

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday	October 11
5:00pm	Robert G. Stanners r/b his family
Sunday	October 12
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:15am	Terri Brodeur 3 rd A; r/b her family
11:00am	Valerie F. Milardo 9 th A; r/b Karen Jo Marcolini
Monday	October 13
8:00am	Charles W/. Wiltsie Jr r/b his family
Tuesday	October 14
7:15am	Jerome Connor r/b Schoonmaker family
Wednesday	October 15
7:15am	Daniel Fisher r/b his aunt Virginia Berghizino
Thursday	October 16
7:15am	Intentions of Joseph Polidori on his 90 th birthday
Friday	October 17
7:15am	Fr. Daniel McGrath
3:30pm	wedding
Saturday	October 18
7:30am	Fr Robert Barnes
1:00pm	wedding
5:00pm	Charles Millard r/b Stanners family
Sunday	October 19
7:30am	Alfred A. Lertz r/b James & Lynn Monahan
9:15am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Theodore Niero r/b Wes & Lynn Bohlke
2:00pm	Anointing Service

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

"Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." - Mt. 22:8-10

Readings for the Week of October 12, 2008	
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



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.

	Wedding 	
		Banns
3 rd Time		Megan Duffy & Travis Monroe
		Erin Keefe & Douglas Connor
2 nd Time		Dawn O'Day & Tod Thompson

On Sunday October 19th at 2:00pm the **Sacrament of Healing** will be administered here at St John's. If you are suffering from anxiety or depression, afflicted with a chronic disease(asthma, arthritis)loss of any kind (death of a loved one, divorce) or an addiction (drugs, alcohol, gambling) won't you please come and allow God to minister to you. The Sacrament of healing is a source of Grace and Grace is the life of the soul. You may not be literally healed of your burden but Jesus guarantees you will receive the spiritual strength to endure it.

Mass time on Saturday will change to 4pm on November 8, 2008.

Help Bring the Gift Of Hope

And the light of Christ to a child in Haiti by purchasing a candle or other items From the Genevieve's Brochures by October 22nd 2008 or Online through this website:

<http://www.genevieves.com/shop.php>

Simply enter the school code 11449, before shopping, and 40% or more of all gross sales will go to The Haitian Ministries charity to provide food, shelter, medicine, and education to a child in Haiti. Together our collective efforts can make a miracle come true for a child of God in Haiti. St. John's Thanks you in advance and may God Bless you.

For more info. Please contact Sherri Potter @ 395 0692.

Thank You !

Thank you to all those who assisted with the Haiti Benefit Concert. Especially the DiBella's who always find a way to assist the Church, and to the Ladies Guild who baked all the goodies. Especially Stephanie Bugden and Nina Cowell for getting the word out on short notice.

Spiritn3D

St. John Church should be most grateful to the band Spiritn3D for performing at the St. John School Gym. This band consists of some of the most Spirit filled people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting, by their words and by their ACTS. This Bulletin Does not have the room for me to write all their praises. I can only say that "people like these are who we want to surround ourselves with, and expose our children to". I am only sorry that more parents did not take in this event. You truly missed out on their words and their message. Take the leader of the band Dan Leone for example, who is personally involved with the work in Haiti, his first hand experiences, and how he goes about making a difference everyday. May God Continue to Bless Him and his work! We All Say "Someone Should Do Something" take Peace in Knowing that They (Spiritn3D) Are. Thank You and God Bless! SLP

For more info. Please visit the website: www.spritrn3d.com

Youth Choir Practice will be on Saturday, October 18th from 10-11:15 in the church. Please come and join us!!

Morning Coffee with God
Theme: Bread from Heaven
The Eucharist in Scripture
Wednesday October 15, 2008
8-9am

Facilitated by Sister Agnes Therrien, S.S.Ch
Emmaus Spiritual Life Services
Norwich Ct

PARISH MISSION

OCTOBER 27,28,29, 2008

St. John's Church, welcomes Fr. Robert Joerger, a native of Brooklyn, NY, and a member of the Passionist Community. Fr. Bob was ordained in 1977. He received his Masters Degrees in Theology and Divinity from St. John's University, NY, and in Spirituality from Creighton University in Nebraska. He most recently served as Councilor to the Superior General of the Passionists in Rome. Currently, Fr. Bob preaches Parish Missions and Retreats and lives in New York City. There will be two sessions each day: 10:00 am and 7:30 pm. Fr. Bob will speak at all weekend masses of Oct. 25/26.

