Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary's special aid for the salvation of the devoted wearer.

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel - July 16
Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15th 2017

4:00pm  **ST. PETER**  
Rick Zimmerman *by family*

5:30pm  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Patrick & Mae Lundon and M. Vincent Giorda *by daughter & family*

Sunday, July 16th 2017

7:30am  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Intentions of all parishioners

8:30am  **ST. PETER**  
Anna Diorio *by the Lucian Members & the Filippini Sisters*

10:00am  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Joseph Tham Pham & Maria Cse Pham *by daughters*

11:15am  **ST. PETER**  
Anastasia LaBoda *by daughters*

12:30pm  **ST. FRANCIS**  *Mass in Spanish*  
Intentions of all parishioners

5:00pm  **ST. PETER**  
Kimberly Hull *by the Beecher family*

Weekday Masses

**MONDAY**  7/17  8:00am  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Intentions of all parishioners

**TUESDAY**  7/18  7:00am  **ST. PETER**  
David LaMonica *by family*

**WEDNESDAY**  7/19  8:00am  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Clement Plaskiewicz *by Ann Galgano*

**THURSDAY**  7/20  7:00am  **ST. PETER**  
Tina Kouba *by Mark Basso*

**FRIDAY**  7/21  8:00am  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Our teens attending Steubenville NYC Conference

**SATURDAY**  7/22  8:00am  **ST. PETER**  
Prayers and healing for Joe Lynch *by family*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is being burned  
at **ST. FRANCIS** in memory of  
Patrick & Mae Lundon  
and M. Vincent Giorda  
and at **ST. PETER** in memory of  
Giovanni Silano

Saturday, July 22nd 2017

4:00pm  **ST. PETER**  
Dan & Gina Bruno and Joe DiPippo *by Marie DiPippo and family*

5:30pm  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Arline Sesko *by Anne & Jeanne Fodor*

Sunday, July 23rd 2017

7:30am  **ST. FRANCIS**  
Intentions of all parishioners

8:30am  **ST. PETER**  
Jeremy P. Frasca *by family*

10:00am  **ST. FRANCIS**  
George J. Lyng *by Pat Devline*

11:15am  **ST. PETER**  
Gerrard & Tony Amoroso—10th Anniversary *by Anna & Robert Amoroso*

12:30pm  **ST. FRANCIS**  *Mass in Spanish*  
Intentions of all parishioners

5:00pm  **ST. PETER**  
Intentions of all parishioners

Our Worship Sites

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** - 160 Main St.  
**ST. PETER** - 107 East Main St.  
**SACRED HEART** - 116 Grove St.  
**ST. MARY** - 85 Pulaski St.

Offices

Pope Saint John Paul II  
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160 Main Street  
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Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
9am - 4pm

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My Dear Friends,

Stewardship is the word to describe a parishioner and his or her relationship to the parish. Each one of us is called to stewardship. It consists not only of financially helping your parish, but it also consists of giving time and talent. We have so many volunteers and men and women who belong to committees such as social ministry and bereavement, as well as the many volunteers who are catechists, lectors, altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and weekly collection counters. We also have volunteers who quietly, behind the scenes, help when we need to have bulletins stuffed or help when we need our bottles and cans separated and counted. We have people who decorate our churches and keep our grounds looking good with their gardening and weeding. We have people who volunteer to help us in the choirs and lead us in song, and we have volunteers who help with the audio equipment. I hope to have one day a hospitality committee to help with donuts and coffee and to even greet people as they arrive for Mass. Friendly faces are so important for people to see when they come to Mass or even when they leave Mass. It is true that we have the Eucharist and that should be enough for anyone, but many people today want to feel connected as well to other people and to have friendly faces to reach out and say “good morning” goes a long way to bring others into a church where they feel wanted and accepted. The parish experience has been an ongoing change throughout the decades because peoples’ needs change throughout the decades. We have the constancy of ritual and the constancy of the Eucharist, but many times a parish may lack in that welcoming attitude that goes a long way. I think we do a very good job in Torrington of being aware of peoples’ needs and being welcoming in the parish at Sunday Mass, but there is always room for improvement. So, as we focus on the word stewardship, let us plant that seed so that the one who sows may help us all reap the benefits of a thriving parish community that centers on the Eucharist as we reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ to let them know that we are all in this together.

