

ST. JOHN CHURCH, CROMWELL



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 Vigil: Robert & Stephen Ondrick, r/b their family
7:30 Helen Sawicki
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Giovanni Sanzo, r/b Fiorena Sanzo

*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, March 1

9:00 Ann DiStefano, r/b her husband

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 Patrick Fitzgerald, r/b the Sheehan family

Wednesday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, virgin

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

Thursday, March 4, St. Casimir

9:00 Salvatore Marino, r/b Enzo & Elena Marino

Friday, March 5

9:00 Albin Kocialski
7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

9:00 A Special Intention
5:00 Timothy Griffin, 50th birthday, r/b his parents

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 Helen Sawicki
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Living members of the Ileoje family, r/b Uche & Vivien Ileoje



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, Bob Matus, Marie Griffin, Linda Coons, Sylvia Costa, Lucille McCarthy 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.

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and The Holy Land. Shortly you will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Liturgy next week, March 6th and 7th. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

MORNING COFFEE WITH GOD

Start your day with the pause that refreshes your soul!

Theme: *Responding to God's Invitation*

Monday, March 1, Coming Home

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

St. John Church Hall Cromwell

The St. John Church Welcoming Committee will host a Welcoming Gathering/Registration Meeting for **New Parishioners** in the Church hall on Thursday March 25th at 7:00. All new parishioners and their families are required to attend a registration gathering. Please call the parish office to sign-up. (635-5590)

DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AND CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH IN MIDDLETOWN AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010.

A message from Community Outreach: **Friends in Faith Project**

In conjunction with the Christian Churches of Cromwell, and as a project from Gospel Call, we will be collecting toiletries for the benefit of St. Vincent DePaul Place. Each Parish is responsible for collecting specific items. St. John's is responsible for donating full size cans of shaving cream and deodorant (these items can be purchased at the dollar store in Cromwell). Items should be dropped off in the bins in the Church foyer through March 18. The goal is to collect 100-150 of each item. On Saturday, March 20 volunteers from all the Christian Churches will gather at St. John's to assemble the toiletry kits. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Pasta and Pasta Sauce Collection

Our monthly pasta and pasta sauce collection for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry will be held next weekend, March 6-7.



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.



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MARK THESE DATES:

3/6/10:	1 st Holy Communion Parent Meeting, WIS Cafeteria
3/6/10	9 th Grade Candlelight Rosary 3:30, SJC Hall
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

Youth Explosion 2010! March 7, 2010 St. Bernard High School, Uncasville.

Join teens from the Diocese of Norwich and surrounding dioceses for a faith filled High School Youth Rally featuring great music, spirit-filled speakers, and concluding with an awesome concert with Catholic recording artist Matt Maher. The theme of the day is "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Cor. 3:17). Come experience the freedom of the Lord! Rally (teens only) and concert \$25; Concert only (open to all ages): \$15. To register or for more information: www.youthexplosionct.com or call Jill Patten: 860-460-3947. This event is sponsored by the Office of Faith Events, Diocese of Norwich.

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 2010 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.

St. John School in Middletown will hold a new student open house on March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from noon until 7:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal record and birth certificate to register your child. A non-refundable registration and new student fee of \$150.00 is due at the time of registration. For further information call 860-347-3202.

Mark the date, our next Pro-life Ministry meeting is on Tuesday, March 2nd, 7 p.m. in the library. Please, anyone who is interested in this ministry is invited to attend. ***Any youth interested in this ministry is invited to attend.***

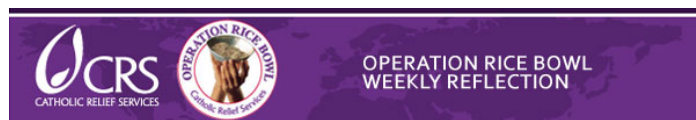
Topics to be discussed at the next meeting will include:

1. Date / Time for a Pro-life Prayer Service and Adoration during Lent
2. Ideas and suggestions regarding a banner for Pro-life activities we hold in our parish
3. Specific dates that would be good to speak at our Masses regarding our ministry. Also, what are we speaking about? What message are we conveying to our fellow parishioners?
4. Information such as resources (locally and otherwise) that could go into the bulletin in the Pro-Life Corner.
5. Regarding a lecture/presentation, we need to think about what date would be good for this.



SATURDAY, April 10, 2010

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our 12th Annual Parish Auction. Our Auction Committee is busy with great plans. If you can lend a hand please call Mike Holcomb at 635-4311.



Second Week of Lent: Coming Down From the Mountaintop
Bolivia, located in central South America just west of Brazil, is about three times the size of Montana. CRS helped the Velasquez family learn new agricultural techniques after they moved from their poorly producing mountain village to a warmer location. Mountains are the Bible's prime real estate for encounters with God. Moses, Elijah, Jesus—all met God on mountaintops.

