

ST. JOHN CHURCH, CROMWELL



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 Vigil: Timothy Griffin, 50th birthday, r/b his parents
7:30 Helen Sawicki
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Living members of the Iloeje family, r/b Uche & Vivien Iloeje

*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 8, St. John of God, religious

9:00 Albin Kocialski

Tuesday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome, religious

9:00 A Special Intention

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 A Special Intention

Thursday, March 11

9:00 A Special Intention

Friday, March 12

9:00 A Special Intention
7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13

9:00 Birthday blessings for Nellie Nyren, r/b Zaida
5:00 Marie Mattei, r/b Donna Mattei

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 Blessings for the protectors of our community, the Fire Dept, Police Dept, Emergency Services and Military Personnel, r/b The Knights of Columbus
9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
11:30 Josephine Brennan, r/b Patrick Brennan



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, 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.

Welcome Deacon June Ramos

Wholehearted welcome to June Ramos who will serve as a Deacon here at our parish until the end of April. Deacon Ramos is currently completing his studies for the priesthood and on June 26, 2010, will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The second collection this weekend is The Combined Collection for World Charities. The causes supported by this collection are:

- The Catholic Relief Services Collection – the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, the impoverished, and immigrants, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought.
- The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) – works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods.
- The Church in Central and Eastern Europe – raises funds to address the spiritual reconstruction of this traumatized region – training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, reviving Catholic Charities, and renewing programs of catechesis and communication.
- Holy Land Collection – the Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Pope Paul VI is “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”

This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts towards helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the parish center room 202 on Monday, March 15th from 7 – 9 p.m.



SATURDAY, April 10, 2010

Tickets will be on sale following all Masses on March 13th & 14th.

Coffee & Donuts will be served on Sunday, March 21st by the Auction Committee following 9:30 Mass
The next auction meeting is on Tuesday March 16th at 7:00 in room 202.



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MARK THESE DATES:

3/14/10 Triduum Intergenerational Event, 6:30

3/22/10 – 3/24/10: Parish Mission, All parents and students asked to attend this 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

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL, Middletown: Please join us for **Discover Mercy** on Saturday March 27th from 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. The program is open to 6th and 7th grade girls and parents. Activities, Food and Fun! For more information and to register, visit www.mercyhigh.com or call 860-346-6659.

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.**

St. John School in Middletown will hold a new student open house on March 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.

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.



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.



On Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins in the United States.



Third Week of Lent: Who am I, that You should send me?

Nearly the size of Texas, **Afghanistan** lies to the east of Iran in Southern Asia. In this mountainous country, getting an education is among the more difficult tasks—especially for women.

Pray

The journey of the Lenten scriptures takes us up another mountain this week—this time with Moses. In his first encounter with the God of his ancestors, he recognizes the holiness of God in the bush that burns but is not consumed. He learns that God has heard the cry of His poor and oppressed people, even as Moses has fled from it. As usual God is dealing with a reluctant servant. Who am I, that you should send me? Moses asks. And who am I going to tell them that you are?

In your prayer this week, consider these questions of Moses: Who am I, that you should send me? And who are You, God? Recall that the God of the present tense often hears the cry of the poor long before we do. Our sending often has a lot to do with their release.

Fast

This week, try fasting from doubt. You might start by seeing what you're up against. Make a list of the excuses and obstacles that keep you from hearing the cry of the poor and responding as you are called to.

Give

How many years of education can a typical child in your community expect to receive? In the United States, children are guaranteed a high school education by law. How many years of education have you received already? Put a dime in your Rice Bowl for each year you have had the opportunity to go to school. Invite your family members to do the same.



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

Living The Gospel In Our Contemporary World!



WEST CONN CAMPUS MINISTRY CHAPLAIN

Fr. Michael Lasky, OFM Conv.,

Comes to St. John's for our Lenten Mission

March 22, 23, 24, 2010

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes for grades 5 – 8, on the 22nd and 23rd: students and their parents are asked to attend the 3 Mission Sessions in place of normal classes.

ALL Faith Formation students and their families, as well as all parishioners, are highly encouraged to attend this Lenten Mission.

This experience will bring you and your family closer to each other and to God!



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.
2 a.m. – 3 a.m.
3 a.m. – 4 a.m.
5 a.m. – 6 a.m.

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday: 3 a.m. – 4 a.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: 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: 6 p.m. – 7 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.

Third Week of Lent – The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

March 7 2010, 3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - Luke 13:7
Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back?

Steubenville East Details

Date: July 23-25, 2010

Location: University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

- **Costs:** \$190 per person
- **Church Sponsorship:** \$100.00 including transportation
- **Cost to you:** \$90.00 (YES, only \$90.00)
- **Deposits:** \$35/person, You must register with non-refundable-non-transferable deposit by April 1, 2010.
- **Final balance** of \$55 due by May 15.

Anyone in grades 8 – 12 who are interested in attending please contact the parish office at 860-635-5590.

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday March 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church hall.

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.

Engaged Couples - Marriage Preparation Class, "God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" offered by the Office of Family Life/Catholic Charities. To register for the 9 hour class please call 860-889-8346 ext.283. Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2010, Time: 7:00p.m. – 9:15p.m. Location: St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Norwich. Cost: \$45.00 per couple for class materials

Professionals Recovery Support Group. Private and relaxed setting. Facilitated by experienced Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor. Group meets Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00p.m. Call Catholic Charities, in Portland, CT at 860-342-0760 for more information.

Women's Anxiety/Depression Support Group. Do you need help managing feelings of anxiety or depression? Please join us. Where: Catholic Charities, Portland, CT. When: 2nd and 4th Fridays from 12:00-1:00p.m. For information call 860-342-0760.

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.

RESCHEDULED MEMORIAL MASS: On Tuesday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. Bishop Michael Cote will Preside and Father Gerry Kirby will be Principal Celebrant at a Memorial Mass for victims of the Haitian Earthquake. This Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, 70 Central Avenue, Norwich, CT.

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32