



"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread." - Lk 11:1b-3

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 Vigil: Eugene Cordone, 3<sup>rd</sup>. anniversary, r/b his family
- 7:30 A Special Intention
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 George Hebert, r/b his wife

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, July 26, St. Joachim & St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 Deceased members of the Duda & Kaczmarczyk families, r/b Linda

### Tuesday, July 27

- 9:00 Birthday blessings for Pio Dino, r/b family

### Wednesday, July 28

- 9:00 Orazio Gurciullo, r/b family

### Thursday, July 29, St. Martha

- 9:00 Paul, Cassie & Joe Moriarty, r/b the Sheehan's

### Friday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church

- 9:00 A Special Intention, r/b Judy McCain

### Saturday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

- 5:00 Francisco & Isabel Jaquez, r/b Hilda Rodriguez

### Sunday, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Witold & Stanislaw Witwicki, r/b their children
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 Juao & Maria Graveto, r/b their family



### 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, Caroll 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, Margaret Ward, Jerilyn LaFargue, Carol Goulart, L. Johnson, Pasquale 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, Dean Smith, Wyatt Creamans, Julia Supranovich, Joan Milardo, Nancy Magrogan, Louis Petrella, Maria Bordonaro and Donald Carney.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Divine Healer, grant me peace of mind and perfect trust in You in my time of distress. Give me control over my fears. Grant that I may be cooperative and patient with Your Will, trusting that You will restore me to full health. Amen.

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

## Your Sacrificial Offering

Weekly \$5,648.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

**Next weekend Fr. George Joseph** will be here to speak at all Masses in regards to the Mission Appeal. Fr. George belongs to Little Flower Order from India and worked there as a missionary for 24 years. Missionary work is also done in Nepal Tanzania in Africa, Brazil, and Papua, New Guinea. Besides works of Evangelization the also run Parishes, schools, social services, etc. Your generosity to this Mission is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**The Eucharistic Ministers' Schedule for the month of August is available in the rack outside the Sacristy door.**

**Summer Envelopes:** We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacations this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

## SJC Pro Life Ministry

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! *The next meeting is on Tuesday August 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.* 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.

### Evening for Parish Music Ministers

Friday, September 24, 2010

7 PM to 9 PM

Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich

Cost: \$10 per person

To register for this event: E mail

[worship@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net)

Or call 860-848-2237 x 203

*A Baptismal Prayer*  
O Precious Father...  
We thank You for the Gift of your Son  
And the Joy we share  
When another Friend  
Comes to you on bended knees;  
Giving his life... and all to Thee  
And whatever may come on life's pathway  
Be it made of sun or rain  
Help to bring us close to Thee  
Throughout All Eternity.

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

**Zack William Shoaf**



## In Loving Memory

Divine Mercy Chapel Fund  
\$188.00 in memory of Rose Tosto



## Faith Formation

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### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE 2010/2011

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

WIS School - Saturday morning 9:00 – 10:15AM

Begins on Saturday October 2, 2010

#### Grade 5

WIS Elementary – Monday – 3:30-4:45PM

Parents will pick their child up at 4:45PM.

#### Grade 6

St. John Church Hall - Tuesday – 3:00 - 4:30PM

Parents will pick their child up in the church hall at 4:30PM

#### Grade 7

St. John Church Hall - Tuesday – 6:30-7:45PM

#### Grade 8

St. John Church Hall – Monday – 6:30 - 7:45PM

#### Grade 9 – First Year Confirmation Preparation

Sunday - 5:00PM - 6:00PM – Church Hall

Mandatory Parent/Candidate Meeting

Sunday September 26, 2010

#### Grade 10 – Second Year Confirmation Preparation

Sunday - 6:30PM - 7:30PM Church Hall

Mandatory Parent/Candidate Meeting

Sunday September 26, 2010

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2010-2011

Grade 1	2
Grade 3	1
Grade 5	2
Grade 6	2
Grade 7	5
Grade 8	2
Grade 9	1
Grade 10	3

*Anyone interested please contact Dotty as soon as possible.*



## The Value of a Catholic School in Light of the Diminishing Family

Most Reverend George W. Coleman, Bishop of Fall River

Some families sacrifice much in order to provide their children a Catholic education. The main reason for this is quite simple: they want their sons and daughters to learn and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In addition, many people who choose Catholic over public schools do so because they desire educators who are committed to the mission of the Church and who encourage their children to take responsibility for themselves, respect others, and learn Catholic values and teachings.

We often think of the church as the place where we come together to worship God. We must not forget, however, what we sometimes refer to as the "domestic church." Children begin to learn the basic practices of their faith, recite their prayers, and acquire a Christian morality not by sitting in the pews, but from their parents' efforts and example and even by interacting at home with their siblings.

Nevertheless, it remains obvious that over the past two generations our society has witnessed changes in and challenges to the traditional family structure. For example, both father and mother usually have careers and work. Furthermore, a large number of families have only a single parent to provide for and raise the children. The average number of children in each family has also diminished.

In light of these situations and other-sometimes very complex ones-the role of a Catholic school can help a great deal. Catholic elementary, middle, and high schools provide a place where not only one can receive teaching in language arts, social studies, and mathematics, but also where pupils attend Mass, read the Bible, and pray together. Dedicated teachers, lay men and women for the most part, can serve as Christian role models for children. They can answer questions about the faith, so that young people learn why as a Church we believe as we do, as well as the content of what we believe. They can also show their students how to put those beliefs into practice.

