail.com

Schmooze with Fellow Parishioners

September 21st after 5:30 pm Mass

Bring refreshments and hor d'oeuvres to share.



CONQUEST
FORGED IN VIRTUE. CALLED TO SERVE.
CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Lady Star of the Sea Youth Groups will begin Sunday, September 15th. For more information please contact our Youth Ministry Directors at olssparishyouthministry@gmail.com



On-Going Non-Perishable Food Collection

Cereal, Canned Fish & Meat, Canned fruits & veggies, Rice, Pasta, Soups, Baking goods, Veg. Oil, Flour, Sugar, Dry Beans, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Tea, Lemonade Mix, Tomato Sauce

Please drop off in the church lobby anytime.



Wedding Banns

III. Shannon Donlon and Charles Geraci