



He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" - Lk 4:23

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 Vigil: Maria & Luigi Gallitto, r/b their daughter & son -in-law
- 7:30 A Special Intention
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 Paul Pappalardo, r/b his family

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, February 1

- 9:00 Waclaw Lojko, r/b friends

Tuesday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

- 9:00 John O'Donnell, r/b his daughter

Wednesday, February 3, St. Blaise, bishop & martyr, St. Ansgar, bishop

- 9:00 Deceased members of the Dino/Nepomuceno families, r/b family

Thursday, February 4

- 9:00 Maria Lojko, r/b friends

Friday, February 5, St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

- 9:00 Ann Bradley, r/b Judy McCain

Saturday, February 6, St. Paul Miki, martyr, & his companions, martyrs

- 9:00 Joseph Damiata, r/b his family
- 5:00 Vincent Carnaroli, r/b his wife

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Robert Poturnicki, r/b his daughter Susan
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 Birthday blessings for Nneoma Iloeje, r/b 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 Netti, 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, Sylvia Costa and Judy Nocera.

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

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

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

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a postcard campaign to Congress in support of immigration reform. It is anticipated that immigration reform could be considered in 2010. Postcards will be available at all Church entrances. This is an important public policy issue which impacts individuals and families which attend our Church and we encourage you to participate in the campaign. (further information is on page 3 of this weekends bulletin)



FEBRUARY 17, 2010

- 7 A.M.: Mass with Ashes
- 9 A.M.: Mass with Ashes
- 12 noon: Service only with Ashes
- 4 P.M.: Service only with Ashes
- 7 P.M.: Mass with Ashes

A COLLECTION for the Poor and Needy will be taken at all Ash Wednesday Masses and services.

LENTEN MASS: 9 AM. Daily Mass Only

Traditional STATIONS OF THE CROSS, with movement from Station to Station, will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

MORNING COFFEE WITH GOD

Start your day with the pause that refreshes your soul!

Theme: Responding to God's Invitation

Monday, February 8, Launching Out

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

St. John Church Hall Cromwell

Baptism



Blessings on this special day for you and your little girl ... May she live a life that's pleasing to the Lord.

Thou dost show me the path of life; in Thy presence there is fullness of joy ... --Psalms 16:11f

Kaelyn Elizabeth Petrella

God's blessing be with you on your day of Baptism and throughout your life

We will be collecting Pasta and Pasta Sauce next weekend. Thank you for your donations.



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MARK THESE DATES:

- 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

Saint John School in Middletown will hold an Open House and Registration day on Wednesday February 3 from 10 a.m. – 5: p.m. They are accepting applications for students in grade Pre-K through Grade 8. Please bring with you a baptismal record and birth certificate. For further information please call 860-347-3202.

ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GROUP MARK YOUR CALENDAR FASHION SHOW



- WHERE: St. John Parish Hall
 - WHEN: Wednesday February 10
 - TIME: 7 – 9 p.m.
- For more information call:
Rosemary Matus, 635-0011
Joanne Golden, 635-5789.

Please bring your favorite Chocolate Dessert to share!
St. John Church Cookbooks will be available to purchase
Please bring a canned good for St. Vincent de Paul Place

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



The choir is 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.



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

† Thomas Valencia (Irene Marquis brother)

† Dorothy Koerner (Joan Eccleston's Mom)

Please keep her and all our departed in your prayers

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

“CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE”

is Catholic Schools Week Theme for 2010

Theme reminds us that there is no better investment than the education of a child

A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for all Catholics to celebrate the Church's dedication to the education of the young. This year Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 31 to February 6, 2010. The theme this year is: Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, and Morals.

The Church has a long history in the field of education. Most of the great universities in Europe were established by the Church or religious orders. Catholic Schools in this country harken back to the mid-19th Century when the American hierarchy created schools to ensure that the faith would live in the children of immigrants. What a marvelous success story the Church has written! Today the efforts of our predecessors continue, though admittedly under difficult circumstances.

Our schools indeed provide Dividends for Life. Our schools teach the faith. Children are exposed to the truths of Catholicism. They are taught how to pray and how to begin the journey of growing in the spiritual life. Our schools teach children and young adults how to learn and how to grasp skills and knowledge. They do so in such a way as to ensure an understanding that learning is a life long endeavor in a complex technological world.

