

ST. JOHN CHURCH, CROMWELL



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 Vigil: William Couture, r/b his friends
7:30 Joyce Turro & Ann Turro, r/b Ron & Pat Heaphy
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Ann Flynn, r/b Jean & David Crandall

The Rosary is prayed before Mass daily at 8:35 a.m.
Perpetual Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Divine Mercy (entrance from lower parking lot).

Monday, January 11

9:00 Month's Mind Mass for Salvatore Branciforte, Sr., r/b Angela Amenta

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 All Souls in Purgatory, r/b Mary Sheehan

Wednesday, 13, Saint Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

9:00 A Special Intention

Thursday, January 14

9:00 Joseph Spagnulo, r/b his family

Friday, January 15

9:00 Kelly Duggan, r/b Barbara & Andrew O'Keefe

Saturday, January 16

9:00 Ann Bradley, r/b the Crandall Family
5:00 Domenico Iozzo, r/b his wife

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Phyllis Marella, r/b the Haywood family
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Ernest & Marie Mattei, r/b Donna Mattei

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

National Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to:

- the Retirement Fund for Religious
- the Annual Appeal for the Holy Father
- the work of Catholic Communications
- the Catholic University of America.

Shortly you will receive in the mail information about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution to liturgy next weekend, January 16th and 17th. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation

in the Church Hall following 9:30 Mass next Sunday. This month's hosts are members of The Guardian Angels Mother's Circle.

The St. John Church Welcoming Committee will host a Welcoming Gathering/Registration Meeting for **New Parishioners** in the Church hall on Thursday January 21st at 7:00 p.m. All new parishioners and their families are required to attend a registration gathering. Please call the parish office to sign-up. (635-5590)

Baptism Instruction Class will be held Sunday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Proper. Please call the Parish Office to register.

AUCTION NOTICE

There will be a meeting in the Library on Tuesday January 12 at 7:00 p.m. for all committee members. If you are interested in joining the committee please come to this meeting. New members are always appreciated and welcome! *The auction will be held on Saturday April 10, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!*

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



Choir rehearsal will resume on Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m. The choir will be preparing for Lent and Holy Week. Interested persons are encouraged to join for the season. If you play a musical instrument please contact Joyce at 860-633-1575.

Prayer Request

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Shannon Cody, Benjamin Cantwell, Ellie Frisk, Alice Young, Rose Spagnulo, Michael Peck, Richard H. Peck, Dominic Serlise, Charles V. Conte, Mary Kelly Brown, Josephine Reck, Carol Nettis, Bridget Flanagan, Sarah Lorenzo, Rose Roberto, Donna Callahan, Kathy Rand, Armand Cook, Claudia Kondracky, Bill Connell, Robert Stetson, Florence McIntyre, Henrietta Bernal, Carolyn Record, Rosalie Pitruzzello, Peter Young, Janis Gianni, Karen Ireland, Phyllis Kelly, Josie Anderson, John Dooney, Howard Nielsen, Jr., Richard "Rick" Brown, Mary DeJohn, Kathleen Linehan, Richard Bobrowski, Margaret Ward, Jerilyn LaFargue, Carol Goulart, L. Johnson, Pasquale & Natalia Fasciani, Christine Guerriero, Maureen Schappert, Michelle Delisle, Kelly Franklin, William Revis, Marc Revis, Francis Ethier, Mike Cosker, Dr. John Conroy, William White, Cameron Rahman, Katherine Sabb, Thomas Danaher, Carolyn Mueller, Bob Matus, Marie Griffin, Linda Coons and Sylvia Costa.

Please call 635-5590 to add or remove names from the prayer list



Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to the family of:

† Ann Bradley

Please keep her and all our departed in your prayers



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MARK THESE DATES:

- 1/17/10 – 1/20/10: Gospel Call
- 1/17/10 Grade 9 Retreat at St. Coleman
- 1/23/10: Grade 10 Sponsor/Candidate Reflection Day
- 2/3/10: 2nd grade 1st penance with family
- 3/6/10: 1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting
- 3/6/10 9th Grade Candlelight Rosary
- 3/14/10 Triduum Intergenerational Event
- 3/20/10 – 3/24/10: Parish Mission
- 4/24/10 2nd Grade Mini-Reflection SJC Hall
- 4/27/10 FHC Rehearsal
- 5/1/10 First Holy Communion Ceremony
- 5/5/10 Confirmation Rehearsal
- 5/8/10 Confirmation Ceremony

Sean Forest Retreat at St. Coleman Church

Sunday January 17, Grade 9 Retreat with Sean Forest at St. Coleman Church in Middlefield. Bus leaves rear parking lot of St. John Church at 12:30 sharp and returns at 5:30 p.m. Please bring \$25.00 to cover cost the retreat and food. Any Grade 10 Candidate who did not attend last year is required to attend this retreat.



Youth Rally and Concert –

\$25pp, Pre-registration for Rally by phone or on line due by March 1, 2010. Concert only – all ages welcome - \$15pp in advance / \$20 at the door.

For more information or concert tickets: Jill Patten (860)460-3947 or www.itickets.com/events/236143.html / or www.norwichdiocese.org. This event sponsored by the Office of Faith Events, Diocese of Norwich, CT

YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your 2009 yearly contribution statement will be mailed by the end of January. If your do not receive yours and would like to, please contact Shelly at 635-5590.

Office of the Bishop

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, January 10, 2010, marks for us again the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week throughout the country.

We are presently in the midst of the Year for Priests during which all priests along with the family of God have been asked to pray for the continued growth of holiness for priests.