God bless.

Fr. John

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

† Mondays: 5-7 p.m. at St. Peter
† Tuesdays: 4:30-8pm at St. Francis
† Wednesdays: 5-8 p.m. at St. Francis
† Thursdays: 5-8 p.m. at St. Francis
† Fridays: 5-8 p.m. at St. Francis
(except 1st Friday of the month)

If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: 
*Holy Communion.*

- St. Maximilian Kolbe
Defending Our Religious Liberty
In June, the bishops from the United States voted to establish a permanent Committee for Religious Liberty. Currently, the USCCB’s Committee for Religious Liberty seeks to strengthen and sustain religious freedom by assisting the U.S. bishops, individually and collectively, to teach about religious freedom to the faithful and the broader public, and to promote and defend religious freedom in law and policy. Let us pray that the committee can encourage lawmakers to protect this First Amendment right as they revamp the HHS mandate.

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ST. PETER / ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
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Sacraments
Sacrament of Marriage:
Arrangements for Marriage are made by calling the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with one of the priests at least six months in advance of desired wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick:
Anyone who is seriously ill, advanced in age or preparing for surgery may receive. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
For adults who wish to become Catholic or for Catholic Adults who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Please call the Parish Office to arrange. Preparation class is held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 pm at the Pope Saint John Paul II Pastoral Center.

Homebound or Hospitalized?
If you, or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, or hospitalized and would like a visit, call the Pastoral Center at 860-482-4433 and let us know.

In Need of Prayers? Please call...
Cheryl at 860-618-3533 to be added to our Prayer Line.

Contributions for the week of July 9, 2017
$19,004

Sanctuary Candles will continue to burn at all four worship sites as long as Christ is present in the Tabernacle.
Sanctuary Candle in remembrance of a loved one may be lit for $10/week

Nursing Home Mass Schedule
There will be no nursing home Masses for July & August.
Masses will resume in September.

July 16, 2017
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christmas in July

Toy Drive

To benefit FISH and FRIENDLY HANDS
Please consider helping us get a head start on our Christmas shopping by donating a new book, game, doll, ball or car/truck.

Trees will be in the parish churches July 8th thru July 23rd.
Please take a tag from a tree as a reminder and return your unwrapped gift to St. Francis or St. Peter worship site by July 23rd.
Thank you for your continued generosity. We could not succeed in our social outreach projects without your support and participation.

Thank you!

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JULY COLLECTION for the FOOD BANKS

To quote Saint Pope John Paul II, “The world designed by God cannot be a world in which some hoard immoderate wealth in their hands, while others suffer from destitution and poverty, and die of hunger. Love must inspire justice and the struggle for justice.”
You can help area food banks feed the hungry in our community by donating a non-perishable food item to our monthly food collections.
Items such as PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, TUNA, MAC & CHEESE, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, BEANS, JUICES, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY and CEREAL may be left at St. Francis or St. Peter worship sites the weekend of July 29th-30th.
Gift cards to area grocery stores are also greatly appreciated. Many stores donate additional items when food banks make purchases with gift cards.
Thank you for your continued support!
SACRED HEART CANDLES

NOTE: Candles that have been prepaid for will continue throughout payment period. No new payments will be accepted.

As Sacred Heart will continue to be open as a Worship Site, candles are still available to light individually.
There is a place for donations next to candles.

