



"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk

14:10ab, 11

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, August 29, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 5:00 Vigil: Helen C. Aresti, r/b her husband Lorenzo
- 7:30 Albin Kocialski
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 A Special Intention

*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, August 30**

- 9:00 The Sacred Heart of Jesus, r/b Antoinette LaBianca

**Tuesday, August 31**

- 9:00 St. Anthony, r/b Antoinette LaBianca

**Wednesday, September 1**

- 9:00 Mary Southmayd, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, r/b Stanley & Lucille Kalish

**Thursday, September 2**

- 9:00 Livia LaBianca, r/b Laura DiDomizio

**Friday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church**

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

**Saturday, September 4**

- 5:00 Eleanor Garofalo, r/b her niece

**Sunday, September 5, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 Cesina Iamonaco, r/b Laura DiDomizio
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 Birthday blessings for Uchenna Iloeje, r/b his 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, 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, 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 \$5,439.00**

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

## WELCOME FR. BART!

### CALLED TO PROTECT TRAINING SESSION

On Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., and again on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. "Called to Protect" will be presented here at our Church. (you only need to attend one session) The workshop is a video-based educational program designed to keep children and families, ministers, employees, volunteers, parishes and diocese, and youth ministries safe from child sexual abuse. ***If you are in a ministry with direct contact to our children and have not attended a session as of yet, you are required to attend a 'Called to Protect' workshop.*** Families are also encouraged to attend a session. Please contact Barbara Bartalotta as soon as possible to register. You can reach her at 860-635-5870 or email her at [bcbart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcbart@sbcglobal.net)

**Our Parish Pastoral Council Day of Reflection** will be held at Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Higganum on Saturday September 11 from 10 – 4 p.m. The 2010-2011 Pastoral Council Commissioning will be held during the 5:00 p.m. Mass that day.

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT



**MUSIC MAKERS** — Music and singing are universal in all cultures. Music and singing are tools given by the Father to unify and inspire a community on its journey to salvation. Consider a visit to our choir rehearsals on Thursday nights from 7 – 9 p.m.

All voice parts needed, men, women and teens. Instrumentalist are also needed. For further information or questions call Joyce Ethier at 633-1575.

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

### St. John Women's Group

FALL is coming--- **Fun And Lots of Laughs**

It all begins on Wednesday, September 29 from 7 and 9 PM



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

† **Carol Nettis**

*Please keep her and all our departed in your prayers*



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*III: Obianuju Iloeje*

*and*

*Ifeanyi Mogbana*



## 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.

*Begins Monday October 4, 2010*

**Grade 6**

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

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

*Begins Tuesday October 5, 2010*

**Grade 7**

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

*Begins Tuesday October 5, 2010*

**Grade 8**

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

*Begins Monday October 4, 2010*

**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 1

Grade 6 2

Grade 7 5

Grade 8 2

Grade 9 1

Grade 10 4

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

## CATECHISTS

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Catechetical Sunday is on September 19<sup>th</sup>. All Catechists are requested to attend the 9:30 Mass that morning. A reception will follow in the church hall.

## Thank you - From Fr. Raymond

Wholehearted thanks to all of you who had stopped by following Mass on the weekend of August 15<sup>th</sup> with words of appreciation and stories from the past fifteen years. All of your thoughts and prayers are so much appreciated by me. Also, please accept my thanks for all the personal notes, cards and gifts. Please know that I hold all of you in my heart and always in my prayers. A very special thank you to the St. John "Angels" who prepared the receptions for me following all Masses on the weekend of August 15<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the celebration these "Angels" presented me with a hilarious audio card which caused equally hilarious laughter on my part. You can see me laughing and can find the photo (you can't miss it) on the parish web photo page. Again, Thank you and may the Lord continue to smile upon you.

### Buy a book, lift a life

Many students in Port-au-Prince lost their school books in the earthquake that struck Haiti this year.

Today, Haitian Ministries for the Diocese of Norwich must purchase textbooks for 140 students in its scholarship program for high-achieving but impoverished boys and girls. The students—in both primary and secondary schools—need the books for the coming academic year, which begins in October.

Most of these students are now living in tents or other make-shift shelters. Many of their schools are destroyed or damaged, so their classes for the last school year, which ended in August, were held under tarps.

Despite almost unimaginable difficulties in Haiti's capital, these students and their families have hope. That hope is for an education, which they see as the best way to rise out of poverty.

Please help to make their dream a reality and donate to buy a book in Haiti. Your tax-deductible gift will change one child's world.

Suggested donations are \$25 to \$55. Any donation (marked for school books) will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to:

**Haitian Ministries-Partners for Haiti**

**199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360**

To learn more, contact us at: 860.638.1018, or at: [info@haitianministries.org](mailto:info@haitianministries.org). Or go to: [www.haitianministries.org](http://www.haitianministries.org).



