



Saturday	January
4:00pm	Joseph & Stella Kita & Gerald Heller r/b their family
Sunday	January 4
7:30am	Joanne Temelini r/b Cubby Temelini
9:15am	Harry & Alice Greaves r/b Jeffries family
11:00am	Cody Robert Camp r/b his family
Monday	January 5
7:15am	Fr Edward Frigault
Tuesday	January 6
7:15am	Allen Mendez r/b Sorenson family
Wednesday	January 7
7:15am	Chetty Louis r/b Peg Calimari
Thursday	January 8
7:15am	Herman & Loretta LaDOne r/b their family
Friday	January 9
7:15am	Mitchell Keszycki r/b Collison family
Saturday	January 10
7:30am	Vincent Zebatto r/b Kenny family
4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	January 11
7:30am	Anne Konrad & Theresa Lindner Konrad r/b Ernest & Barbara Lindner
9:15am	Silvio Lucarelli r/b his family
11:00am	James & Anna Naccarato r/b Wes & Lynn Bohlke

A prayer Team is available in the Church to pray with anyone desiring prayer on all Sundays after the 11am mass and all Mondays between 1 and 2pm. If these hours are not convenient appointments may be made by calling the Rectory at 388-3787



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

MEETINGS

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 7:00pm First Monday Ladies Guild
- 7:00pm Fourth Monday Parish Council
- 6:30pm Every Wed. Adult Choir
- 8:00pm Second Wed. K of C 3rd Degree
- 8:00pm Fourth Wed. K of C 4th Degree
- 10:15-11:30am Every Sat. Youth Choir
- 7:00pm Third Wed. Columbiettes
- 2pm Third Tues. Intercessory Rosary Group

One of the ministries of the Faith, Hope and Love Prayer Group is Intercessory Prayer. If you need prayer call Elaine Alfano at 388-2307.

"The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." - Psalm 72:10-11

What gifts do you set before the Lord? Does your list of New Year's Resolutions include better ways to give back to God and thank Him for His many blessings to you and your family?



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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, January 11, 2009, marks for us again the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week throughout the country. The celebration begins on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

This year I ask all of you to make a personal commitment to assisting me and our Vocation Office in the work of "Building a Culture of Vocation Awareness" throughout our families, schools, parishes and communities. You, the People of God, have been called by Him to make the Church and more particularly, Christ, present in the work-a-day world, and yet there are those in the family of God who are being called specifically to serve God's family, the Church, through the particular vocations of either diocesan priesthood or religious life.

Prayer, awareness, and the willingness to support those we can identify together as being called by God to serve in the vocations of priesthood or religious life is particularly important to the continued spiritual health and well being of the Church, both in our country and more particularly in our diocese.

Presently, we have six men studying for the priesthood in our diocese: Deacon Christopher Schuh who, God willing, may be called to ordination this spring; Mr. Christopher Feeney, Mr. Henry Agudelo, Mr. Jonathan Ficara, Mr. Brian Maxwell, and Mr. Ian Bothur. We also have men who are presently in the application process and many other who all are at varying points in their discernment process. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Please also keep me, your unworthy servant, in your prayers that God, through His Holy Spirit, may continue to direct me as I seek to guide his holy people.

May Christ, the Eternal High Priest, through the intercession of Saints Patrick and Ann and Saint John Vianney, bless you and open the hearts of those He is calling to share in these particular vocations.

Sincerely

yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

Angel Food Ministries

NEW! ONLINE ORDERING

St. John Church is the first Catholic Host Site in Connecticut with Angel Food Ministries. This is a Non-denominational, Non-profit, wholesale Food Program, which is open to EVERYONE. No Applications or Pre-qualifications are Necessary. Menu's can be found in the back of the Church, Online, or at the Rectory. Anyone looking to Place an order or get involved in this Monthly Wholesale Food Distribution program at St. John, Please contact Sherri Potter, or Stop by the Rectory and see Isabelle Esteves.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Scrip program this past year. To all our regular customers we couldn't do it without you and to our Christmas Shoppers we are so grateful that you let us help you with your Christmas shopping. I will have some final figures when I get back from vacation but I just wanted to thank everyone before I left.

