



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
April 30 Mon NO MASS
May 1 Tues 7:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by Chris Vegliante
May 2 Wed 8:30am Prayers for Anthony & Elizabeth Milano by George and Madelyn Rosenbaum
May 3 Thurs 8:30am + Ruth Conroy by Lynn Marcotte
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



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

April 29, 2012

4th Sunday of Easter

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." - PSALM 118: 8-9

Too often our society trains us to take refuge in man-made riches. Yet Thomas Merton once wrote, *"There is no poverty so great as that of the prosperous."* Too many possessions can leave us empty - always questing for more things that do not really matter - while we ignore Our Lord.

Stewardship - Prayers of the Faithful

That we may learn to trust more in God's goodness rather than in the allure of power, money or possessions



Now thru May 6 K of C Pennies for Life

Sat April 28 TIA Roast Beef Dinner 6pm – 10pm
Sun April 29 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:30am Mass
Mon April 30 Senior Exercise, 9-9:40am, Hall
Mon April 30 Shawl Ministry 10-11:30am, Church Library
Mon April 30 Rosary 7pm, Chapel
Tues May 1 Mass 7:00pm
Tues May1 Why Catholic? 7:30pm
Wed May 2 Rosary, 9am, Chapel
Wed May 2 Wood Carvers, 6pm, Church Hall
Thurs May 3 Women's Prayer Group, 9am, Chapel
Thurs May 3 Senior Exercise, 9-9:40am, Hall
May 4 First Friday Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:00
Adoration 9-12 Benediction 12:00 noon

April 22, 2012 Offering

Parish 120 Envelopes	\$4008.00
Cash donations 5%	\$217.00
This weeks total offertory	\$4225.00

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 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
 Sat May 5th 8:00 pm Jo & Bob Stak, John McGrath
 Sun May 6th 8:30am Jackie Bousquet, Chris Vegliante
 Sun April 6th 10:30am Mary & Al Karg

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



May 5, Sat. 5:00pm J. Alfiero, P. O'Neil, J. Balchus, M. Cerullo, G. St. John, A. O'Neil
May 6, Sun. 8:30am R. O'Neal, L. Flanagan O. Whiteman, G. & A. Lafreniere (V), P. Thomson (S), J. Bousquet
May 6, Sun. 10:30am C. Vissers, R. Epright, R. Ferraro, P. & W. Zeidler, J. Epright

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SATURDAY JUNE 16th 2012

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Religious Education

First Holy Communion Rehearsal Schedule:

Thursdays class- Thursday, May 3rd 5:30-6:30

Saturdays class- Saturday, May 5th 9:15 to 10:15am

Wednesday, May 9th - Saturday class from 5:30-6:15

-----Thursday 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 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!

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

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.

(From The Diocese) Hello friends, I am Bishop Michael Cote. In the current struggle on freedom of religion, we make it clear that we are not trying to impose our teachings on anybody. We are saying don't impose your teaching upon us, and make us as a church, do what we find unconscionable to do. By requiring the Catholic Church to fund procedures that go against our moral convictions, the government is taking away our right to freedom of religion. Please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phones 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

To My Dear Parish Friends at St. Lawrence.

I want to thank you for your cards, kind wishes and prayers through a difficult time. What a wonderful Blessing to have you all. Dee Howard

Diaper Drive - Huge Success

Two carloads of diapers, sizes three and four, Were gratefully received at Birthright's backdoor. Brought by Michelle, Jackie, Sarah and Charlie;

Parish gifting for classes' Drive at CCD.

All formed a line, passing diapers into place; Such a memorable scene, filled with caring grace.

With cars unloaded, it was easy to see, Parishioners' loving generosity.

Shelves, now filled, to share with neighbors in great need;

Even boxes of wipes, completed the good deed.

Birthright, on the shoreline, over thirty years, With support like yours, we can give hope from fears.

Thanks to all at ST Lawrence for your caring;

We, at Birthright, overwhelmed by your sharing.

Pat Horan, Birthright

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 Next Weekend May 5/6th.

APRIL 29, 2012

What's Happened?... Three parishioners had been looking for copies of the **March Parish Council meeting**. Apparently, many parishioners had taken those available. There are additional copies of that meeting in the narthex.... Our **April Parish Council meeting** convened on Thurs., April 28th. The agenda for that meeting will be in the narthex next weekend.. The most recent Parish restructuring meeting with representatives from St. Mary's took place last Tuesday evening. A summary of that meeting will be found in next weeks bulletin....A few men from St. Lawrence attended the retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center last weekend. The theme was "**The Courage to Hope**". Dr. Joan Kelly, who teaches at Holy Apostles Seminary & assists in the formation process for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Hamden, was one of the team members. Her well constructed presentation at the Saturday evening mass centered on St. Paul's concept of hope. Hope requires fortitude or courage, which we receive as a God given gift in baptism & which is magnified upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. A set of CD's covering the main talks & workshops will be available in our Church Library in mid-May. Please borrow them for a week and then return them for others to use.... **What's Happening?**...Be aware that this Saturday, **April 28th**, at 6PM our **TIA** are offering us a **Roast Beef Dinner**. Enjoy a great meal.... Even though we needed additional volunteers, we hope you enjoyed **Coffee And** this weekend... Our **Cradle Fund** efforts have come to a close. On the final weekend, we were gratified by your donations, which included 1,900 pennies. Each one was important since, collectively, they help to save a life and provide hope....Our **Spring Rummage Sale** will happen next Saturday, May 5th. Please collect your treasures, put them in the car and leave them in the Church Hall. You may leave them there beginning Tuesday morning through Friday at noon. Thank you. If you have been coveting your neighbors goods, come to the hall on Saturday and take them home (after paying for them)....Our **Columbiette** council celebrated its first anniversary. We congratulate them; they recently added two new members and they would happily welcome more women to join their ranks. Why not considering doing that?...On Sat., **May 19th**, Bishop Michael Cote will be at St. Lawrence to confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to 34 candidates. It is another memorable event for our parish. 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. A word to the wise should be sufficient.... During the Spring school break, there were 30 people in **attendance at morning mass**. Included was a young mother with three very young children, who could have been be difficult to control in church. However, another young lady sat with them & shared the responsibility of caring for the children. Charitable acts don't need to be illuminated by a spotlight or on the evening news. Perhaps, these small practical deeds should be because only similar acts of kindness will make our world a better place to live & even enjoy....St. Paul greeted his listeners as "saints" or "all the saints". In Vatican II's document, Lumen Gentium, we are called to holiness, a fullness of life & charity. Again, the phrase, "**Greetings to all the saints**," is used in relationship to us. Scary? You bet it is! We live in world that dreams of & works at being successful. Many times the choices that we have to make involve a clash between being successful & being either truthful or good. Is this difficult? Again, you bet it is! The founder of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sr. Jeanne Jugan, realized this dilemma when she wrote, "You don't have to be successful. All you have to do is be faithful to God".