At Catholic schools, faith constitutes not just a part of one's education, but takes in the whole range of subjects. This is so because faith sheds light on and evaluates every aspect of human experience. Catholic education does not treat faith as one or another dimension of a person's life; it considers faith the one dimension that gives all the rest meaning. In other words, Catholic schools provide a culture in which the next generation can grow up and mature.

Our Catholic schools propose a culture of life in the face of the current culture of death. They offer a vision of strong values to children and young people. They also provide a safe environment. Because of the way the family is developing in our society, mothers and fathers need as much assistance to provide their sons and daughters with the kind of education their children deserve. Based on these considerations, one can only conclude that the value of a Catholic education in light of the diminishing family is inestimable.



## Perpetual Adoration

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

John 11:28

### OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Please fill shaded areas first:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>1 a.m. – 2 a.m.</b>
	<b>2 a.m. – 3 a.m.</b>
	<b>3 a.m. – 4 a.m.</b>
	<b>2 p.m. – 3 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 a.m. – 2 a.m.</b>
	<b>2 a.m. – 3 a.m.</b>
	<b>3 a.m. – 4 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>3 a.m. – 4 a.m.</b>
	<b>1 p.m. – 2 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>1 a.m. – 2 a.m.</b>
	<b>2 a.m. – 3 a.m.</b>
	<b>3 a.m. – 4 a.m.</b>
	<b>4 a.m. – 5 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>2 a.m. – 3 a.m.</b>
	<b>3 a.m. – 4 a.m.</b>
	<b>4 a.m. – 5 a.m.</b>

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.**

#### July 25, 2010, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Luke 11:9*  
 Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. We need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.



There's more to stewardship than putting an offering in the basket at Mass. Stewardship means giving of one's time and talent as well as treasure. If time and

talent are two thirds of the stewardship equation, it stands to reason that volunteer ministry is central to faith life in our Church. For a church that depends on participation, volunteers are the axis around which everything else revolves. Consider giving at least two hours a month of your time to your church.

**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, 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.

#### USCCB issues guidelines for use of social media

By Mark Pattison

##### Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a set of guidelines for using social media, especially as social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter continue to gain in popularity.

"Social media are the fastest growing form of communication in the United States, especially among youth and young adults," the guidelines say. "Our church cannot ignore it, but at the same time we must engage social media in a manner that is safe, responsible and civil."

"My hope is that they'll be a useful resource to people, especially to dioceses and parishes that are interested in using social media," said Helen Osman, USCCB secretary for communications, in a July 19 interview with **Catholic News Service**.

The guidelines, which Osman said were posted on the USCCB's website in early July, can be accessed by going to [www.usccb.org/comm/social-media-guidelines.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/comm/social-media-guidelines.shtml).

"The church can use social media to encourage respect, dialogue, and honest relationships -- in other words, 'true friendship,'" said the guidelines, quoting from Pope Benedict XVI's 2010 World Communications Day message. "To do so requires us to approach social media as powerful means of evangelization and to consider the church's role in providing a Christian perspective on digital literacy."

The guidelines point to visibility, community and accountability as three principal areas where the church can make a positive mark in social media.

"The key question that faces each church organization that decides to engage social media is, How will we engage?" the guidelines said. "Careful consideration should be made to determine the particular strengths of each form of social media," which include blogs, text messages and social networks, and the needs of a ministry, parish, or organization. "The strengths should match the needs," they added.

"In the case of social media, the axiom 'build it and they will come' is not applicable. It is important to set internal expectations regarding how often posts will be made, so that your followers can become accustomed to your schedule," the guidelines said.

Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community, according to the guidelines, "although social media interaction should not be viewed as a substitute for face-to-face gatherings. Social media can support communities in a myriad of ways," including connecting people with similar interests, sharing information about in-person events and providing ways for people to engage in dialogue.

"It is important that creators and site administrators of social media understand how much social media are different from mass media and the expectations of their consumers," the guidelines said. "Social media's emphasis is on the word 'social,' with a general blurring of the distinction between creators of content and consumers of content."

The USCCB's own Facebook site lays out ground rules: "All posts and comments should be marked by Christian charity and respect for the truth. They should be on topic and presume the good will of other posters. Discussion should take place primarily from a faith perspective. No ads please." The guidelines recommend "always" blocking usage by anyone who does not abide by an established code of conduct. "Do not allow those unwilling to dialogue to hold your site and its other members hostage," it said.

### **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, August 22nd, 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.

### **Catholic Charities Golf Tournament**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is planning its Fifth Annual Golf Tournament, to be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam, CT. Most Revered Bishop Michael R. Cote will be in attendance for the occasion, and registration will begin at 11:00am. It will be a scramble format with a shotgun start. The fee is \$170.00 per golfer. It includes a barbeque lunch, 18 holes of golf, and an awards reception. This will be an excellent opportunity to enjoy a round of golf at a premier course, while also assisting the works of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese. For additional information and applications, contact Michele Crowley at 860-889-8346, ext. 287.

### **JOB OPENING- SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

School Principal position, St. Mary, Star of the Sea, School, New London. To fill out an application, Please go to our website, [www.norwichdso.org](http://www.norwichdso.org) , click on Career Opportunities, fill out application and have your Pastor fill out the Clergy Recommendation form and send or e-mail to address on the application.

Rooms Rental Needed: Two female students at Holy Apostles College are in need of housing. If you are interested please call Catherine Moorehead at 1-203-300-8293.

### **Readings for the Week of July 25, 2010**

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21