Our schools have always been characterized as institutions which expect young people to learn and grow with honesty and integrity. They have always maintained high standards for student conduct. Catholic schools produce well disciplined graduates.

Our schools teach right from wrong. Catholic schools produce graduates who are morally good. They teach the moral theology of the Church which reinforces the same high moral expectations which parents have for their children.

I ask you to pray for the success of our Catholic Schools. I ask you to pray for our teachers and principals. And I ask you to support Catholic education in these trying economic times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



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.

5 a.m. – 6 a.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.

Friday: 7 p.m. – 8 p.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.

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.

Teens of Pro-life (TOP-Life) Club of AHF

Academy of the Holy Family

Come share your talents and perform in a family-friendly atmosphere, for a great cause! Singers, instrumentalists and friends welcome! The AHF TOP-Life Club will hold the 2nd Pro-Life Coffee House of the '09-'10 school year, in honor of people who have lost lives in the Haiti earthquake, with proceeds going to the Haitian relief fund of the Diocese of Norwich www.haitianministries.org. Come and enjoy from **7:00 to 9:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010**, in Hanlon Hall at the Academy of the Holy Family, 54 West Main St., Baltic. Come enjoy the music and fellowship of fellow pro-life performers—professionals and students—including singers, dancers, musicians, and family!

Donation requested is \$5.00, \$20.00 per family. Plenty of refreshments are included!!! Questions? E-mail prolifespainish@ahfbaltic.org or call Sister Marie-Andre at 860-822-8241. Thanks for your support. Bring your friends and meet new ones!!!



In Loving Memory

Divine Mercy Chapel Fund

\$210.00 in memory of Ann Bradley

Stop Abortion Funding in Health Care Reform,

“Congress continues to debate health care reform. While the House passed a health care bill that prevents the federal government from funding elective abortions, and includes provisions making health care affordable and accessible for all, the Senate rejected this and passed a bill that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions, while forcing purchasers to pay directly for other people’s abortions. These two bills must now be combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form. The U.S. bishops continue to strongly oppose abortion funding, while calling for critical improvements in conscience protection, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and access to health care for immigrants.

In your bulletins today, you’ll find a bulletin insert from the U.S. Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The bulletin insert includes a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will protect the lives, dignity, conscience and health of all. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.”

Questions and Answers Regarding Catholic Church Position on Immigration

Some charge that the Church is in favor of a nation without borders, that we support illegal immigration. How do you respond to that?

The Church does not favor illegal immigration in any sense. It is not good for the migrant, who often suffers abuse by smugglers, exploitation in the workplace, and even death in the desert. It is not good for society or for local communities, because it creates a permanent underclass with no rights and no opportunity to assert them. That is why the Church supports the creation of legal avenues for migration and legal status for migrants. The Church has always supported the right of a sovereign nation to secure its borders, although it should be done in a manner that protects human life, to the greatest degree possible.

Does the Church have the right to speak out on immigration reform, which is largely a political issue?

All public policy issues---abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, poverty reduction, and immigration reform---have political aspects to them. The Church is well within Her rights to speak out on public policy issues of moral consequence and often does. In fact, the Church has a moral obligation to speak out on issues which impact human dignity and human life. In the immigration area, the Church brings special expertise to the table because we are an immigrant church and we have helped assist immigrants assimilate into the nation for years.

(will be continued in next weeks bulletin)

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, FEBRUARY 21, 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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT for Healing after Abortion. If you or someone you know is grieving from a past abortion, then experience the healing love of Christ. Retreat combines discussions, spiritual exercises, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love and forgiveness. For information or to register for the upcoming Retreat March 19-21, 2010 in Hamden, CT call Mary Hayden at 203-882-1326. For the Holyoke, MA Retreat on March 19-21, 2010 call Mary Petisce at 413-783-8619. Rachel's Vineyard Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Married or Engaged Couples are asking: What is Natural Family Planning? (NFP) is scientifically sound and fully consistent with God's plan for marital love. NFP is easily learned, 99% effective – both for conceiving a child or responsibly postponing conception, and can be used with NFP doctors if you are having fertility problems. Both married and engaged couples are welcome to take classes. The three-part course offered at St. John's Church in Old Saybrook. Call Steve and Lisa Collison (Certified Instructors) at 860-399-8265 to register. Home study NFP course is also available. For information call Instructors or Susan Williams, Office of Family Life, at 860-889-8346 ext. 283

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11