In your prayer this week, ask God where you are being sent. Who awaits you at the foot of your mountain? How are you being challenged to listen to Jesus this week, as you follow him to the cross?

Fast

As you plan your week, make some time to pray as the prophets did. Set aside everything—time, physical comfort, food—to listen carefully to what God is saying to you. You might consider skipping a meal and spending the time by yourself in prayer. While a mountaintop might not be handy, a chapel, winter path or bedroom might be the place to escape distractions.

Give

In Bolivia, 40 percent of the population works in agriculture. This week, place 40 cents a day in your Rice Bowl in solidarity with the Bolivians who earn their living from the land, and in turn, seek to steward it.

For further information go to <http://orb.crs.org/weekly-reflections>



Perpetual Adoration

“THE MASTER IS HERE AND IS ASKING FOR YOU.”.

John 11:28

ATTENTION PLEASE:
*These hours need to be filled,
please consider spending an
hour of your time with our Lord.*

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Please fill shaded areas first:

Monday: 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.

2 a.m. – 3 a.m.

3 a.m. – 4 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.

Friday: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday: 2 a.m. – 3 a.m.

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4 a.m. – 5 a.m.

Saturday: 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Call Roger at 635-1918

Second Week of Lent – The Transfiguration

Jesus’ transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

February 28, 2010, 2nd Sunday of Lent

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our current abode?

**Parish Lenten Mission
Living The Gospel In Our
Contemporary World!**

St. John Church

March 23, 24 25, 2010

JOIN US IN PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Fr. Michael Lasky, OFM Conv., Campus Minister at Western Connecticut State University, will be here at St. John Church, to lead the parish community in a three-day **Parish Lenten Mission**. Each evening mission service will take place in the Church from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Fr. Mike has a message for all of us including parents. He comes with a wealth of experience in ministering to teens and young adults as well as Parish Retreats and Missions.

The Knights of Columbus DeSoto Council 6 Cordially Invite You, to Our Red, White and Blue Mass, honoring the Fire Dept, Police Dept, Emergency Services and Military Personnel

Date: Sunday March 14, 2010, Time: 7:30 am, Place: St. John’s Church in Cromwell. A continental breakfast will follow the Mass. Please come and join us in honoring the protectors of our community and country, celebrate mass with us. Should you have any questions Michael Parent, CO-Chairperson (860) 316-8018 Stan Stachura, CO-Chairperson (860) 982-9177

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and the Franciscan Brothers of the Eucharist hold Vocation Weekends at the motherhouse in Meriden for women and men interested in learning more about consecrated life.

The upcoming Vocation Weekend begins on Friday evening, March 5, 2010, and concludes the afternoon of Sunday, March 7, 2010. Meetings, discussions and activities will focus on discerning a vocation to consecrated life and Franciscan spirituality as lived by the Franciscan Sisters and Brothers of the Eucharist.

For more information about the weekend, please contact Sister Mary Elizabeth Endee, FSE at 203-237-8084, or by email at vocations@fsecommunity.org or Brother Leo Maneri, FBE at 203-237-3601 or brothers@fbecommunity.org. Prior registration is required for attendance.

Are You a Registered Parishioner? “I’ve attended this church for years.” But, have you registered? If you were registered under your parent’s name but are now an adult on your own, you also need to register. You must be a registered parishioner to be married in the Church, have your child baptized, or to be a Baptism or Confirmation Sponsor. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

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, March 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.

Divorce Recovery: New Hope, New Beginnings, Seminar Weekend March 12, 13, 2010, plus 8 weekly follow-up sessions on Wednesdays evening. First Church of Christ, Wethersfield. Brochures are available in the main entrance to the church.

The East Catholic High School Spring Fundraiser for this year will take place on Saturday, March 27th in the ECHS cafeteria. This year's event will feature a dinner-dance and auction with the interactive music group "The Glamour Girls." You can see a video clip of their performance at www.shoproductions.com and click on Glamour Girls. For further information call 860-649-5336 ext. 234!

Planning a wedding? Engaged Encounter Weekend

One of the most important parts of your wedding planning is your marriage preparation program. An Engaged Encounter weekend meets all the aspects of marriage preparation required by the Diocese. The next Engaged Encounter weekend in the Norwich Diocese will be held April 9-11, 2010, at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, CT. Registration is due one month prior. For more information please call Frank and MaryAnne Pendola at 860-536-8665 or email NorwichEEBooking@comcast.net. For more information on Engaged Encounter please visit www.engagedencounter.org.

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9