

ST. JOHN CHURCH, CROMWELL



Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching

men." - Lk 5:9-10

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 Vigil: Vincent Carnaroli, r/b his wife
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 her 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 8, St. Jerome Emiliani, priest, St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

9:00 In honor of St. Lucie

Tuesday, February 9

9:00 A Special Intention

Wednesday, February 10, St. Scholastica, virgin

9:00 James McCain, r/b his wife

Thursday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 Ann Bradley, r/b Jean Malaquias

Friday, February 12

9:00 Mary Ann Anderson, r/b Betty Bradley

Saturday, February 13

9:00 A Special Intention
5:00 Stanley & Chessie Kowalewski, r/b their daughters

Sunday, February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Rocco LaMonica, r/b his family
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Blessings for living members of the Iloeje family, r/b Uche & Vivien Iloeje



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, Sylvia Costa and Judy Nocera.

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



In Loving Memory

Divine Mercy Chapel Fund

\$10.00 in memory of Ann Bradley

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

FRANCISCAN MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend, February 13 and 14th, a mission appeal will be conducted for the benefit of the Conventual Franciscan Friars of St. Anthony Padua Province. Continuing the tradition begun by St. Francis of Assisi, the friars of St. Anthony Province are laboring in Jamaica, Africa., Central America, the Philippines ... and even among the poor in the United States! Brother Michael Duffy will speak at all Masses.

In the Middle Ages most people wore basically the same style of clothing: a simple tunic, a small shoulder cape and perhaps a hood to keep off the rain. Depending on one's class in society, the cloth would have been either rich or simple. Because pockets had not been invented, the wealthy wore a leather belt fastened around their waist on which was suspended a money bag, dagger and sword. **After his conversion, Francis decided to throw off his adorned belt and instead tied an ordinary rope around his waist as all the peasants wore. He eventually tied three knots in the rope as a reminder of his three promises to God: poverty, chastity and obedience.** The word "habit" is derived from the Latin, *habitus*, "to put on a way of a life." The external garment represents an interior change. In traditional imagery the religious habit is appreciated as the armour of salvation and a mantle of justice. Within the Franciscan fraternity the habit acts as both the wedding garment and the burial shroud; it is the sign of unity and the visible link between brothers long since in heaven and those yet to be born.



ASH
WEDNESDAY



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.

Deanery Lenten Penance Service, St. Sebastian Church, Middletown, March 8 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



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MARK THESE DATES:

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

Congratulations to **Jennifer Bentley**, a junior at Mercy High School, who was inducted into Mercy's McAuley Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 17, 2009.

ST. JOHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Applications are now available for the St. John Memorial Scholarship from Guidance Counselors at Cromwell High School, Mercy High School and Xavier High School. Students are to pick up an application from the Guidance Counselor, complete it and return it to the Guidance Counselor. The Guidance Counselor will attach the student's official high school transcript and any/all letters of recommendation and forward all information to the St. John Parish Office. **The information must be received on or before April 30th.** All 2009 graduating seniors of St. John Parish who will be attending a post-secondary educational institution are eligible to apply for the scholarship award to be paid directly to the individual. **The winners will be determined on the basis of their contribution to the St. John Parish community in Cromwell during their high school years.** This can include, but is not limited to: attendance at Mass and other Church celebrations; participation in church ministries; assistance at the auction and other church sponsored events. and involvement in several areas including Family, School and Community.



Family Says Thank you

A benefit was held in November for my wife, Michele, who suffered 2 strokes in January 2009.

The overwhelming love and support from family, friends and the community has more than made up for the happenings of this past year. We want to say thank you to all for helping us make the benefit such a success. Your prayers and good wishes will continue to assist us in making 2010 a much better year. We love you very much and may God bless you all now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Dan, Michele and Renee Delisle



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

Immigration Reform Postcard Campaign

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.

Questions and Answers Regarding Catholic Church Position on Immigration

In general, is immigration good for our country or does it create new burdens on U.S. citizens?

