



The Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA) is conducted in every parish of the Diocese to help finance essential services and programs of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Norwich.

The ABA reminds us that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese and the Diocese itself.

The Appeal gives us a chance to share God's love for us by extending that love to others.

We are one faith, one family. Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our Diocesan Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 – <i>or</i> – Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42

LENTE BIBLE STUDY DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY

Our annual Thursday morning *Disciples on the Journey* study series began this year on February 26th and continues on Thursdays throughout Lent.

Disciples on the Journey is open to everyone. It is a program of Bible Study that's designed to carry you through the Lenten Season and into a stronger faith.

If you have any questions about *Disciples on the Journey*, call Denice Jones at 860-647-0159 for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Do you know an adult who has been baptized and receives Holy Communion but has never been confirmed? Would this person like to be confirmed? Registrations for Confirmation preparation classes for adults are now being taken. Please contact Fr. Stan or Rella (875-4563) in order to register or to request more information.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

All teens preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, some of the peers from Youth Group, and Rella and Rich Bernabucci are on the annual Confirmation retreat this weekend.

ATTENTION: YOUTH GROUP

Because of the scheduled retreat on March 6-8, Confirmation Preparation classes and Youth Group will not be held on Sunday, March 8. We will resume the following weekend at the regularly scheduled time.

PLEASE NOTE

Rella will be attending a regional faith formation leaders meeting in Storrs on Thursday, March 12. The Faith Formation Office will open at 12:30pm on this day.

YOUTH GROUP FOOD FAST

The Youth Group will be participating in their annual **Food Fast** from **6:00pm Friday, March 20th to 6:00pm Saturday, March 21st**. Members of the Youth Group will be on hand Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th to collect pledges from parishioners. All proceeds will be given to Catholic Relief Services.

YOUTH GROUP EASTER CANDY SALE

The Youth Group will once again be selling Easter candy. All proceeds will go to offset the cost of the Confirmation Retreat. Sales flyers are on the tables in the Fellowship Rooms. Members of the Youth Group will soon be available to sell the Easter candy. Watch the bulletin for dates for Easter candy sales.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THANK YOU

To the Sacred Heart Parish Family,

Thank you so much for having Mass offered for Dad on his 1st Anniversary – February 13th, 2010. The entire family is so grateful to the Sacred Heart family for all you have done and continue to do to support its parishioners, especially our family at this difficult time.

God bless you all. May God return to you the kindness you have shown to us.

The Kayan Family

ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Your Ash Wednesday donations to benefit The Cornerstone amounted to \$416.

Thank you for your generosity.

POLISH SUPPER

March 28, 3-6pm at Our Lady of Angels Convent, 1315 Enfield Street, Enfield CT. Cost is \$9.50 and includes kielbasa, pierogi, gołąbki, rye bread, cabbage, beverage and dessert. Take-out orders and babki are also available! The supper benefits the elderly and infirm sisters.

Mass in the Convent Chapel at 4pm. For more information, call (860) 745-7791.

MAKE-UP EXAM AT EAST

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MASS FOR SECRETARIES

The 14th Annual Mass for Secretaries, in honor of Secretaries Week, will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 12:10pm in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich. By their noble work, secretaries truly make a difference in the ministries, schools, and apostolates that server the people of God in eastern Connecticut, as well as in numerous businesses and offices in our communities. On this special day, the Diocese of Norwich will honor all secretaries as a Mass in Thanksgiving is celebrated for them, and as we offer thanks for them and for the way in which God gifts us through them.

Active or retired secretaries of all faiths – as well as their families, friends and employers – are invited to attend. Complementary luncheon follows. For reservations or info, please call (860) 887-9294, x234.

