

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 20 Fri 8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Chris Vegliante
April 21 Sat 8:30am +Rev Joseph E. Nichols
April 21 Sat 5:00pm +Mary Beth Stebbins by The Parishioners
April 22 Sun 8:30am +Michael Brown by Patricia Brown and Family
April 22 Sun 10:30am +Sr. Eleanor Feeney by Al and Mary Karg
April 23 Mon NO MASS
April 24 Tues 7:00pm +Louis Bouteiller by John & Janet Mashia
April 25 Wed 8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Chris Vegliante
April 26 Thurs 8:30am Parish Benefactors
April 27 Fri 8:30am +Margaret & Vincent Donahue by Al and Mary Karg
April 28 Sat 8:30am Special Intentions for a friend by Jen Hood
April 28 Sat 5:00pm +Antonella Pappalardo by Chris & Kim Vegliante & Family
April 29 Sun 8:30am +Dominic & Serafina DiCiccio by Sara Cialfi
April 29 Sun 10:30am +Betty Conrad by the Paccione Family

THIS COMING WEEK

Now thru May 1 K of C Pennies for Life

Sun April 22 Seminar - Generator Safety Hall 7:00 pm
Sun April 22 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:30am Mass
Mon April 23 Senior Exercise, 9-9:40am, Hall
Mon April 23 Shawl Ministry 10-11:30am, Church Library
Mon April 23 Rosary 7pm, Chapel
Tues April 24 Mass 7:00pm
Tues April 24 Why Catholic? 7:30pm
Wed April 25 Rosary, 9am, Chapel
Wed April 25 Wood Carvers, 6pm, Church Hall
Wed April 25 Confirmation Class 7:00 -8:30 pm LAST ONE
Thurs April 26 Women's Prayer Group, 9am, Chapel
Thurs April 26 Senior Exercise, 9-9:40am, Hall
Sat April 28 TIA Roast Beef Dinner 6pm – 10pm



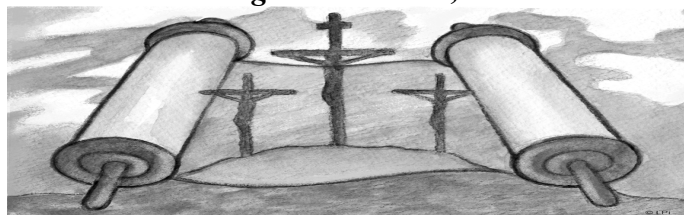
April 28, Sat. 5:00pm L. Doxsee
C. Von Fedlt, J. Balchus, N. & S. St. John
F. Cunningham
April 29, Sun. 8:30am O. Whiteman,
M. Flaherty, J. Balchus, A. & J. Souza(V),
P. Lenart (S), M. Whiteman
April 29, Sun. 10:30am M. & R. Fisher,
J. Balchus, J. Schuster, J. Vitali,
E. Nemergut

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE, SATURDAY
May 5, 2012, 9AM-1PM

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SATURDAY JUNE 16th 2012

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48



April 22, 2012 3rd Sunday of Easter

"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts. Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.'" - LUKE 24:38-39

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when He sacrificed His entire body for us?

Stewardship - Prayers of the Faithful

That we may have the courage to do the work that God has sent us to do, knowing that only in this way will we find true peace and joy

April 15, 2012 Offering

Parish 117 Envelopes	\$3942.00
Cash donations 7%	\$278.00
This weeks total offertory	\$4220.00

POOR BOX INTENTION FOR APRIL

Connecticut Food Bank: Your help is urgently needed so that our neighbors in Connecticut will not go hungry. Our neighbors are, a young child going to school without breakfast, a single mom whose job doesn't provide her with enough income to pay bills and food, a senior living on a fixed income. Requests are higher than ever before for food and supplies and we are unable to keep up with the demand. Your support is appreciated

Greeters

Sat April 21st 8:00 pm John & Joan Kuzminski
Sun April 22nd 8:30am Barbara Smith, Pat Horan, Lorraine Harrison
Sun April 22nd 10:30am Diana White, Bethany McGuire
Sat April 28th 5:00pm Eileen & Frank Cunningham, Lynn Marcotte
Sat April 29th 8:30am Elizabeth Vegliante, Claudette & Don Lagasse
Sun April 29th 10:30am Cathy, Gabby & Jackie Flaherty, The Thurston Family