Except for Native Americans, we are all descendants of immigrants or are immigrants ourselves. Immigrants have helped build the great nation we enjoy today. While opponents of immigration will attempt to raise the fears of U.S. citizens that immigrants today take away jobs, change the culture, and eat up public resources, the truth of the matter is that today's immigrants are no different than previous generations. They come to work hard and to support their families, not to take public resources or commit crimes. This is borne out in the majority of research studies on the subject, which conclude that, overall, immigrants are contributors to our economy and helpful to our local communities. They also bring a spiritual energy and richness which enriches our worship and Church.

What is a "guest worker" program? Won't such a program only encourage more illegal immigration?

A "guest worker" program is a political term for a program which provides temporary visas for migrant workers to come and work in specific industries, such as agriculture, service, and construction. The U.S. bishops have traditionally opposed such programs because they have traditionally lead to the exploitation of workers and the lowering of wages. The reality is that we now have an unofficial "guest worker" program in our nation known as the undocumented. They have no rights in the workplace but work hard and have no laws to protect them. The U.S. bishops support a program which protects the rights of both U.S. and foreign born workers and allows them the opportunity to assert their rights in the workplace. By creating legal avenues for migration, we will reduce illegal immigration flows.



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.

February 7, 2010, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” - Isaiah 6:8

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, “Here I am, send me!”



Lord, surround these children with goodness, lead them in Your light each day; Help them walk the path You've chosen, guide their steps along the way-Teach them, Lord, to trust Your wisdom with a faith from up above; Keep them from all harm, and bless them always

with Your grace and love. --B. J. Hoff

**Charles Nicholas Zapatka
Matthew Patrick Marshall**

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

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the noontime meal at St. Vincent dePaul Place next Saturday, February 13. There is a signup board in the Church foyer.



World Day for Consecrated Life

Today we rejoice and celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular

institute, or through private vows. We pray for these people and ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service.

“Coming soon in the February issue of the Four County Catholic- An article on the challenges Consecrated women and men face daily and the mission they fulfill in the Church and the world.



**OPERATION RICE BOWL:
OUR LENTEN PROGRAM**

Solidarity Will Transform the World

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, our parish is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called OPERATION RICE BOWL (ORB).

Rice Bowls will be distributed on February 13th and 14th.

For 36 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing our parish community's Lenten faith experience. Rice Bowls will be distributed to you at Mass today. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl Collection on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010.

“Congress continues to debate health care reform. Last weekend you received a special flier/bulletin insert from the U.S. Bishops' Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately asking them to oppose abortion funding and improve conscience protection, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and access to health care for immigrants. The flier/bulletin insert included 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.”

CRAFT FAIR: The Knights of Columbus are looking for crafters for a May 1 craft fair in Cromwell. Please contact John Croasdale at 860-671-9257 for further information.

Felician Sisters POLISH SUPPER: Saturday, March 6th from 3 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$10.00. Our Lady of the Angels Convent, 1315 Enfield St., Route 5, Enfield CT. For more information call 860-745-7791. Take out orders available.

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.

Xavier High School is holding its 28th Antique Show & Flea Market, Sunday, March 7th from 9am-4pm. If you have something to sell please consider purchasing a display space at \$50.00 which includes a table. Call 860-346-7735 today to reserve your spot. Nothing to sell? Plan on joining us to browse and shop. Admission fee is \$4.00 per person or \$3.00 with a canned food donation.

Wanted: Director for child protection Catholic ministry. Experience as professional nonprofit administrator preferred. Must demonstrate excellence in program management and evaluation, budgeting and bookkeeping, training, written and oral communication and supervision. Must be practicing Catholic in good standing. Excellent computer skills in MS Word, Excel, and Access are required. B.A. or equivalent experience also required. Minimum starting salary: \$45,000. Send resume and cover letter with salary expectations to: SE Search Committee, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Deadline for application: February 17, 2010.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH, 272 MAIN STREET, DURHAM CT: Fr. Bill McCarthy of My Father's House Retreat Center will be celebrating all Masses the weekend of February 27th & 28th to introduce The Lenten Parish Mission entitled "Having a Personal Relationships with Jesus" at Notre Dame Church. The mission will run from Sunday, February 28th to Wednesday, March 3rd beginning at 7 pm each evening. All are invited to attend this special mission.

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26