Sacred Heart: Shauna Troughton, Samantha Troughton, Michael Meyerjack, Emma Lucas, Peter Dubiel, Jr., Alma Dubiel, Rudolph Dubiel, (John & Victoria Reges), (Regina & Karen Spiotta), Vera Fedorich, (Cei & Susan Bell), (Trudy Reges & Jack), Fay Renzullo, (Connie & Bill Hackett), (Frances Lestinsky, Katheryn Fabiaschi), Gerardi Family, DaCosta Family, MTPJ, Michael J. Gerardi, Raymond Kufchak, Karen Kufchak, Nicholas LaGamba, Sr., Jacob Sidlosky, Sr.,
Blessed Mother: Agatha Troughton, Susan Meyerjack, Mary Meyerjack, Anita Janco, Edward Janco, Kevin Janco, Michael Gerardi, Elizabeth Janis, George Kozlak, Anna Sidlosky,
Holy Rosary: Mary Killiany and Mary Kovalcek, Mary Padula
Saint Ann: Anna Kovalcek, Patrons of St. Anne, Anne Milewski, Agnes Nardine Lipinski,
St. Joseph: Deceased members of the Kovalcek family, John J. Milewski Saint Anthony: G.J.T.,
Saint Theresa: Helen Dubyl, Augustine Killiany, (Albert, Mary, Joseph & Philip Lestinsky), (Frances Lestinsky, Katheryn Fabiaschi), (Lestinsky and Dudley Families),
Special Intention: (Gregory, Gerard & Giles Troughton), Audrey Waldron, Debbie Nicholas, Jacob Sidlosky, Jr., Mary Kufchak

Welcome to St. John Paul the Great Parish!
Welcoming committees are now being formed for each one of our Mass times.
Based on desire and on volunteers.
These welcoming committees reflect the “hospitality” of the Church through its warmth and kindness to members of our parish family and those who may be visiting for the first time.

We express God’s love, grace and compassion through positive, friendly, kind, courteous and helpful conduct to all who enter the Church at all times.

With each Mass having its own special “micro-community”... we are looking for those who would like to join a small group from their particular Mass time, to welcome at the doors prior to Mass and if the desire is there, to orchestrate “Coffee and…” regularly or on occasion after that Mass.

With 8 Masses, meeting the needs of over 1,500 people each weekend would be an overwhelming task for any one person or small group.
But with participation from a few joyful people at each Mass, this does not need to be a big commitment at all.

If you are a people person, perhaps you would be willing to simply be at the doors before Mass to smile and greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.
Maybe you could offer to pick up the donuts!
Or step out once a month just before the end of Mass to set up the donuts/baked goods...

Many hands make light work.
We ask you to please pray about how you are being called to use your God-given gifts as a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

For more information, please call Peg Michaud 860-307-9356 or email SaintJohnPaulTheGreatParish@gmail.com

CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT YOURS.
NO HANDS, NO FEET ON EARTH BUT YOURS.
YOURS ARE THE EYES THROUGH WHICH HE LOOKS COMPASSION ON THIS WORLD.
YOURS ARE THE FEET WITH WHICH HE WALKS TO DO GOOD.
YOURS ARE THE HANDS THROUGH WHICH HE BLESSES ALL THE WORLD.
YOURS ARE THE HANDS, YOURS ARE THE FEET, YOURS ARE THE EYES, YOU ARE HIS BODY.
CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW ON EARTH BUT YOURS.
~ SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA
Kids in grades K – 6 are invited to attend. Dinner will be served each evening. $25 per child (Family max. $60). Registration forms available at the Pastoral Center. Email ffftorringtoncluster@gmail.com. Or call 860-307-2291. **LIMITED SPACES!** Please register by July 20th.

**Vacation Bible Camp**

Join us as we embark on the coolest adventure of the summer!

Sacred Heart Hall

**August 7th - 11th from 5 - 8pm**

We will sing songs, play games, make crafts, participate in interactive bible adventures, all while learning about God!

Can’t wait for the fun to begin!

**St. Peter/St. Francis School - ANGEL FUND**

Our Angel Fund is a used for tuition assistance for our students. Any size gift would go far to help a family afford Catholic education.

Please make the check out to your own parish church and note on the memo that it is for the Angel Fund. Please contact Father John for more information.

