



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

- Mt. 22:36-40

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 26, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday

- 5:00 Vigil: Don and Mary Delisle, r/b Dan
- 7:30 For all Priests living and deceased
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 James McCain, r/b his wife
- 5:00 Life Teen Mass.

*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, October 27

- 9:00 Mary Lou Murphy, 1st ann., r/b SJC Eucharistic Ministers

Tuesday, October 28, Simon & Jude, apostles

- 9:00 Deceased members of the DeMelis & DiDomizio families, r/b family

Wednesday, October 29

- 9:00 Eugene Cordone, r/b his family

Thursday, October 30

- 9:00 Margaret Lefevbre, r/b her family

Friday, October 31

- 9:00 Albin Kocialski

Saturday, November 1, All Saints

- 9:00 Ersilio & Venanzio Pedemonti, r/b their sister
- 5:00 Frances "Mimi" Evans & George Conway, r/b their family

Sunday, November 2, All Soul's Day

- 7:30 All Souls Novena #1
- 9:30 All parishioners living and deceased
- 11:30 David O. Casperson, 1st ann., r/b the Bent Family
- 5:00 Life Teen Mass

"To Everything There I A Season..."

"... and a time for every purpose under heaven..."

"a time to be born in the Spirit..." Eva Artioli
Lucas DeShong

"a time to heal..." Alice Young, Rose Spagnulo, Angelo Milardo, 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, Benjamin Cantwell, Karen Ireland, Phyllis Kelly, Josie Anderson, John Dooney, Howard Nielsen, Jr., Sebastian Bartolotta, Richard "Rick" Brown, Mary DeJohn, Kathleen Linehan, Richard Bobrowski, Nicki Schrenker, Margaret Ward, Mark Kellie, Jerilyn & Dick LaFargue, Shannon Cody, C.S. Goulart, L. Johnson, Nicholas Young, Pasquale & Natalia Fasciani, Thomas Linehan and Kelly Franklin. .

"a time to die" ...Claire Maurer

"and a time of peace..." Ecclesiastes

Your Sacrificial Offering

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

The Mission Combined Collection for the support of World Mission Appeal, Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal will be held this weekend. Your support of the needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated.

"LifeTeen will be gathering after the LifeTeen Mass this Sunday. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and come hang ten with us."

Baptism Instruction Class will be held this Sunday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Proper. Please call the Parish Office to register.



CYO BASKETBALL sign-ups for grades 5 - 8, boys and girls, and high school boys

will be held in the parish library this Sunday following 5:00 Lifeteen Mass. For further information call Craig Steuernagle at 632-7640. For your convenience registration forms are available at all church entrances.

A Message From Community Outreach

Thank you to all parishioners who so generously donated to our pasta and pasta sauce collection this month. As a result of our collection, Amazing Grace food pantry received over **783 food** items, including pasta and pasta sauce. The Director of Amazing Grace was overwhelmed with gratitude when Tony Gumkowski and Kevin Janicke made the delivery. Our **next collection will be November 1 and 2.** The need is still great, please be as generous as possible.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED

2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 2, 2008

November - Memorial Mass

Our Bereavement Ministry is sponsoring a special Mass of Remembrance in our Church. This Mass is for our parishioners, relatives and friends who have died during the past year (November 1, 2007 thru November 1, 2008) You may submit their names and they will be read during Mass and appropriate prayers said. We also ask that, if possible, you attend this Mass.

Submitted by _____

Names of loved ones deceased during this past year:

*Place this coupon in the collection basket please.
Join us in the Church Hall following Mass for a light reception.*



Faith Formation

Office: (860) 635-5156

DRE Dotty King

e-mail: faithformationsjc@sbcglobal.net

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2008-2009

Grade 6 1 to begin on Jan 5, 2009

Grade 8 1 to begin on Nov. 24

Anyone interested please contact Dotty as soon as possible.

Connecticut Catholic Conference, on behalf of the Catholic bishops, clergy, religious, and laity of the State of Connecticut, condemns today's Connecticut Supreme Court decision on same-sex "marriage"; calls for a "Yes" vote on a Constitutional Convention

HARTFORD, Friday, October 10, 2008, 3:30 p.m. – Reacting to today's decision of the Connecticut Supreme Court on same-sex "marriage," the Connecticut Catholic Conference, representing the Catholic bishops, clergy, religious, and laity of the State of Connecticut (more than 1.3 million people), issued the following statement:

The Catholic Bishops of Connecticut and the Connecticut Catholic Conference are extremely disappointed in this close 4-3 decision by the Connecticut Supreme Court which imposes the recognition of same-sex marriage upon the people of Connecticut. **This decision is in direct conflict with the position of our state legislature and courts of other states and is a terribly regrettable exercise in judicial activism.**

Four people have not just extended a supposed civil right to a particular class of individuals, but have chosen to redefine the institution of marriage. The Connecticut Supreme Court has taken upon itself to make a determination that other courts throughout our nation have felt should be made through the political process.

Courts in other states, with the exception of Massachusetts and California, have ruled that marriage is a special institution in our society, not a civil right, and chose not to redefine it. Those courts felt that altering this historical and special institution was a legislative matter, and should be left to elected officials and the people they represent.

It appears our State Supreme Court has forgotten that courts should interpret laws and legislatures should make laws. In its decision today, the Connecticut Supreme Court stated again their philosophy that "as we engage over time in the interpretation of our State Constitution, we must consider the changing needs and expectations of the citizens of our State." Determining the "contemporary" views of the public is the responsibility of the legislature, not the judiciary.

