



## The Rotary Club of the Torrington and Winsted Areas

### Tuesday's Today!

#### Last Week's Program:

Pete Paradise introduced Fr. Don LaSalle to us. Fr. Don is a Monfort Missionary and his ministry presently has him at Lourdes of Litchfield.

He introduced us to Lourdes of Litchfield and gave us a quick background as to its history explaining that although initially a Catholic retreat, over the years it grew to be a non-denominational destination for people of all faiths. Over the years people have sought out the quiet of the place and have come to pray to give thanks and for the healing of the sick, for guidance, and for help. Being an outdoor venue, visitors have often remarked that people have felt closer to their faith and their god while praying there. Fr. Don notes that especially now, in this time of COVID, it has become an especially valuable place for people.

Fr. LaSalle characterized Lourdes as a "thin place" and went on to explain the term. With origins in ancient Celtic, the concept describes a place where "heaven and earth are brought closer together." A Thin Place can be really any place which invites us to step out of the ordinary and into a different space. He explained how Thin Places are important to all of us in our communities noting that in our busy lives they can be relaxing, transformative, and places that invite self-transcendence. He counseled that there's a need for each of us to cultivate Thin Places in our own lives and he believes that doing so could be a path by which we can move past that which separates and is so divisive in our society now.

We thank Pete for introducing us to Father Don... it was a very interesting talk.

#### This Week's Program:

Presently, we don't have a speaker scheduled for this Tuesday. If you have one who might be available, please communicate that to me ASAP. As usual we will still meet and attend to our Rotary business and receive updates from President Maria.

#### **Topic: Regular Rotary Tuesday Meeting**

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Time: Tuesday December 8, 2020 12:10 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89424828923>

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

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OR, using your phone:

Dial in: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 894 2482 8923

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## Scheduled Committee Meetings:

Board meeting, Thursday, December 10, at 8am via Zoom. Board members have received an email with the contact info.

## Torrington/Winsted Rotary News and Reminders:

- Those who volunteered to Ring the bell for the Salvation Army are reminded that next Saturday is our day. Please reacquaint yourself with the attached instructions as it concerns COVID specific behavior for the time you spend ringing the bell!
- Our delivery of food to both FISH and the Community Soup Kitchen continues. Thank you to those members who have willingly helped with deliveries. If you see any dates below on which you might make a delivery, please let Matt know at [mnpdc@outlook.com](mailto:mnpdc@outlook.com)
- Frank Ramsey, you're up this week!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Packaging Type</b>	<b>Rotarian for Pick-Up (12:00pm)</b>
December 8	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Frank Ramsey
December 15	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	Pete Paradise
December 22	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	Brian Mattiello

December 29	FISH	Deirdre DiCara 860.482.7300	20 Individual/20 To Freeze	Pete Paradise
January 5	Community Soup Kitchen	Lisa Hageman 860.480.1510	40 to freeze	

**Birthdays:**

Coutant Skinner, Maria.....16 December  
 Rougeot, Paul.....31 December  
 Steck, Jim.....29 December

**Club Anniversaries:**

Cerruto, Gladys.....12/22/87.....33 years  
 DiCarlo, Brenda.....12/20/16.....6 years  
 Finch, Frank.....12/17/62.....58 years  
 Gueniat, Jess.....12/04/18.....2 years  
 Healey, Jason.....12/04/19.....1 year  
 Menard, Michael.....12/05/17.....3 years  
 Todd, Gordon.....12/22/81.....39 years

**Upcoming guest speaker responsibilities:**

Tony Ponte.....December 8, 2020  
 Pat Power.....December 15, 2020  
 Owen Quinn.....December 22, 2020  
 Frank Ramsey.....December 29,2020  
 Paul Rougeot.....January 5, 2021  
 Guy Rovezzi.....January 12, 2021  
 Robert Rovezzi.....January 19, 2021  
 JoAnn Ryan.....January 26, 2021

If your presenter will require the projector and the screen to be set up, please let Matt know ASAP. Also, please let your presenter know that if there's any concerns about the functionality of their presentation, an option is for them to email any presentation they may have to Matt ahead of time who can install their presentation on his laptop to minimize potential complications.

It is your responsibility to introduce your speaker.

Please inform the speaker of the following guidelines of The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas:

- They will have at most ½ hour to do their presentation. Including time for questions.
- It is not the policy of the Club to donate funds raised from the Sergeant-at-Arms presentation to the organization represented by the speaker on the day of the presentation.
- Further, an invitation to make a presentation to The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not suggest that the Club endorses the presenter's views - political or otherwise.
- The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas does not provide an honorarium or reimburse a speaker in any way and a presentation to the Club should not be made with an expectation of financial support.

## Torrington/Winsted Rotary Links:

Website: <http://twrotary.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TWRotary/>

Rotary Web-Photo Albums: [Web Photo Albums](#)

“Be more kind than necessary, for everyone you will meet today is fighting some sort of battle.”

-K. Purcell

Respectfully submitted, your temporary scribe,

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