

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2/9/13

5:30 pm:

Paul Newney by Regina Cianciola.

Father Paul by the OLOS Knights of Columbus.

Sunday, 2/10/13

8:30 am:

Father Paul by our Parish Family.

11:00 am:

David Clark by the Parish Family.

5:00 p.m.:

Fr. Paul in thanksgiving for all the love he shared!

Monday, 2/11/13

9:00 am:

Recceri Brunori, *Birthday*, requested by the Family.

Tuesday, 2/12/13

9:00 am:

For the **Schwerdel Family**.

ASH Wednesday, 2/13/13

9:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our **Parish Family**.

Thursday, 2/14/13

9:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our **Parish Family**.

Friday, 2/15/13

9:00 am:

Living and deceased members of our **Parish Family**.

7:00 pm: Station of the Cross

Saturday, 2/16/13

5:30 pm:

Intentions of the members of the 5:30 Choir.

Sunday, 2/17/13

8:30 am:

Helen Wasik by Joyce and John Leach.

Louis Carnabucci by his wife, Sarah.

11:00 am:

David Clark by the Parish Family.

5:00 pm:

Living and deceased members of the **Parish Family**.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, 2/13/13:

9:00 a.m.: Mass with distribution of ashes

5:00 p.m.: Communion service with distribution of ashes

7:00 p.m.: Mass with distribution of ashes.

Scripture Readings Week of February 10, 2013

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Circle of Prayer

Our Circle of Prayer intention for the Week of February 3rd will be:

For Father Peter as he prepares to become our new Pastor, may God Bless him and surround him with His love and protection.

THIS WEEKEND!

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The *Knights of Columbus, Council 12113 at OLOS*, is having a **Membership Drive** the weekend of **February 9th and 10th, 2013**, and would like to invite men of our parish to consider joining our organization. The K of C is a fraternal organization of Catholic Men that promotes social and intellectual fellowship through its many charitable, religious and social programs.

Father Paul J. Gaumont A Man of All Seasons

I send to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Family my deepest gratitude for all the love and support you gave to the Gaumont Family during my brother's time as your pastor, particularly at the time of his illness and death. Thank you for the many notes, sympathy cards, and contributions made in memory of Father Paul.

I would like to share a quote Father Paul said back in 1982. This was written on the occasion of my brother leaving one parish and transferring to another. His words may be applied 31 years later as he transferred from this life to the next. I think these words speak volumes as to how we feel about his leaving us now. I quote the newspaper: "In his farewell address, Father Paul said, 'in changing parishes, all of you go with me, whom I have known and worked with. It is something you just can't leave behind. However, each of us has his own role in life, working toward the same goal, and that is someday meeting in Heaven.' "

My hope is that these words of my brother may bring you healing and comfort. Remember, life has changed for Father...not ended.

God bless you all,
Blanche Gaumont (Father Paul's sister)

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Bishop Cote's Lenten 2013 Message

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

In the Year of Faith 2013, we enter into Lent as a means of growing in the gift of the life-giving love of Jesus Christ. His love demands great self-denial, a caring spirit of service to others, and a strong witness to the Gospel mandate of love. His love is the truth that shapes our lives as Christians; it is the fire that burns in the hearts of those who choose to follow the Lord. As we continue to open the door to faith, we also open our hearts to His wondrous gift of love.

In his Lenten Message, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI writes, (that Lent in the Year of Faith,) "offers us a valuable opportunity to meditate on the relationship between faith and charity: between believing in God – the God of Jesus Christ – and love...which guides us on the path of devotion to God and to others."

For some, Lent is a reaffirmation of living in fidelity to the Lords' call to His disciples by living in His love. For others, Lent can re-ignite the flame of faith and the fire of Jesus' love in hearts that have grown cold with indifference and in lives that are shackled within a prison of selfishness and sin. All of us need Lent and we must live it well to understand that love of neighbor is a consequence of faith. That is so because we are a people of faith who have been conquered by Christ's love and have chosen to live under its influence (CF Papal Lenten Message 2013).

All too often, we forget the example of Jesus at the Last Supper. That holy night, leaving the table, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples giving them an example of love to be imitated. "If I, then, the Lord and Master have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet." (John 13:14) Lent gives us the courage and the strength to wash the feet of others by feeding the hungry, attending to the thirsty, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, welcoming the stranger, visiting the ill, reaching out to the imprisoned and sheltering the homeless. These are the fruits of Christ's love and the marks of a living faith, a rich faith. It is the faith of one who stands with the lord and for whom the Lord's love is real. These are signs that witness to the Gospel mandate of love: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, by your love for one another."

Last October, as pilgrims to the Holy Land by which we marked the first days of this Year of Faith, we visited the rugged terrain of the Mount of Olives. At the Basilica of the Agony at the Garden of Gethsemane, I celebrated Mass in that place where on the night before He died for us and our salvation, and where Jesus prayed and was betrayed by Judas and arrested. Taking turns along with several other pilgrims, I carried a cross, far smaller than the cross carried by Jesus, along the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Suffering. We concluded our meditations on Jesus' Way of the Cross in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we also venerated the place of Jesus' excruciating death on the Cross and the tomb in which His Body was placed and from which He rose from the dead.