Bereavement Seminar. Contact Barbarann Gay if you are interested in partaking in this seminar that began in April and will go for 10 Weeks. 203-245-4300

Please contact Deacon Bob at gideonfleece.1@sbcglobal.net by Thursday evening, if you have an announcement to be made at Mass for the upcoming weekend. Also anyone wishing to speak at any Mass needs to call and speak with Fr. Joseph DeCosta. Thanks!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Baptisms will be performed on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Please call Deacon John Balchus, 860-345-8393 to make arrangements



Religious Education

4/23 Mon Last CCD 7-8:15pm
4/25 Last Confirmation 7 -8:30pm
4/26 Thurs 3rd Grade 1st Communion
Practice 5:30- 6:45pm
4/28 Sat Last CCD 9:15-10:30 am

CCD REGISTRATION FORMS for the 2012-2013 school year are now available in the church narthex, on stlawrencechurch.com and in the rectory on the hall table. All CCD students will go home with them this week. Classes fill up on a first come, first served basis. Please return them by June 1st to avoid late fees, Thank You.

TIA

The Teens In Action will host their annual Roast Beef Supper on Saturday April 28th at 6 pm. All TIA members please hold the date! Set up and food prep will take place during the day and serving and clean up at night!

Just Friends Events Next Dinner meeting **May 13th at 6:00 pm. Movie night: Mondays.** Call Barbarann 203-245-4300 **Ideas for group.** Call Cathy Gosselin at 860-663-1443. Good Speed Shows coming up. *Mame, Carousel* and *Something's A Foot*. This price is available on Wednesday, Thursday at 7:30 or Sunday at 6:30. If you have further questions call Cathy.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL JUNE 16th 2012

Don't Do the Spring Fling!!

Please keep the Strawberry Festival in mind when doing your Spring cleaning. Saleable household items in good condition for the tag sale, **clean** children's toys, books and auction items are all needed. **Please note that due to the risk of liability for the parish, we do not accept electrical, gas-powered or baby-care items.** Drop off dates and times, as well as pick up contacts for large auction items, will be announced in May.

Flower and Plant Sale

When dividing your plants this spring, please remember the Flower and Plant sale at this year's Strawberry Festival. Drop off dates and times will be provided later in May. If you have any questions, please call Kirk & Margaret at 860-301-2274

Quilt Raffle

Help is needed for distributing quilt raffle tickets before the festival, as well as selling tickets on the day of the festival. The success of prior years' raffles has depended upon strong pre-festival ticket sales, so please consider helping out. To volunteer, please contact Kirk and Margaret at 860-301-2274

On Sunday April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall retired emergency management director John Kuzminski, and present emergency management director Don McDougall will present a Seminar on Generators. All are welcome!

(From The Diocese) Hello Friends. I am Bishop Michael Cote. Why does the government think it does not have to respect our Catholic Church and our moral convictions? Has it forgotten the contributions that the Catholic Church has made to the poor and needy for centuries? Catholic social service agencies, including adoption and foster care agencies, parish food banks, and soup kitchens, all will be impacted tragically if the federal health care mandate is not overturned. Please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit: www.ctcatholic.org or www.norwichdiocese.org The list can be found in the Narthex or call the office 663-2576

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE, SATURDAY MAY 5, 2012, 9AM-1PM

Check your attics, cellar, and halls, tired of those pictures on the walls? Outgrown shoes and books and toys, shirts or pants for girls and boys. Ladies and gent's fashions so "last year" don't despair or shed a tear. Bring them to us we'll accept with pleasure, Cause' "one man's junk is another man's treasure"! **Church hall will be open: Tuesday May 1, 9am-5pm, Wednesday May 2, 9am-7pm, Thursday May 3, 9am-5pm, Friday May 4, 9am-12noon. Rummage items accepted until 12noon on Friday.** Baked goods accepted on Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturday before 10:00AM. Sign up to help in sign-up city. Betty Dennis phone 860-663-0204 for questions

NURSING MINISTRY:

After several years of inactivity we would like to reactivate a Parish Nursing Ministry. Our first activity would be to offer blood pressure readings after weekend masses on one weekend each month. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry can contact Eileen at the Parish Office or call Ray D'Alessio @ 203-245-0055.

