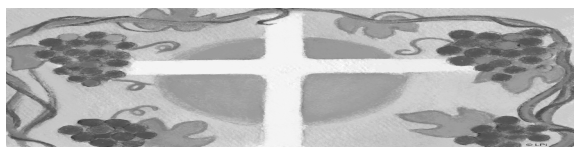


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 4 Fri 8:30am +Mary Beth Stebbins by the Boulay Family
 May 5 Sat 8:30 am +Marybeth Stebbins by Al & Mary Karg
 May 5 Sat 5:00pm +Fortunata Demartines by Mr. & Mrs. Mastria
 May 6 Sun 8:30am +Frances Selwyn Gay by Barbarann Gay
 May 6 Sun 10:30am +The deceased members of the Gillmore & Bergan Families by The Bergan Family
 May 6 Sun 2:00 Our Country
 May 7 Mon NO MASS
 May 8 Tues 7:00pm NO MASS PASTORAL PLANNING
 May 9 Wed 8:30am + Father Walter Keenan
 May 10 Thurs 8:30am +Mary Beth Stebbins by Harry and Mary Russo
 May 11 Fri 8:30am +Ruby Hanna by Barbarann Gay
 May 12 Sat 8:30am +Alice Soskey by Palma Catri
 May 12 Sat 10:30 am +Albert Fortin by Noreen Zichichi and Family and The Communion Class
 May 12 Sat 1:00 pm +Parishioners and The Communion Class
 May 12 Sat 5:00pm +Lorene Barone by Toni Stanley
 May 13 Sun 8:30am +Michael Brown by Patricia Brown & Family
 May 13 Sun 10:30am +Christine Catania by Marianne & Paul DeStefano AND +Laura Lois Parilla by Her Husband Richard & Family



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

5th Sunday of Easter "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18 How do we love in deed and truth? The answer is through stewardship – giving some of our time to spend with Our Lord in prayer, giving some of our talents to do ministry in the parish, giving some of our financial blessings to support the work of the Church

Stewardship - Prayers of the Faithful

That we may show our love for God by the way we use our time, talent and treasure

April 29, 2012 Offering

Parish 117 Envelopes	\$5276.00
Cash donations 7%	\$374.00
This weeks total offertory	\$5650.00



Today May 6 K of C Pennies for Life Ends

Sun May 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:30am Mass
 Sun May 6 1:30 Adoration and Rosary 2:00 Mass
 Mon May 7 Senior Exercise, 9-9:40am, Hall
 Mon May 7 Shawl Ministry 10-11:30am, Church Library
 Mon May 7 Rosary 7pm, Chapel
 Tues May 8 Mass 7:00pm
 Tues May 8 Why Catholic? 7:30pm
 Wed May 9 Rosary, 9am, Chapel
 Wed May 9 Wood Carvers, 6pm, Church Hall
 Thurs May 10 Women's Prayer Group, 9am, Chapel
 Thurs May 10 Senior Exercise, 9-9:40am, Hall
 Thurs May 10 Liturgy Comm. Meeting 7:00pm
 Sun May 13 K of C MOTHERS DAY Pancake Breakfast

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. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF \$207.97!!!

Poor Box Intentions for May

Covenant House: Provides food, shelter, hot food, a shower, clean clothes, a warm bed, medical attention, faith and emotional counseling to young children in crisis

Greeters

Sat May 5th 8:00 pm Jo & Bob Stak, John McGrath
 Sun May 6th 8:30am Jackie Bousquet, Chris Vegliante
 Sun May 6th 10:30am Mary & Al Karg
 Sat May 12th 5:00pm Iris & Ernie Hill, Carolyn & Michael Gerity
 Sun May 13th 8:30am Rosemary & Joe Vitali, Jackie Ahern
 Sun May 13th 10:30am Lourdes Hosking

Bereavement Seminar. Contact Barbarann Gay if you are interested in partaking in a future seminar. 203-245-4300

Please contact Deacon Bob at gideonsfleece.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!

LOOK FOR THE ROSES FROM BIRTHRIGHT ON MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND, NEXT WEEKEND!!!!

