

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, 1/12/13

5:30 pm:

*Living and deceased members of the Fauxbel, Gaumond and Tremblay families* by Marie Tremblay.

### Sunday, 1/13/13

8:30 am:

**Helen Wasik** by Fr. Paul.

11:00 am:

**Elizabeth Simone** for healing by a friend.

5:00 p.m.:

*Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.*

### Monday, 1/14/13

9:00 am:

*Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.*

### Tuesday, 1/15/13

9:00 am:

**John Heusel** by OLOS Parish Family.

### Wednesday, 1/16/13

9:00 am:

*Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.*

### Thursday, 1/17/13

9:00 am:

*Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.*

### Friday, 1/18/13

9:00 am:

*Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.*

### Saturday, 1/19/13

5:30 pm:

**Special Intentions of 5:30 choir members** by a friend.

### Sunday, 1/20/13

8:30 am:

**Helen Wasik** by John and Joyce Leach.

11:00 am:

**David Clark** by OLOS Parish Family.

5:00 pm:

*Living and deceased members of our Parish Family.*

## Scripture Readings Week of January 13, 2013

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## Circle of Prayer

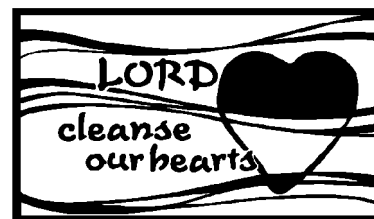
Our Circle of Prayer intention for the Week of January 13th will be:

**For the peaceful repose of Father Paul's soul.**

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20*

## GOD BLESS YOU FATHER PAUL!

On behalf of the officers and members of Our Lady of Sorrows Council 12113 and to all the members of Our Lady of Sorrows parish family we send our deepest sympathy. The Lord called home a Special Pastor Fr. Paul who touched us dearly through the Grace of God. Fr. Paul guided and consoled us all in our time of need. We will also have Fr. Paul in our soul and hearts. Fr. always loved the children of our CCD classes Fr. loved watching the Christmas pageant with the great talent that our children have. Fr. Paul had his own special words for the second graders that were going to receive Jesus for the first time he is very proud of them. May the LIGHT of GOD that has now called you home give you eternal peace as the prayers offered by the members of your parish will never forget you and you will also be in our hearts God Bless  
*Mike Berdenseny Grand Knight*



**Mass Request Instructions:** If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one, please email the Bulletin Editor, Sue Feaster at [Bakingsue@comcast.net](mailto:Bakingsue@comcast.net) with the pertinent information, and send a check for \$10.00 payable to OLOS to the Parish, c/o Joanne Civitello at 33 Prospect Street, Essex, CT. *Please request masses well in advance of the weekend prior to the date of the mass, thank you.*

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## [A Pro-Life Message From Bishop Michael Cote](#)

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This January 22, 2013 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. The number 40 in the bible is a significant number. Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights on the mountain, the Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert, and Jesus spent 40 days in the desert before beginning his ministry. The number 40 always represents a time of testing, trial or probation which ends with a period of restoration revival or renewal. Although the attacks on life are increasing every day, the Christian response, particularly in this year of Faith, is one of hope.

In his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, The Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul II, in keeping with the apostolic tradition of the church teaches that “abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection. From the very beginnings of the Church, the apostolic preaching reminded Christians of their duty to obey legitimately constituted public authorities (Rom 13:7 1 Pt 2: 13-14), but at the same time it firmly warned that ‘we must obey God rather than men.’ (Acts 5:29)” This is all the more reason why it is necessary to give public witness to our faith.

Recent developments in our country such as the Affordable Care Act HHS mandate make it ever more urgent that we be vigilant in defending our religious liberties. How prophetic were the words of Pope Paul VI who in *Humane Vitae* stated “Let it be considered also that a dangerous weapon would thus be placed in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies. Who could blame a government for applying to the solution of the problems of the community those means acknowledged to be licit for married couples in the solution of a family problem? Who will stop rulers from favoring, from even imposing upon their peoples, if they were to consider it necessary, the method of contraception which they judge to be most efficacious?” What now happens is that couples are “at the mercy of the intervention of public authorities (in) the most personal and reserved sector of conjugal intimacy.”

How are we to respond? Blessed John Paul II reminds us in *The Gospel of Life*, “For this to happen, we need first of all to foster, in ourselves and in others, a contemplative outlook. Such an outlook arises from faith in the God of life, who has created every individual as a ‘wonder’ (Ps 139:14)...It is time for all of us to adopt this outlook, and with deep religious awe to rediscover the ability to revere and honor every person, as Paul VI invited us to do in one of his first Christmas messages. Inspired by this contemplative outlook, the new people of the redeemed cannot but respond with songs of joy, praise and thanksgiving for the priceless gift of life, for the mystery of every individual’s call to share through Christ in the life of grace and in an existence of unending communion with God our Creator and Father.”