*Perpetual Adoration*

**“THE MASTER IS HERE AND IS ASKING FOR YOU.”.**  
John 11:28

**OPEN ADORATION HOURS**

Please fill shaded areas first:

**Sunday:** 5 a.m. – 6 a.m.  
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Monday:** 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.  
2 a.m. – 3 a.m.  
3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

**Tuesday:** 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.  
2 a.m. – 3 a.m.  
3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** 3 a.m. – 4 a.m.

**Thursday:** 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.  
2 a.m. – 3 a.m.  
4 a.m. – 5 a.m.

5 a.m. – 6 a.m.

**Friday:** 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.  
2 a.m. – 3 a.m.

**Saturday:** 2 a.m. – 3 a.m.  
3 a.m. – 4 a.m.  
4 a.m. – 5 a.m.

10a.m. – 11 am.

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Call Roger at 635-1918

**August 29, 2010, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** “Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” - Luke 14:14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

**Beginning Experience Weekend** is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program at Our Lady of Cavalry in Farmington for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce or separation, who are ready to come to terms with their loss and begin to move forward with their lives. This (9/24 – 9/26/2010) weekend program will bring you hope for a new beginning. You will emerge from the darkness of grief and the feelings natural to grief into an experience of positive growth. Through God, and with the assistance of a team of people who share their own journey of suffered loss, you will experience a new sense of community in a supportive atmosphere of loving care and concern. **CONTACT: Ray, 860-741-3050 [raygail16@cox.net](mailto:raygail16@cox.net)**



**WELCOME FR. BART!**

A native of Riverside, NJ, Fr. Bart was ordained a priest in 1975. He has earned a Masters of Divinity degree in theology from St. Anthony on the Hudson Seminary, Rensselaer, NY. He followed this with a Master of Arts Degree in Psychology from the Catholic University of America and has also completed an intensive internship in Franciscan spiritual direction at the Franciscan Spiritual Direction Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**“Prayer: Growing in Relationship with God”** will be held on Wednesdays October 6, 13, 20, 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart on the Lake, 194 Candlewood Road, Higganum. The cost is \$30.00. Please bring a notebook, pen and an open heart. If interested contact Sr. Janet, ASCJ at 860-345-4653 or by email at [jkofron@ascjus.org](mailto:jkofron@ascjus.org).

**Blue Mass for Law Enforcement Personnel  
Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 10:15 a.m.**

Please reserve this Sunday for the celebration of the Blue Mass for law enforcement personnel of all faiths at the Cathedral, followed by a brunch in the auditorium. We look forward to welcoming law enforcement personnel of all faiths, their families and the community that supports them.

(CSP) Trooper First Class Victor Lenda and Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., Norwich Police department are co-chairs of the Blue Mass Committee. For more information, please call the Chancery at 860.887.9294, extension 235.

**Covenant Village of Cromwell will hold a benefit event “A Jazzy Evening..”** on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. A social hour with raffle and silent auctions will be held prior to dinner. *Hat Cat Jazz* will present a program after dinner of big band jazz, swing and classic rock. Tickets are \$45.00 for the evening. Call Janet Carlson at 860-754-3045 for reservations before September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Be a Freedom Rider for the Unborn!** Priests for Life invites you to take part in special nationwide pro-life activities in September and October to proclaim freedom for unborn children, who are still oppressed by abortion. At [www.ProLifeFreedomRides.com](http://www.ProLifeFreedomRides.com), you will be able to sign up for a nine week novena of prayer, from September 1 to Election Day November 2. Other activities are outlined on the web page and a special webcast will be held on September 7 fro 9 – 10 p.m. ET to provide training and motivation for these activities

**On Thursday September 16, 2010, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations.** This month the holy hour will be at St. John Church, Middletown, CT. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at [vocations@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) and check out our website at [god-calls.org](http://god-calls.org)!

**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, September 19th, 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.

**From Rebel to Priest; A Day with Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC**  
Saturday, September 18, 2010; 9:30 AM to 3:15 PM, The Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, CT. - Hear Fr. Donald Calloway's radical conversion story, from his days as a high school dropout and drug dealer to a Marian priest! Father is a popular speaker and author, and has appeared on EWTN. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students. Lunch is included. To order tickets send a check made payable to St. Mary's Church, with your name, address, number of tickets, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Beverly Brown, 2 Julian Terrace, Norwich, CT. 06360. For additional information call 860-887-7804 or visit [www.fathercalloway.com](http://www.fathercalloway.com)

**Married Couples Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center, Sept. 24-26, 2010** "God Changes Everything" is the theme for the 2010-2011 retreat season. Our retreats will explore our capacity to adapt gracefully to change. Any living thing that stops changing has died. But God is with us as we navigate both the difficult and the welcomed changes in our lives. Married Couples: come and enjoy rest, reflection, interactive workshops, inspiring music, home-cooked meals, and renewal of vows.

**Readings for the Week of August 29, 2010**

Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33