*Tickets as of June the new price will be $12.* Please note: **NOW for PIZZA ONLY**

All previously sold $10 Dinner/Pizza tickets will gladly be honored at SCARPELLI’S RESTAURANT.

Available at the cluster office or call Peg 860-489-3150 or Alice 860-482-7949.

*SCARPELLI’S PIZZA TICKETS*

*This is an invitation for all the women of St. John Paul the Great Parish*

To come and hear **Bill Dunn** speak on

**Tuesday, August 1st**

In **St. Peter Hall @ 6:30pm**

Refreshments will be served.

Hosted by Holy Rosary Society

You are invited to join Fr. John Mondays from 12-1pm

Sacred Heart for a holy hour

Praying for priests.

Adoration

Scriptural rosary

Silence

Litany to Christ the High Priest followed by Benediction

St. Peter/St. Francis School proudly hosts:

**MOB’S MURDER MYSTERY**

Aspen Dream Productions, presents an award-winning murder mystery comedy. Serving as the longest running dinner theater show in Connecticut, sold-out audiences have been left laughing throughout the entire production for the past twenty years. The show is an interactive experience where the audience becomes involved with mystery unfolding around them.

**Plan your evening of intrigue and investigation now!**

**Find out who kills the Boss!**

**Saturday, July 29th**

Chatterley’s Banquet Facility

371 Pinewoods Rd in Torrington

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Tickets are $50.00/pp and you can purchase them by calling Kristen Harmon at (860) 387-3183.

**View our bulletin online: JohnPaulGreatParish.com**

**SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT PARISH**
Middle School EDGE Program
Marlene Carrier 860-489-7899 • Cell 860-309-7855
TorringtonCatholicYouth@yahoo.com

High School and Middle School Religious Education Program for Middle School/High School youth of St. John Paul the Great Parish
Will be held Thursday Nights from 5-8pm
In conjunction with Main Street Marketplace
July 20th
July 27th
August 3rd
In front of St. Francis Church (weather permitting otherwise inside the JPII Pastoral Center)

Classes run Mid-September through April
Sunday evenings beginning with the 5pm LifeTeen Mass at St. Peter Church w/ Middleschool EDGE weekly from 6-7:30pm and High School Confirmation Year 1/ Year 2 meeting Bi-weekly.

OUR MISSION
As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, LIFETEEN leads teens and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church with the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide.
We believe that an engaging, reverent youth liturgy changes the lives of teenagers at a parish.

Many things we do in youth ministry focus on social events, or service; but with LIFETEEN the Catholic Mass remains central. This is why we begin every class with the Celebration of the LIFETEEN Mass and encourage youth participation as altar servers, lectors, ushers and greeters.

There will be NO Saturday Night LIFE TEEN/EDGE Social Nights during July and August.
We will however gather on Thursday’s in conjunction with Main Street Marketplace
Next gathering - Thursday, July 20 @ St. Francis Church
Gaga Ball... Can Jam... Corn Hole...
7pm Adoration w/LifeTeen Music
8pm Bonfire/Smoses until 9pm
We are in need of responsible adults who would be willing to give just one evening to chaperone activities on Thursday’s this summer.

July 21-23

Friday, July 28

10am to 10pm • Grades 7-12 • $25/person
We ask for small donation towards the bus driver stipend. Space is limited on the bus and will be filled on a first paid first serve basis. So register early!

We are in need of Chaperones!
Permission slips may be found on our website. JohnPaulGreatParish.com

Payment/Permission slips Deadline is Monday, July 24th to the JPII Pastoral Center - 160 Main Street May be dropped in mail-slot on back porch anytime day or night.

These events can only be possible with help from people like you!