We went there as pilgrims to visit these holy places, to renew our faith, and to deepen our love for God and His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. There, we encountered Jesus and we were spiritually enriched by the ardor of God's love for us. The Holy Father, (quoting the Apostle John) writes, "We have come to know and believe in God's love for us...Being a Christian is not the result of...a lofty idea but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." The Pope teaches that love is not a "mere command" but rather a response to God's love with which He draws near to us. In those holy sites, we encountered the presence of love incarnate, Jesus Christ, and the merciful love of God the Father.

This Lent let God draw near to you and respond to His merciful love for you. "The Christian life consists in continuously scaling the mountain to meet God and then coming back down, bearing the *love and strength drawn from Him* so as to serve our brothers and sisters with God's own love...Lent invites us, through the traditional practices of the Christian life, to nourish our faith by careful and extended listening to the Word of God and by receiving the Sacraments, and at the same time to grow in charity and In love for God and neighbor, not least through the specific practices of faith, penance and almsgiving." (CF Papal Lenten Message 2013)

This Lent draw near to Jesus and walk His way of the Cross. Encounter Jesus in the Sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, and pray for all those who will be baptized and also for those who will embrace the life of faith in the Church at the Easter Vigil. With our Holy Father, I invite you to rekindle your faith in Jesus Christ and in your love for God and for your neighbor.

May the Lord grant you the grace to prepare for Easter by a well-lived Lent!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich



Welcome to Fr. Peter!

The Women's Guild invites all parishioners to join them for coffee & bagels following the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM masses on Sunday, February 17th to meet and greet our new pastor, Fr. Peter. Hope to see you all there!

February Vigil Candle

The Vigil Candle on our altar will burn in February in loving memory of:
Louis Carnabuci requested by his wife, Sarah.
Recceri and Mary Brunori requested by the Family.

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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

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Who doesn't love a baby shower! The Women's Guild February 2013 meeting will be a Baby Shower in support of Birthright of Greater Westbrook. Members *and any parishioners* are invited to the home of **Desiree Richardell, 19 Winthrop Hills Road, Ivoryton on Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.** to join in the fun. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift and/or diapers to be donated to Birthright to help new moms and their babies. If you cannot attend and you would still like to donate a gift, please leave your gift in the foyer of our church. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser. *This is going to be a fun night at the Richardells.....why not come and see what the Guild is all about?*

OLOS Book Club

On **Thursday, February 14th**, at 7:00 p.m. in Murtha Hall, the Parish Book Club will be discussing *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas Á Kempis. Written anonymously in the fifteenth century and later attributed to Kempis, this classic work is second only to the Bible in terms of the number of languages it has been translated into. The author viewed the imitation of Christ as the most important purpose of Christian life, and he divided the text into four sections, each of which has multiple short chapters of spiritual instruction that can be read and reflected on individually. The book provides excellent preparation for the Lenten season, which begins on February 13th, and it is available in paperback from amazon.com for \$7.97 plus shipping (ISBN 1479233722).

Please contact Bill Collier at 767-2871 or wacollier@comcast.net if you are interested in discussing books in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

FEBRUARY THIRD ORDER OF MARY

February 15, 2013 will be our next meeting of the **Third Order of Mary here at OLOS**. Please arrive at 6:45 pm as we will be assisting Deacon Bill with the reading of the Stations of the Cross. After Stations, Deacon Bill will perform the Profession Ceremony for new members being welcomed into the Third Order of Mary. For further information, call Lorraine at 860-434-2629.

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FR. PAUL MEMORIAL WALL

**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. Please let me know if you would like your name included in the bulletin.

Week of February 10, 2013

Len and Jo Ann Dongweck:

We will always remember Fr. Paul as a true “good shepherd” who loved and cared for his flock. His care and concern that he showed to all of us was very comforting. Father’s deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist was always evident. He knew which mass we attended and when Jo Ann didn’t show up one Sunday, he was quick to ask about her health and arranged that she could receive Holy Communion. We are both from Pittsburgh, so none of our siblings or parents are near. If we mentioned to Fr. Paul that a brother or sister or parent was in need of prayer, he always made sure that they were on the Prayer’s of the Faithful list the next week. He made us feel like the whole congregation was part of our prayer family. Fr. Paul was well thought of by many non-parishioners in Essex. This was illustrated by Pastor Ken Peterkin and the members of the First Congregational Church that had a simple but beautiful message on the signboard on their lawn the day of father’s funeral. The sign just read “God Bless Father Paul.”

Fr. Paul Gaumond Memorial Fund

A memorial fund has been put in place in memory of Fr. Paul. Anyone wanting to donate may send a check, payable to “*OLOS – Fr. Paul Gaumond Memorial Fund*”, to Joanne Civitello at the parish address. Any monies collected will be used for a memorial plaque/statute (*to be decided*) in memory of Fr. Paul. Any monies not used will be put into our current Scholarship Account. More information will be published as it becomes available. Thank you.

Easter Plant Sale!!

The Women’s Guild will be selling Easter Plants again this year. Because Easter is early this year, we will be taking orders soon. We will be selling **Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips**. Within the next week or two we will be placing order forms in the bulletins. Just fill them out and place them in the collection baskets. All order must be in by March 9th. Thank you for your support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **Food Drive**, beginning the weekend of February 2nd/3rd through February 23rd/24th. With the holiday season over, the Soup Kitchen is in need of many things such as: *Cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, ready to heat meals, jellies, pastas, sauces, jello/pudding, rices, crackers, peanut butter, etc.* Please place your donation in the boxes provided in the foyer. Thank you, Mike Berdensen, Grand Knight.