



Bonita and Paul Ponte, and their granddaughter Aaliyah Oliver, view *Saint John's Bible* on display at St. Gregory the Great Church, Bristol, for the Sunday of the Word of God.

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SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE ON VIEW — A volume of the rare *Saint John's Bible* — the first handwritten and hand-illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine monastery since the invention of the printing press in the 15th century — has been on view around the Archdiocese of Hartford. The beautifully illuminated book, Volume Six — Gospels & Acts, is part of The Heritage Edition of the *Saint John's Bible*, which combines the ancient style of script with contemporary images to illustrate Biblical stories. *Saint John's* Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minn., commissioned calligrapher Donald Jackson, senior scribe to the Queen of England, and his team of scribes and artists to create the modern masterpiece. The *Saint John's Bible* project began in 1998 and took 15 years to complete. This unique Bible will be on view at the synod closing Mass at the Toyota Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. The Bible was displayed at St. Gregory the Great Church in Bristol for Pope Francis's newly designated "Sunday the Word of God," a day for Catholics to celebrate the Word of God.

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SENDING CEREMONY FOR MARYKNOLL MISSIONERS

Greg Garrity, a parishioner at St. John the Cross Parish in Middlebury, was among four new Maryknoll lay missioners and one Maryknoll Sister who were blessed and sent forth in a special sending ceremony in the Annunciation Chapel of the Maryknoll Sisters in Ossining, N.Y. Garrity, 63, left for a ministry in Kenya on Dec. 31. The new lay missioners are committing to three-and-a-half years of service. Maryknoll lay missioners serve in a wide range of ministries that include health care and health promotion, education and leadership development, justice and peace, faith formation and pastoral care, and sustainable development. For more information, visit mklm.org. Meet Garrity and the other new Maryknoll lay missioners in a seven-minute video at mklm.org/meet-the-class-of-2019/.

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PASTOR INSTALLED IN WATERBURY — Canon Joel Estrada has been installed as pastor of St. Patrick Parish and Oratory, Waterbury. He speaks to the congregation during a solemn high Mass in the extraordinary form followed the Rite of Installation.

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH

At a Mass celebrating the 125th anniversary of Sacred Heart Church in New Britain, Msgr. Daniel J. Plocharczyk, pastor, and several other priests concelebrated.

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ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN YOUTH CLIMATE STRIKE

Seventh-and-eighth-graders from St. Gabriel School, Windsor, joined in solidarity with thousands of students across the country and around the world in a youth climate strike, and attended a peaceful demonstration at the State Capitol. This is one of the many endeavors that St. Gabriel School has engaged in, as a response to the call of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*.

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