JULY 16, 2017
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
COMUNIDAD HISPANA
† EUCARISTIA DOMINICAL
12:30m En la Iglesia de San Francisco

OFICINA PARROQUIAL EN ESPAÑOL
Todos los Martes
5:30 – 6:30PM
Centro de Pastoral Juan Pablo II
(Iglesia de San Francisco)

SERVICIOS: POSIBILIDAD DE CONFESIONES,
DIRECCION ESPIRITUAL, INSCRIPCION DE
INTENCIONES PARA LA EUCARISTIA DOMINICAL,
INFORMACION SOBRE LOS SACRAMENTOS
DE BAUTISMO, PRIMERA COMUNION,
CONFIRMACION, MATRIMONIO, QUINCEANE
Y CATEQUESIS PARA ADULTOS.

CHARLAS PREBAUTISMALES
Requisitos: Asistir a la clase padres y padrinos.
Si los padrinos son pareja, deben estar
casados por la Iglesia.
Llenar el formato para la inscripción bautismal.
Dar una donación voluntaria a
la Parroquia por el Sacramento.
Traer fija la fecha y la hora de la ceremonia del Bautismo.
(Por favor llamar a la oficina para registrarse o al
860-307-7343 – Lourdes –
también pueden enviar texto.)

CHARLA PRE-BAUTISMAL:
3er Viernes de cada mes.
Centro de Pastoral Juan Pablo II
6:00 – 7:00PM

CEREMONIA DE BAUTISMO:
4to domingo de cada mes a la 12:30pm.

St. Peter/St. Francis School
has two JOB OPENINGS for
the 2017-2018 school year

After School Program Director Requirements:
• At least a high school diploma
• Must be proficient in Excel
• Background check

Job Duties:
• Supervise children
• Ensure safe environment
• Assist with homework
• Maintain an organized environment
• Light cleaning (wiping down tables, sweeping, taking out garbage)
• Plan and organize games, crafts, and other activities
• Purchase healthy snacks to be given during the daily snack time
  (will be reimbursed)
• Must change bulletin boards in classroom and hallway seasonally
• Complete daily and weekly attendance paperwork
  and distribute copies to teachers
• Calculate billing using Excel spreadsheets
• Track and submit all forms of payment to the main office
• Notify parents of any outstanding balances or credits
• Communicate with principal

Hours: Monday: 12:30 – 5:30PM
Tuesday – Friday: 1:30-5:30PM
First Friday of each month is early dismissal;
hours are 11:30AM – 5:30PM

Child Care Aide Requirements:
• At least a high school diploma
• VIRTUS training (will be provided once hired)
• Fingerprint/Background check

Job Duties:
• Supervise children
• Ensure safe environment
• Assist with homework
• Maintain an organized environment
• Light cleaning (wiping down tables, sweeping, taking out garbage)
• Participate in games and crafts
• Assist with snack time

Hours: Monday – Friday: 1:45 – 5:30PM
First Friday of each month is early dismissal;
hours are 11:45AM – 5:30PM

To apply for either of these openings,
please contact the principal of St. Peter/St. Francis School,
Mrs. Jo-Anne Gauger, at 860-489-4177 extension 314
or principal@spsfschool.org for an interview.

Movimiento Juan XXIII
7 PM Martes. En las instalaciones de St. Peter School
ubicadas detrás del templo de St. Peter.
El Movimiento Juan XXIII busca trabajar por aquellos
alejados de la Iglesia y marginados de la sociedad,
anunciándoles el Evangelio, mediante una espirituali-
dad de auténtico servicio, enmarcada en el Amor,
la Entrega y el Sacrificio y expresada en esta opción
de vida: “Con Cristo Todo, Sin Cristo Nada”.

Saint John Paul the Great Parish
GRUPOS APOSTOLICOS
Y COORDINADORES PASTORAL HISPANA

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  Lourdes Rodriguez 860-307-7343
Pastoral Social: Doris Ramirez 860-459-6658
Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunion:
  Carmen Fernandez 860-921-3408
Monitores y Lectores: Sonia Sanchez 860-307-8349
Ujieres/Ministros de Acogida:
  Honorato Nunez 860-459-0036
Pastoral Familiar: Yuneris Owens 860-307-2291
Movimiento Juan XXII: Maria Colon 860-387-8133

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