In his dissent, Justice Peter Zarella makes the important and obvious point that "the majority fails, during the entire course of ... (this) ... opinion, even to identify, much less to discuss, the actual *purpose* of the marriage laws, even though this is the first, critical step in any equal protection analysis." The majority utterly failed to consider the relationship between the laws of marriage and family. **As Justice Zarella maintains, "The ancient definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman has its basis in biology, not bigotry."**

The Supreme Court of Connecticut has chosen to ignore the wisdom of our elected officials, the will of the people, and historical social and religious traditions spanning thousands of years by imposing a social experiment upon the people of our state.

In 2005, the Connecticut General Assembly, while enacting civil union legislation to expand certain rights to same-sex couples, recognized the social importance and uniqueness of traditional marriage through their action of specifically defining marriage in statute as a relationship between one man and one woman. **Our elected officials recognized that the people of Connecticut did not want the institution of marriage redefined in our state. This position is also reflected in federal law, which defines marriage as being between one man and one woman.**

This decision of the Connecticut Supreme Court also raises a very real concern about the infringement on religious liberty and freedom of speech with the judicial imposition of same-sex marriage. The real battle in this court case was not about rights, since civil unions provide a vast number of legal rights to same-sex couples, but about conferring and enforcing social acceptance of a particular lifestyle; a lifestyle many people of faith and advocates of the natural law refuse to accept.

This ruling creates an inevitable conflict between people of faith, the natural law and the authority of the State.

Therefore, we will be calling on the Catholic people of our state to vote "Yes" for a Constitutional Convention and the right of referendum on Election Day.

ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008 VOTE "YES" for the Constitutional Convention. It is Question #1 on the ballot. Connecticut's only way to obtain the Right of Referendum for the People (Only way to restore traditional meaning of marriage)

Call Pro-Life Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford 203-639-0833

Or Family Institute of Connecticut 860-548-0066 for further information.



Perpetual Adoration

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

John 11:28

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Please fill shaded areas first:

Saturday: 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Monday: 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.
Tuesday: 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.
Wednesday: 11 p.m. - Midnight
Thursday: 1 a.m. – 2 a.m.
Friday: 2 a.m. – 3 a.m.
Saturday: 2 a.m. – 3 a.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.*

Cromwell Health Department and Visiting Nurse Association of Central CT, Inc. will hold a well Child Clinic (children ages birth – 11 years old, residing in Cromwell who have no insurance, are underinsured or are children on HUSKY) on the third Tuesday of every month from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Nathaniel White Building. Services available are physical exams, immunizations, health screening services, child health teaching and monitoring and referral to other community services. Call 860-224-7131 to arrange for services. There is no charge, no financial questions will be asked and no financial information will be requested. There are flyers available on the bulletin board in the main entrance to the church.

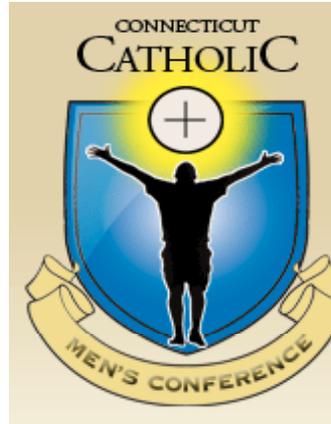
10th Grade Retreat with Dave Dumaine: Saturday, November 1st in the Church hall from 11 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The 5:00 Vigil Mass will conclude the retreat. Parents are asked to join their children for Mass. *All 10th grade students are required to attend.*

Thanksgiving

ECUMENICAL SERVICE
Tuesday, November 25, 2008

7:30 PM, Bethany Lutheran Church, Cromwell

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is a well-established tradition in Cromwell and will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on Court Street this year. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall. Please accept this invitation to worship with our brothers and sisters of other Christian Churches in Cromwell.



**Catholic Men's
Conference
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2008
Connecticut
Convention Center
More Information At
www.ctcatholicmen.org
or contact Tony
Gumkowski at 635-1451**

Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Mass

The Knights of Columbus annual memorial mass for deceased members of the Cromwell, Middletown and Portland Councils including Fourth Degree will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Services will be at 7 pm in the Chapel of the Holy Apostles College and Seminary on Prospect Hill Road in Cromwell. The Mass will include a brief ceremony of remembrance for those Knights deceased in the past year. We invite family members and all Knights to attend. Coffee and light pastries will be served in the dining hall after the services. For further information, contact Don Anderson at 635-5245.

Tootsie Roll Drive: A Major Success

The annual drive to help intellectually challenged citizens known, as the tootsie roll drive was a tremendous success thanks to the generous support of the Cromwell community and the dedication of members of the Knights of Columbus Desoto Council #6. This year a record \$3080 was raised from collections at the local Stop and Shop and Wal-Mart stores. The Council wishes to acknowledge these store's strong support in this important annual community fundraising event. Additional funds were generated by members of St John parish. All funds raised will directly benefit local citizens with intellectual handicaps.



Calling all college students and young adults – ages 18-30! The first session for XLT will be held on October 25, 2008, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 3 Castle Drive (Alice Henley's house). Please join us for a few hours of games, conversation, food, and fun. Are you looking for an opportunity to meet with others from the area who also enjoy church, religion and want to do service? Be part of this remarkable group! Come help us plan activities for the coming year! Please contact [Alice Henley](mailto:Alice_Henley@ctserc.org) henley@ctserc.org for more 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* November 23rd *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 rectory, 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.



**DON'T FORGET TO
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS
NEXT SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1, 2:00 A.M.**

Find out how to make a difference in the upcoming elections!

Join Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life and other clergy and laity for a teleseminar/webcast on Monday, October 27 from 9 – 10 p.m. You can listen by phone or over the internet. Sign up at www.priestsforlife.org/conferencecall/index.aspx

CALLED TO PROTECT TRAINING SESSION

A training session will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the dining hall at Xavier High School. Call 860-346-7735 x706 before 10/22 to register.

Readings for the Week of October 26, 2008

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40