Parish Office will be open on a more limited basis from January 5th-20th. Please call before stopping in to make sure someone is here to help you. Regular hours resume on January 21.

Days of Awareness for Men 30 and over
Would you or someone you know consider following Christ in His priesthood? Register now to visit Blessed John XXIII National Seminary February 6 and 7, 2009. The guest speaker is Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of the Boston Archdiocese. Email vocations@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-887-9294 Do not be afraid!.

Mary: The Mother of God-Four Week Video Program

Date: Wed- January 7,14, 21, 28, 2009

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Facilitated by: Nancy Delaney

Place: Spiritual Renewal Center

11 Bath St

Norwich Ct 06360

Please call 860-887-0702 to register

Hear us Now

Strengthening the Catholic Viewpoint in the Political Arena workshop sponsored by the Ct. Catholic Conference.

This workshop is for anyone interested in bringing the Catholic viewpoint to our elected officials, organizing a parish advocacy group and learning about the Conference's 2009 legislative priorities.

Some topics covered will be :

Overview of the legislative Process

How to effectively interact with elected officials

Organizing an advocacy group in your parish

Coordinating our efforts at the parish and state level

2009 legislative agenda of the Ct Catholic Conference

Registration 5:30-6:00pm (light supper provided)

Program 6-8:30pm

Tuesday January 6 St Joseph Church Occum

RSVP 860-524-7882

Retrouvaille of Connecticut

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce or if you are all ready separated or divorced, but you want to try again—then the Retrouvaille program can help you. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut will take place on January 23 through 25, 2009. Although Retrouvaille is catholic in origin, couples from all faiths or no faith traditions are welcome to attend. Also there are no group discussions or coerced sharing times. For more information please call our confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or email us at 3001@retrouvaille.org Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence.

March for Life Buses

January 22 2009 marks the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion on demand ruling. Because of that decision millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right- the right to life. One this date, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 9:00pm buses will leave from Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80 I-395 or exit 80W, I-395 north). Our first stop in Washington will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bus fare is \$55 for adults and \$28 for students. If you're unable to march please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and /or to reserve a seat on the bus or to sponsor a seat please call Margaret Becotte 860-822-1362 or Patricia Rossi 860-848-1064.

Our January meeting is Thursday the 8th at Our Lady of Sorrows, after the 9 AM Mass. Following the recitation of the rosary, we will carpool to the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven for a guided tour of the Nativity displays from multiple countries. Lunch will be at the Abates Restaurant, nearby in Little Italy. All are welcome.

For further information, contact Lorraine at 434-2629.

Join Our Sat, Jan 17,

Tri-State Medical Seminar

Robert F. Scanlon, M.D. – OB/GYN Huntington, NY and World Health Organization, and Dr. Leonie S. Watson, M.D., family doctor, Mountainside, NJ, on the "All Natural" "All Green" FertilityCare System treatments for the "full spectrum of women's health issues and pregnancy management". For OB/GYNs, family doctors, internists, nurses, and anyone interested in the Tri-state area, PA, and

RI. Discussion will include an overview of the FertilityCare system technologies, diagnostics, treatments, and techniques. Emphasis will be on how high success rates are achieved (such as 85% for infertility and 99.9% method effectiveness for pregnancy postponement) and the wider range of cures possible through natural means -- from cramps and irregularities to cures for complex or chronic conditions such as repetitive miscarriages.

From 11:30 am to 4:30 pm: At the Villa Maria Guadalupe Retreat Center, 159 Sky Meadow Dr., Stamford, CT, 06903. To register, contact Dorothy Dugandzic, CFCP, 914 476-4858. Fee \$45. Lunch is offered. All Welcome!