After 40 years we pray for restoration, revival, and renewal in creating a culture of life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

*JANUARY 13, 2012*

## **Please Keep In Your Prayers...**

Amelia Hurlburt	Shelby P. Kristoff
James Welden	Ryan Adams
Tim Gibson & Family	Michael Thomas
Zack	Mary-Kate Mundell
Jennifer	John Kiely
Doreen Chapman	John Tiernan
Mary Frances	Walter Simmons
Justin	Elton Deckleman
Fr. Brad	Theresa Whaley
Janie Taylor	Nathan Moody
Jake Greenflite	Gigi Schneider
Michael Junkmann	Rose Marie Birman
Corey McClelland	Don Ranelli
Patrick Tedesco	Becky Christiansan



## **March For Life Buses**

January 22, 2013 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2013 IS THE 40<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOR LIFE

Date: Friday January 25, 2013

Place: Washington DC

Sponsored by: CT Right to Life

Contact: Rev. Walter Nagle, 860-267-6644, e-mail-  
stpatrick47@sbcglobal.net.

Large numbers are expected to be attending the 40<sup>th</sup> March for Life.

Please call now to reserve a seat if you plan to attend. There are a few seats left and the cost per person is \$58 and \$30 for students. Bus leaves for Wash DC on January 24, 2013, at 9:00 pm-- call now to reserve your seat !!!

Due to the Presidential Inauguration in January, the March for Life will be held on Friday, January 25th, in order to maximize the opportunity to meet with our legislators. On Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 9:00 pm, buses will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. for the March For Life on January 25, 2013. The first stop in Washington will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Father Walter Nagle at 860-267-6644.

Thank you for your support and prayers for LIFE!

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## FR. PAUL MEMORIAL WALL

Dear Fellow parishioners,

I felt compelled to write this because I have been thinking a lot about “where do we go from here?” Father Paul was just a large part of our parish, our lives, and our individual families and often took such an interest in every aspect of and every facet of the parish community.

He often told his family how nice everyone in our parish was to him and we all know how nice he was to us.

He enjoyed hearing stories of our families, and attending church functions (and often being the last one to leave). He relished in your children’s accomplishments and would often enjoy sharing with me these accomplishments and milestones. He was like a proud dad or grandfather.

He made certain, that he attended graduations, of all our high school parishioners and never passed up an invitation to a parishioner’s celebratory party.

Father Paul made our parish what it is today. We became lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers, teachers, choir members, counters, ushers and deacon, because of Father Paul. He never pushed or even asked, he just made us want to and subconsciously we did it to please him. Either that or he prayed that we would hear our calling.

We joined the parish groups, Parish Council, Woman’s Guild, and Knights and book club, as well. He was always a part of these groups as well. Many would stay long after the meetings ended to chat and he never rushed off. Will we ever phone a pastor again and tell him what our grandchildren did or tell him what our day was like? He would often call me at night and tell me that it was predicted to be icy in the morning so be careful driving the bus.

The CCD program is what it is today because he never spared expenses. Father Paul made all the children feel welcome. He would let them strip the Altar on Holy Thursday, read the Stations of the Cross and be lectors, making them an active part of the Mass, sensing that it would encourage them to always attend Mass.

Remember the chocolate lollipops at Easter. That was a Father Paul’s special touch.

It always amazed me how he knew everyone’s name. Occasionally, he would have a brain freeze and we would go through the alphabet and try to remember the first letter of the person’s name. He would suddenly remember, and I would still be there with a blank look on my face. I could go on and on and I know you could too.

My request is that we stay an active parish. Please do not stop volunteering. Please continue to volunteer in his name and spirit. Father simply waited for us to answer our “call”.

I will truly miss our pastor, my friend.

Joyce Leach

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\*\*as we continue to mourn the death of our beloved pastor, we invite anyone who would like to share a special story or memories to submit them to Sue Feaster for submission into the bulletin. By sharing our stories we will keep the memory of Fr. Paul alive and maybe even hear his “belly laugh” in the rafters of our church. Please email your memories to [Bakingsue@comast.net](mailto:Bakingsue@comast.net). Please let me know if you would like your name included in the bulletin.

I will continue to put your words of love about Fr. Paul into the bulletin until they have all been published, God Bless, Sue