As in the past... They'll be sold at each mass



May 12, Sat 10:30am M. & R. Fisher, R. Ferraro, M. Bayley, J. Hood
May 12 Sat 1:00pm L. Dorse, D. Mastriano, J. Balchus, N. & S. St. John
May 12, Sat. 5:00pm N. & R. Lyke, R. Ferraro, A. & A. Simeone, K. Kreutter
May 13, Sun. 8:30am M. & P. Cipriano, R. Ferraro, G. & R. Gammons (V), P. Lenart (S), D. Cipriano

May 13, Sun. 10:30am M. & R. Fisher, R. Ferraro, M. & K. Whiteman, K. Gorski

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SATURDAY JUNE 16th 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME, to our newest parishioners who are receiving the sacrament of baptism, **Daniel Thomas Maura**, today at the 10:30 am mass. May God Bless his parents Melissa and Chet, and his Godparents Jennifer Luzietti and Zachary Maura, as they guide *him* through this blessed journey of life. And **Reese Marie Bergan**, today after the 10:30 mass. May God Bless her parents Alexis and Zachary, and her Godparents Nicky Gillmore and Nick Gillmore, as they lead *her* through this blessed journey of life.

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

First Holy Communion Rehearsal Schedule:

Saturdays class- Saturday, May 5th 9:00 to 10:00am
Thursdays class- Saturday, May 5th 10:00 to 11:00 am
Wednesday, May 9th - Saturdays class from 5:30-6:15
-----Thursdays class from 6:15-7pm
First Holy Communion- **Saturday, May 12th** 10:30am
Mass (Saturday's class)--1:00pm Mass (Thursdays Class)

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 Teen In Action would like to thank all those who attended our annual roast beef dinner fundraiser last Saturday. All profits will go toward our CHWC mission trip this summer. We can not express how grateful we are for all of the support we receive from the parishioners of St Lawrence.

TIA members...**HOLD THE DATE...**Saturday June 2nd is our annual car wash/tag sale/bake sale. Start collecting items for the tag sale!

Just Friends Events Next Dinner meeting **May 6th at 6:00 pm at Lenny and Joe Fish Tale Madison.**

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.

Seminary Education Collection THIS Weekend May 5/6th.

Thank you from Helping Hands On behalf of the many people we serve, we want to thank all the members of the 9th grade Confirmation Class for selecting Helping Hands of Killingworth as the recipient of their Corporal Work of Mercy. We are so grateful to receive all the food, paper goods, and toiletries that you collected, and our clients will be very thankful to find all of these items on our shelves. Thank you so much for your generosity. Jan O'Sullivan and Chiqui Ricciuti, Co-Directors

(From The Diocese) Recently, the five Connecticut democratic candidates running for the nomination for the U.S. Senate stated that they would support the idea of allowing abortions to be performed at Catholic hospitals. Abortions are a violation of the natural law and are prohibited by the four Catholic hospitals in Connecticut. As in the case of the federal health care mandate, we cannot permit the government to trample on our religious freedom by requiring us to go against our religious convictions. 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

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

TICKETS – GET YOUR TICKETS!!

Quilt tickets will be available for pick-up and for sale after all masses from May 6th through June 10th. Please return all tickets (sold and unsold) and monies in the collection basket no later than Sunday, June 10th or at the rectory by Thursday, June 14th. Questions – please call Kirk & Margaret @ 860-301-2274.

NEXT MEETING for the Strawberry Festival - **Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30pm in the church meeting room** to plan for this year's festival. Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's festival should attend. Please call Kirk and Margaret at 860-301-2274.

Have truck, will travel. We need volunteers with trucks or large vehicles (SUV's) to assist with the pick up and delivery of items for the auction. If you're willing to help, please contact Kirk Whiteman at 860-301-2274

Auction and Raffle Donations

Volunteers are needed to assist in contacting area merchants for raffle, auction and silent auction donations. If you are interested in participating or would like to donate a prize for the auction or raffle yourself, please call Kirk & Margaret at 860-301-2274

We will hold **a basket raffle** again this year. If you'd like to donate items to fill the baskets, please pick up one or more tags from the narthex on the weekends of May 5th/6th, May 12th/13th and May 19th/20th. The tags should be attached to the items and brought to the church narthex on or before Sunday, May 27th. We are also looking for donations of new or gently used baskets; please leave them in the narthex during the month of May. We will be assembling the baskets on Wednesday, June 6th at 7PM in the hall. If you have any questions, please call Kirk & Margaret Whiteman at 860-301-2274.