During this particular week, I ask that you pray more particularly for those men who are or should be discerning a vocation to the priesthood and those men and women who are or should be discerning a vocation to religious life. There are many men and women of great faith within the Church and God is calling some of them to serve His family in very particular ways. It is important that the family of God pray for and encourage those specifically called by God to accept the gift of their particular vocation and to generously offer themselves as a gift to the family of God through that vocation, be it as a religious priest, sister or brother or as a diocesan priest.

We have several men who continue in their priestly formation in seminary this year. Deacon Chris Feeney is preparing for possible ordination to the priesthood later this year. Please keep him in your prayers. If you know of someone who would make a good priest or religious brother or sister, please recommend them to your pastor or directly to our Diocesan Vocation Office.

Please also keep me, your unworthy servant, in your prayers that God may through His Holy Spirit continue to direct me in the guidance I give to His family here in the Diocese of Norwich.

May Christ, the Eternal High priest, through the intercession of Saints Patrick, Ann, and John Vianney, bless you and open the hearts of those He is calling to share in these particular vocations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

WASHINGTON—Thousands of Catholics will gather in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray for an end to abortion at the National Prayer Vigil for Life. Opening Mass at 7 p.m. on January 21, the eve of the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. After the Opening Mass there will be confessions, a National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer according to the Byzantine Rite, and holy hours from midnight until 6 a.m. led by seminarians from across the country. On January 22, the morning of the March for Life, the National Shrine will also host Morning Prayer at 6:30 a.m. and a closing Mass of Penance and Prayer at 7:30 a.m. Bishop Paul Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, will be the principal celebrant and homilist.



Perpetual Adoration

"THE MASTER IS HERE AND IS ASKING FOR YOU."
John 11:28

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Please fill shaded areas first:

Monday: 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Tuesday: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday: 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.

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4 a.m. – 5 a.m.

5 a.m. – 6 a.m.

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

10 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Friday: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

6 a.m. – 7 a.m.

Saturday: 2 a.m. – 3 a.m.

3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

4 a.m. – 5 a.m.

Saturday: 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Sunday: 5 a.m. – 6 a.m.

Call Roger at 635-1918

A COMMITTED ADORER IS ONE WHO PROMISES TO BE HERE ON A CERTAIN DAY AT A CERTAIN TIME FOR ONE HOUR.

January 10, 2010
Baptism of the Lord

"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?'" - Matthew 3:14

Each of us has received the Baptism that John sought – a Baptism into the Church of Jesus. The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what else God might call us to do.



In Loving Memory

Divine Mercy Chapel Fund
\$50.00 in memory of Sal Branciforte



Gospel Call

Experience Afresh Our
Unity in the Lord!

Together in Worship –
Spiritual Growth – Mission

Save the Dates:

January 17, 18, 19, 20, 2010

How long have you lived in Cromwell? How well do you know your neighbors in Christ? Have you visited their churches? Would you like to? Come along make new friends and bring a welcome smile to our neighbor.

THE GOSPEL CALL will begin here in our church on January 17th with a **POT LUCK SUPPER** at 5:00 PM and the Service at 7:30 PM and continuing on Monday, at First Congregational Church at 7:30 PM and Tuesday evening at Hilltop Covenant Church and concluding at Bethany Lutheran at 7:30 PM on Wednesday Evening with a special focus on the ministries in the co-sponsoring churches. Rev. Diane Kessler and Father Tom Ryan, CSP, leaders in the Christian unity movement, will preach at the evening services and will also offer three day-time opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal. You won't want to miss this chance for sharing in faith, life, and witness with other Christians in this area. Mark your calendars. For further information call our church secretary at 860 635 5590.

Save the date:

Ecumenical Pot Luck Supper



As you know four Christian Churches in Cromwell have been working together to prepare for "Gospel Call", four consecutive evenings of ecumenical worship, spiritual growth and mission.

On January 17th, the very first night of "Gospel Call" we will all feast together at 5:00 p.m. in Saint John Church Hall before we head upstairs for a joint church service at 7:30. We are hoping to fill the hall with good food and good fellowship.

If you plan to attend the pot luck please sign up on the poster in the church vestibule or call Rosemary Matus (635-0011) or Joanne Golden (635-5789) with the number of attendees and what you will bring.

ST. JOHN CHURCH PARISH POLICIES

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are generally not ministered during the Lenten Season. Parents planning to have their baby baptized must receive instruction prior to Baptism. The next instruction *Class will be held on, JANUARY 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.* Please meet in the Church. You must first register with Fr. Raymond (635-5590).

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES: A person wishing to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation must be a registered member in good standing with our Church.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for weddings need to be made in person by the parties of the proposed marriage at least one year in advance and prior to setting any date. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Norms for Marriage in the Diocese of Norwich require that those planning marriages should contact the priest one year prior to the marriage.**

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING is given to those who are seriously ill or about to undergo surgery. Please call the parish office, 635-5590.

COMMUNION TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Special ministers of the Eucharist may bring Communion to the home of those who are homebound. The priests will visit once a month.

--COME PRAY--

FOR YOUR PRIESTS AND WITH YOUR PRIESTS!

THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2010 @

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK, 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

THE HOUR INCLUDES: ADORATION, SPECIAL PRAYERS,
EVENING PRAYER, A SHORT REFLECTION, AND
BENEDICTION.

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MARRIED COUPLES – Worn out from the Holidays?

Are you looking for a way to avoid the January blahs? How about a special weekend, just for the two of you? Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today. Upcoming weekends are January 29 – 31, and April 23-25, 2010.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Joe and Jane Staszowski at (860)644-7260 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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