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

Union Congregational Church, 3 Elm Street, Rockville, continues its tradition of hosting the area adult choir festival concert on Sunday, March 15, at 7:30pm. Hear the massed adult choirs from 8 area churches, about 80 people, under the direction of the various directors of music in a concert of sacred church music. The concert is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. A freewill offering will be taken.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY RETREAT

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford celebrates St. Patrick's Day on March 17 with a day or evening retreat. **From Slavery to Sainthood--Celebrating the Life of St. Patrick** will take place from 10am to 2pm and again from 6pm to 9pm. St. Patrick's efforts transformed Ireland into a Christian nation, "the land of saints and scholars." Shamrocks seen on "the wearin' of the green" are a sign of faith in the power of The Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The retreat presenter is **Dr. Joan Kelly, D. Min.**, who has received the Papal Cross from Pope John Paul II for her service to the Church. Currently she teaches at the graduate level at Sacred Heart University and is an adjunct professor at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell. The offering of \$30 **includes a corned beef and cabbage lunch or dinner**. Information is available at (860) 521-0440. Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or send offering and attendee names to HFPRC, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107.

SHAWL KNITTING RETREAT DAY

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will hold a shawl knitting retreat day on Saturday, March 21, from 10am to 5pm. **Sr. Cathleen Murtha, D.W.**, will lead knitters through a day of knitting, prayer, reflection and conversation. Please bring with you 3 skeins of Lionbrand Hometown and a set of size 11 or 13 knitting needles. New knitters are welcome. Sr. Cathy is the Director of the Spiritual Life Center in Bloomfield, CT. As a Daughter of Wisdom, she loves sharing Wisdom and spirituality with individuals, small groups and organizations. Sr. Cathy is privileged to have been a part of the Shawl Knitting Ministry from its beginning at Hartford Seminary. The offering of \$40 **includes lunch**. Information is available at (860) 521-0440. Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or send offering and attendee names to HFPRC, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107.

MARCH 8, 2009

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

- SATURDAY** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (FT)
5:45pm **Mass: *Onarata Labbadia***, requested by Maria Davia, -and -
Peggy Henry, requested by Joe & Maryann Henry
- SUNDAY** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (FT)
10:45am **Mass: *Fred Sears***, requested by Stella Sears-Tessier
- MONDAY** FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
- TUESDAY**
9:00am **Mass: *Patricia Fedorko***, requested by Bill Woodburn
- WEDNESDAY**
11:00am **Mass at Welles Village: *For the People of the Parish***
- THURSDAY**
4:30-6:00pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Living Room
7:00pm **Mass: *Lee Ann Landon***, requested by a friend
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**
- FRIDAY** DAY OF ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT)
10:30am **Anointing at Vernon Manor**
- SATURDAY** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (FS)
5:45pm **Mass: *Joseph Franek, Sr***, requested by his wife, Anastasia
- SUNDAY** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (FS)
10:45am **Mass: *Connie Glennon***, requested by Ed & Hilda Kayan, - and -
Ed Kayan, requested by Mary Kuhn

MEETINGS

- SATURDAY**
7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, South Rooms
- SUNDAY** **Fellowship before and after Mass**
9:15 **Faith Formation Grades 1-5**
6:30pm **Faith Formation Grades 6-8**
NO **Conf Prep or Youth Group (retreat Fri-Sun)**
- MONDAY** Offices Closed
- WEDNESDAY**
4:00pm **Faith Formation**, Gr. 1-3, 5
7:30pm **Finance Council**, Living Room
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**, South Community Rooms
- THURSDAY**
10:00am **Bible Study – Disciples on the Journey**, South Community Rooms
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South Rooms
- FRIDAY**
6:00pm **Soup & Bread Supper** – Almsgiving to benefit The Cornerstone
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7:45pm **Youth Group**

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEK0FC.ORG

Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 7, 2009

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: **Rudy DeTuccio**, request of Dolores, Anita and Gena Betti
Donald Sullivan, request of Arlene and Mike Giglio

Sunday, March 8, 2009

8:45 a.m. Mass: **Mary Jane Wilde**, request of The Rea family,
Marion & Bill Miller, request of the family

Next Weekend

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Olga Guglielmino

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Paul Fabrizi

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 3,583.

Last year's collection was \$ 4,547.