Looking for something Fabulous to do this Summer? In only one trip, you can visit the largest Catholic Media network in the world and a religious shrine so beautiful it had to be divinely inspired. Located one hour apart, EWTN Global Catholic Network and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament offer pilgrims a unique and unforgettable way to experience the Catholic faith in action & in contemplation. For more information, go to www.ewtn.com/pilgrimage

MAY 6, 2012

What's Happened?....If you were one of the 112 parishioners, who attended the **TIA's Roast Beef Dinner** on April 28th, you went home with a warm glow. No need to spend money driving to another town for a meal & no need to pay twice the price for your dinner. Thanks to Dave Cipriano, Jack & Jeanette and a great group of teens, we had an enjoyable evening. Twenty servers in black & white tried hard to satisfy the diners. We also thank Matt Pacheco, a sophomore at Quinnipiac, for the sound of music. It added a nice touch to the evening.... We completed ~75 **census forms** last weekend, which will help to update the parish records. Thank you for your cooperation. If you haven't filled out your family's form, please do so and return it to the rectory. Your voluntary input will eliminate either a future telephone call or a knock on the door. None of us want to resort to either of these methods..**What's Happening?**... This Sunday afternoon, we will have Eucharistic Adoration, rosary & benediction starting at 1:30PM followed by mass at 2PM. All are being offered for the our nation, that it may rededicate itself to God....During the 10:30AM mass this Sunday, we will baptize Daniel Thomas Maura, the son of Melissa & Chet Maura. After that same mass, we will have the baptism of Reese Marie Bergan, daughter of Lex & Zach Bergan. We are very happy to have these new additions into our parish family....Led by Betty Dennis & Pat Dooley, a group of parishioners set up the tables, etc. sorted clothes & other donations, which made the **Spring Rummage Sale** another success in a long string of successes. We can be sure that **Louise Eichinger**, who was the leader of this endeavor for ~20 years would be proud of them. Louise has been dealing with poor health for the last two years. If you have the time call her at #860-669-9249 or send her a card at 104 Old Nod Road in Clinton. Thank you....We thank Iris & Ernie Hill, the Whiteman family, Pat & Dave Miller and Cathy Perry for their help with Coffee And last weekend. We hope you enjoyed it. We will have sign up sheet available in the narthex for the next **Coffee And** scheduled for the weekend of **May 19th & 20th**. Please volunteer well before that weekend. Without volunteers, we will have to cancel this chance to socialize....Our forty-one **First Holy Communion** children will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, **May 12th** at two masses, one at 10:30AM & the second at 1PM.. All students are scheduled to have a final rehearsal on Wed., May 9th, at 5:30-7:30PM... After the 8:30AM mass on Sunday, May 13th, our K. of C. council will honor parish mothers with a special **Mother's Day Breakfast** including mimosas. All are welcome & encouraged to attend. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we will present a check for \$750 to a representative of Birth-right of Westbrook that morning....Bishop Michael Cote will be at St. Lawrence to confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to 34 candidates at the Sat, afternoon mass on May 19th. If you come to that mass, be aware that these teens will have family, sponsors & friends in attendance. **COME EARLY** or attend mass on Sunday morning....There was a variety of issues discussed at the **Parish Council Meeting** on April 26th. Among them was the intent to have a Sunday afternoon social for parish families that have registered within the last 5 years. That number is 124! Others included a garden club, working the sacraments of marriage & confirmation, providing contractors for the needy, help for the Ray of Life Farm, a review of what my faith means to me, a celebration of the parish, founded on 10/15/1996, the wood carving ministry & a road race. Each parish council member should bring a formatted project to the May 24th meeting....