Mercy High School

Saturday October 25th Yellow Rose Auction Order tickets 347-8957 before Oct. 17th \$40 after \$45.
Open House Nov. 2 2-4:30pm
Entrance Exam Nov. 15th 8am-11:15am \$20

St Bernard High School Open House Nov 2 2-4pm

Sacred Heart Academy Hamden Open House Sunday October 19th 1-4pm 203-288-2309 ext 307

Marianapolis Preparatory School Open House Sunday October 12 1-3pm Thompson Ct 860-923-9245

Xavier High School Open House Sunday October 26 1-4 pm Nov 8th 17th Annual harvest Auction 3476079 \$40 until October 31st then \$50
Freshman Entrance Exam November 15 at 8am
346-7735 ext 702

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians
Deacon Chris Schuh; Christopher Feeney; Henry Agudelo; Jonathan Ficara; Ian Brothur; Brain Maxwell; Michael Salerno and Andrew Sparks. Please pray for those starting the process of discerning a call to either the diocesan priesthood or the religious life.

.Mass on Columbus Day October 13th will be at 8:00am.

OCTOBER 12, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In a matter of weeks, you will have the opportunity to cast your ballot for President, Member of Congress, State Senator and State Representative. Catholic moral and social teachings call upon all Catholics to be faithful citizens. We are called to participate in the political process to ensure that our government officials reflect the values and priorities of the people they represent. As followers of Christ, we have a special responsibility to ensure that the society we live in – and the government that represents us – reflect the primary values of our Christian faith, the love of our neighbor and the respect for all human life. Our Catholic community can be extremely proud of its long history of aiding the less fortunate, while standing firm for the protection of all human life.

In their statement on *Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic Bishops of the United States stated, “Catholics who bring their moral convictions into public life do not threaten democracy or pluralism but enrich them and the nation.” When you cast your vote on November 4th, you should first evaluate those running for public office based on their positions on various issues. You should ask yourself how their positions clearly reflect the values of our faith in relation to the value of human life, aid to the poor, and the protection of the family unit. The sanctity of human life, the institution of marriage, and traditional family values must hold a special place in our voting decisions as faithful Children of God.

Although information is extremely plentiful concerning the current presidential candidates, more often than not the same does not hold true when we examine the positions of candidates running for state offices. This September, the Connecticut Catholic Conference surveyed all candidates for the State Senate and House of Representatives. It is the first time the Catholic Conference has undertaken such a survey covering a wide range of issues reflective of our moral and social teachings.

Please take the time to review the survey results in order to learn how the candidates running for public office in your community stand on these important issues. Many candidates, unfortunately, did not respond to the survey for various reasons. If your candidates in your district did not respond, I hope that you will make a special effort to find out how they stand on the important issues presented in the survey.

I urge you to cast your ballot on November 4th, as we are extremely fortunate to have great freedoms and liberties in our nation. We should never forget, as Thomas Jefferson stated, “that these liberties are the gift of God.” Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich



My dear brothers in Christ,

On November 15, 2008, all men of the Diocese of Norwich are invited to participate in the first Connecticut Catholic Men’s Conference. It will be held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the Conference (at 3:00 p.m.), Bishop Lori of Bridgeport and I will concelebrate Mass with Archbishop Henry Mansell of Hartford who will be the Principal Celebrant.

With great hope for the success of this event, I encourage the men of this Diocese to make every effort to attend this Conference. Its theme is “Take Your Faith to the Next Level.” This occasion affords you an excellent opportunity to enrich your faith, to deepen your knowledge of the Church, and to renew your love for Christ.

Former NFL star and popular faith speaker Danny Abramowicz will be the featured speaker. Danny Abramowicz is hailed as a dynamic speaker whose talk, entitled, “The Spiritual Workout of a Former Saint,” promises to be a captivating presentation. Radio personality and Reason for Hope Foundation founder, Father Larry Richards, Film Producer (“Bella”), Sean Wolfington, performing artist and motivational speaker, Sean Forrest, and President of the Institute for Psychological Services, Father Charles Sikorsky will make presentations at the Conference. They are well known inspirational speakers and their messages hold great promise for spiritually nourishing us.

The presenters will address real concerns men face each day. In encouraging the men of the Archdiocese of Hartford to attend the Conference, Archbishop Mansell wrote, “Many studies show that as a man becomes stronger in faith, his family becomes stronger. As a man grows in his faith, he will be better equipped to face a culture head-on that is often hostile to Christianity.”

Please join with Archbishop Mansell, Bishop Lori of Bridgeport, with Hartford’s Auxiliary Bishops, Bishop Rosazza and Bishop Macaluso, and with me in celebrating and renewing our faith. By taking advantage of this opportunity, you can strengthen your relationship with Christ and His Church and your faith can be revitalized. You will be better equipped to respond to the challenges that we encounter each day as a people of faith.

Again, please make every effort to attend the Connecticut Catholic Men’s Conference on November 15, 2008. For tickets and other pertinent information, please go to the website, www.ctcatholicmen.org. Questions may be addressed to Mr. David Craig, 860-739 4607 or vocations@att.net. I look forward to seeing you there.

God love you.
Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

Catholic Charities is organizing relief to be sent to Louisiana and Texas in the aftermath of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. You may contribute by dropping an envelope in the basket marked Hurricane relief.