



"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his

glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:10-11

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 Vigil: Domenico Iozzo, e/b his wife
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

*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 18

9:00 A Special Intention

Tuesday, January 19

9:00 Anna Maria Pirrotta, r/b Fiorena Sanzo

Wednesday, January 20, Saint Fabian, pope, martyr, Saint Sebastian, martyr

9:00 Helen Sawicki

Thursday, January 21, Saint Agnes, virgin, martyr

9:00 Albin Kocialski, r/b his estate

Friday, January 22, Saint Vincent, deacon & martyr

9:00 A Special Intention

Saturday, January 23

9:00 Ann Bradley, r/b Barbara & Andrew O'Keefe
5:00 Max & Mary Corvo, r/b their family

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Ann Bradley, r/b Dick & Jan Czapiga
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Lawrence "Red" Grassi, the Crandall Family

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 Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the parish center room 202 on Monday, January 25 from 7 – 9 p.m.

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

National Combined Collection will be held this 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.

Earthquake in Haiti

Bishop Cote has authorized a special collection for Haitian Relief, to be taken up on the weekend of January 23-24, 2010.

The proceeds of the collection will be distributed among the Norwich Diocesan Mission House (which has been completely destroyed), Hospice Saint Joseph, and Catholic Relief Services.

Statement of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, on the January 12, 2010, Earthquake in Haiti.

"Our prayers tonight are with our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are in harm's way of the major earthquake that has hit close to Port au Prince. As we work to learn more through the night of their plight, we hope to make contact with our diocesan mission house, the *Norwich Mission House* in Petionville, -- and *Hospice St. Joseph* in Port au Prince....our life lines to the Island.

The Diocese has been on the ground in Haiti faithfully helping the good people of this impoverished Country for over 25 years. We care deeply about their struggle. We are a united family in that concern as we face this disaster. The people of Haiti need our help...and the help of more and more people in our compassionate Country through this time and through the long road to recovery. May God watch over and bring strength to those suffering and those answering the call to help.

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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL NOT BE SERVED THIS SUNDAY.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



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.



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MARK THESE DATES:

1/17/10 – 1/20/10:	Gospel Call
1/23/10:	Grade 10 Sponsor/Candidate Reflection Day
2/3/10:	2 nd grade 1 st penance with family
3/6/10:	1 st Holy Communion Parent Meeting
3/6/10	9 th Grade Candlelight Rosary
3/14/10	Triduum Intergenerational Event
3/20/10 – 3/24/10:	Parish Mission
4/24/10	2 nd 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.*

Mercy High School Entrance Exam Registration, Test Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 8:00 A.M.. Pre-registration is required. Visit <http://www.mercyhigh.com/> or call 860-346-6659.

XAVIER Make-up Entrance Exam 1/27/2010 8:00 AM: There will be a make up entrance exam on Wednesday, January 27th at 8:00 a.m. Please call 860-346-7735 ext. 702 to pre-register.

ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GROUP

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Come join us, and be sure to invite your friends!

- WHERE: St. John Parish Hall
- WHEN: Wednesday February 10, 2010
- TIME: 7 – 9 p.m.

For more information call: Rosemary Matus, 635-0011
Joanne Golden, 635-5789.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2010 WASHINGTON D.C.

37th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

Supreme Court Decision

The March for Life is a Pilgrimage of Prayer and public witness on the behalf of the unborn. Join hundreds of thousands of ProLife Americans. Buses will leave for D.C. on Thurs. Jan. 21, 2010 at 9:00p.m. from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (exit 80, I-395) and arrive at the Basilica, the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Fri. Jan.22. Bus fare \$55.00 for adults and \$28.00 for students. For info or to reserve or sponsor a seat call Margaret Becotte 860-822-1362. For those unable to travel to D.C. the Mass for Life in CT is at 9:30a.m. Holy Trinity Church, 53 Capitol Ave. Hartford and follows with a march to the state capitol. For the CT Mass info call Mary Timmis 860-638-7095.