MINISTRY OF HOPE

If you have lost a loved one or know of someone who has recently lost someone special in their lives, contact the rectory and a note of sympathy will be sent out to them.

Father Joseph DeCosta and the parishioners of St. Lawrence Church wish to congratulate the following students of Xavier High School who made honors during their second term: **St. Lawrence, Killingworth High Honors** John F. Marriott III '12. Michael D. Epright '14, Christopher E. Leffingwell '14, Noah R. Lyke '14 **Honors** Taylor J. MacKinnel '12, James L. Thurston '14, Luke A. Velez '14, CONGRATULATIONS! Wonderful Accomplishment to all of our great young men!!!

Christian Singles of Southeast CT – Singles meet monthly at different restaurants and also plan other activities. For more information call Rita at 860-464-2243 or Cal at 860-448-6510

Looking for a special Mother's Day gift? Give her a CT "Choose Life" License Plate from the Children First Foundation. "Choose Life" License Plates with smiling faces are promoting adoptions and traveling everywhere as a witness to Life and Love. Give a gift that keeps on giving, it's so easy! Go to www.fund-adoption.org for info or to download a state's application form. The license plate helps fund agencies such as Catholic Charities.

What's Happened?... First of all, we have to offer you an **apology**. Last week's column contained two confusing, rollover sentences due to final editing....The afternoon **Divine Mercy** liturgy last Sunday was not well attended but those that came went away with a feeling that their prayers had been heard....**What's Happening?**... We have come to the **end of another CCD year**. Thanks to the efforts of the CCD teachers led by Alice Simoniello, our children now have a better understanding of their Catholic faith. We thank each adult that makes this program a success.... On Sat. evening, **April 28th**, at 6PM our **TIA** will be offering us a **Roast Beef Dinner**. If you have attended in the past, I know that you will be there again. If you haven't attended, buy tickets today & mark your calendar now.... We hope to have **Coffee And** on the last weekend in **April, the 27th & 28th**. In order to make this happen we need volunteers. Please consider helping. Thank you....Thanks to Ernie Hill's efforts, we now have a new, larger **bulletin board** opposite the sacristy entrance.... Thanks to your generosity, our **Ray Gosselin Scholarship Fund** issued \$500 checks to four seminarians, who are studying to become priests in the Norwich Diocese. These men are Brian Maxwell, Michael Salerno, Martin Noe and Jonathan Ficara. Our K. of C. council will be inviting them to attend our K. of C. picnic in June....Our **Cradle Fund** efforts have come to a close. This year, your donations were ~\$550. Our K. of C. council voted to increase the donations to Birthright of Westbrook. A check for \$750 will be given to a Birthright representative on **Mother's Day, May 13th**. On that morning, the K. of C. will offer an expanded Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30AM mass. Please consider attending. Your support allows us to make these contributions to our parish & to charitable organizations.... Last Tuesday evening, we had a meeting to provide parishioners will information on the ongoing **Parish Restructuring** efforts. We reviewed copies of four documents that illuminated the current situation. Father Joe explained their significance, questions were asked & answered and a few ideas were offered. A face-to-face meeting between the St. Lawrence & St. Mary's representatives & pastors will take place on Tuesday evening, March 24th at St. Lawrence. Key points of discussion & resolution of perceived obstacles will be included in a future bulletin....Our **Spring Rummage Sale** is just around the corner on Saturday, May 5th. With the outburst of warm weather, many homemakers have rolled up their sleeves and cleaned house. It may be time to part with some of your treasures. If that is the case, please save them and bring them down to the church hall during the first week in May....Thanks to the interest of **Ed Coppola**, we have revised & are about to restart our **Parish Bereavement Ministry**. Father Joe will be making an announcement on this subject and a new part of this restart is entitled, Ministry of Hope. We will be encouraging parishioners to enter the names of recently deceased relatives and friends in a book placed in the church narthex. Whether the loved one was a member of this parish is not important. As part of the bereavement Ministry, our parish will send the recipient a suitable booklet(s), such as, "We Will Meet Again", "Losing Someone Close" and/or "Grieving the Loss of a Good Friend". These mailings would provide the surviving friend with the realization that a friend, one of our parishioners, has not forgotten that deceased loved one. We ask you to consider being part of this Ministry. You can do this in many ways; there are many opportunities. Please consider attending a meeting that we will have later in May. Thank you.