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.

(the projected obligations, expenses, repairs and tithing)

"I know how devoted your are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." *Gen.22:*
Abraham was so devoted to God that he was willing to sacrifice his only son. How does our own devotion compare? Do we withhold time, talent and treasure from the God who sacrificed His only Son for us?



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THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Gospel Reading: Mk 9:2-10

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Fr. Stan, celebrant

Ushers Group II

2009 WORLD COMBINED COLLECTION

Monday, 3/9: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for a special intention
 Building Committee Meeting, 7:15 at The Rectory

Tuesday, 3/10: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Levi Fournier, request of Solange Fournier
 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Rectory
 Choir rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday 3/11: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Josephine Branscome
 Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 3/12: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for a special intention
 K of C Business meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Friday 3/13 No morning Mass
Mass at 7:00 p.m. for Margaret Chetelat; Rose Muldoon and Francis Chetelat, Request of Marge Flynn
Stations of the Cross following Mass.

FISH DINNER from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 3/14: **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

NEXT WEEK MARCH 14/15

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Josh Meyers

LECTOR: Dolores Betti

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jean Gately, Georgette Pelletier, Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, 8:45 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Emily Carpenter; Ashley Heavens, Stephanie Leiner

LECTOR: Cynthia Fagan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: James Boylan, Sharon and Cliff Scorso

EXTREME FAITH....an article featured in the March issue of CATHOLIC DIGEST tells the story of the Girard family's faith and trust. Free copies of the Catholic Digest are available to all parishioners and can be found at the Usher's tables at the rear of the church.

OPERATION RICE BOWL
THE TRANSFIGURATION

Today in Mark's Gospel, we find Peter, James and John being disturbed hearing Jesus talk about carrying a cross and losing his life. In answer to their misgivings, Jesus took them up to a mountain and was transfigured before them. They were filled with awe, as they realized his glory was also theirs, a glory not experienced in his future kingdom, but also here on earth.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that as community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. May our **fasting** move us to action on behalf of the poor. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about agriculture programs in the Philippines.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MAKE UP ENTRANCE EXAM

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On Sunday, April 26, 2009, MACC Charities will have its 2nd Annual Walk to benefit MACC's 4 programs.

Join us for the four mile walk that will step off at 1:00 p.m. from St. Batholomew's Church and walk 2 miles to MACC for refreshments and return to St. Bart's to complete your 4 miles. The event will take place rain or shine in the 4th month (April) on the 4th Sunday (the 26th) for 4 MACC programs (food, clothing, shelter & advocacy. (more details later.)

DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE
TO IRELAND

OCTOBER 25 TO 24, 2009-02-27

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ireland from October 15 through October 24, 2009. The ten day pilgrimage will be to The Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Croagh Patrick, Glendalough and the hermitage of St. Kevin, the Burial sit of Saint Patrick, St. Brigid's Shrine, the twin Cathedrals of Armagh in Northern Ireland, Kylemore Abbey, St. Patrick Cathedral and Trinity College in Dublin, St. Peter's Church and Clonmacnoise founded by St. Ciaran, and other sacred sites.

Price includes local bus to/from Boston airport, departure lunch, all tips, breakfast daily, 7 dinners, and also includes \$115 departure tax and fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made by July 10, 2009

COST OF TOUR: \$3,183 per person double occupancy

- \$300 deposit required (\$139 optional insurance)
- \$450 single supplement (limited number)
- \$139 Travel Insurance

For information or reservations
Call 860-887-9294

(Note: Flyers will be mailed.)

CALL FOR ALTAR SERVERS

During the season of Lent, the Rectory is receiving new applicants for Altar Servers.

Any child from the 3rd grade level and up is eligible to become an altar server. Instructions will be on an apprenticeship basis. Parents are asked to discuss with their children the need for service to their parish family by participation as Altar Servers. If you have questions regarding this apprenticeship please call the office. The form below can be used and returned to the office.

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Name: _____
Address _____
Town _____
Telephone Number _____