Immigration Reform could be Considered by Congress

Postcard Campaign to be held Feb 6-7, 2010 at all weekend Masses

With the expectation that comprehensive immigration reform could soon be considered by Congress, it is important that supporters of reform make their voices heard on Capitol Hill. For this reason, the Justice for Immigrants Campaign has initiated a postcard campaign to urge Congress to pass reform legislation.

In a landmark pastoral letter issued by the Catholic bishops of Mexico and the United States, Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope, the bishops acknowledge that the current immigration system is badly in need of reform and that a comprehensive approach to fixing it is required. The bishops offer a comprehensive set of recommendations for changing U.S. laws and policies to reflect the principles contained in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching and to bring about a more humane and just immigration system in the United States.

The bishops' call for reforms includes the following elements:

1. Global anti-poverty efforts
2. Expanded opportunities to reunify families
3. Temporary worker program
4. Broad-based legalization
5. Restoration of due process

For further information about this reform please visit:
<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/index.html>



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.

2 a.m. – 3 a.m.

3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

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 17, 2010

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” - 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan, helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

SJC Pro Life Ministry

Next Meeting: February 2, 2010

Library at 7:00 p.m.

The group has a simple goal: to respect, protect, love and serve life - every human life, from the womb to natural death.

All are welcome to join this Committee: age, faith or background make no difference...just a strong commitment to promote life is needed. Perfect attendance is NOT required! For further information contact our parish secretary Shelly King at 635-5590.

GET INVOLVED: Everyone has a talent or ability to contribute, if only for one hour per week or per month.

Office of the Bishop Norwich, Connecticut 06360

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the start of this New Year and the 37th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court on January 22, 2010, I write to you requesting your continued support to restore the sacredness of all human life. This past year has recorded pro-life victories in off-year elections and added momentum for a renewed action to overcome the culture of death that has pervaded the public policy of our country.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has prepared and approved documents to clarify Ethical and Religious concerns for medically assisted nutrition and hydration; and, a document on reproductive technologies, entitled “Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology.” These documents have been made available to the priests of our diocese, at our priests’ convocation, so they may aid and counsel Catholics on these life issues.

The entire spectrum of human life covers a diversity of pro-life concerns beginning with the fact that life is the most basic of human rights. Moving out on the spectrum of life, there are many issues falling within the “Tapestry of life” because each and every one of us has an intrinsic and immeasurable worth.

We must remain vigilant concerning end of life issues promoting assisted suicide and euthanasia which are being submitted to the legislatures and courts across our country and around the world. In addition, we must be aware and prompt comprehensive immigration reform which will protect the sacredness of human life and prevent families from being split apart. As a Church, we must stand united to repel any law or regulation which would require all Americans to subsidize and promote abortion with our tax dollars.

As a people of God, specifically as Catholic Christians, we must renew our efforts to protect the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death by keeping ourselves informed in all of the life issues. I am requesting all of our priests and deacons to preach teach and educate all on the sacredness of human life at every stage of its existence.

Please join us for prayer each first Saturday of the month at 8:30 A.M. in the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich for the Pro-Life Mass. May God bless you in this New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Bishop of Norwich

YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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



In Loving Memory

Divine Mercy Chapel Fund

\$750.00 in memory of Ann Bradley

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.

On Sunday, February 7, 2010, the 13th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Reverend Thomas Rosica, CSB, C.E.O., Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, Ontario, Canada. All are invited to participate in the Mass.

Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford,

Please call 860-521-0440 for further information.

Wednesday February 17, Finding God Again: A Lenten Exploration (day program) **Start Time:** 10:00 AM

Evening program **Start Time:** 6:00 PM

Presenter: Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. **Offering:** \$30.00

St. James School (Manchester) Open House and Registration:
Tuesday January 26, 8:30 a.m. Call 860-643-5088 for further information.

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21