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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 A.M.
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 P.M.
Holy Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sunday: 11:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.
W&F 8:00 A.M. – 8:25 A.M. Also by appointment contact the office

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sunday: 1:00 P.M. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Visit our website for information and contact the parish office to make arrangements.

SICK CALLS: Please notify the Pastor when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined at home and wishes to receive the sacraments.

ALTAR SERVERS: Jane Bodnar 860-767-2060 and Cathy Jenkins 860-767-8497.

ADORATION / HOLY HOUR: Saturday: 4:00-5:15 P.M. and Wednesday: 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

NOVENA: Miraculous Medal Wednesday: 9:00 A.M.

PRAYER CENACLE: Friday: 9:00 A.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Michael Berdensey, Grand Knight
860-304-6839

OFFICE HOURS: M-T-W-F 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. closed Thursday
Office Administrator: Caitlin Riley, office@olos-sx.org

PASTOR HOURS: Wednesday and Friday 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. or by appt.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Joyce Leach 860-767-2705
dre@olos-sx.org

PARISH COUNCIL: President, Walter Wiegert 860-767-3209
parishcouncil@olos-sx.org Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in Murtha Hall.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Irene Listorti 860-388-9884

CHOIR PRACTICE: Adults Thursday: 7:30 P.M.

BULLETIN: copy deadline is noon on Monday bulletin@olos-sx.org

ALTAR SOCIETY /PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: contact the office

OLOS WOMEN'S GUILD: Co-Presidents Jackie Beck 860-304-3643 and Angela Johnson 860-395-5603.
The Guild meets the third Tuesday of the month.

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Irene Listorti 860-388-9884
Meets the first Tuesday of each month.

REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Welcome new parishioners. We want to know and serve you. Please introduce yourselves after Mass. We hope you become an active part of our Parish family.

MISSION STATEMENT

“As parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, we commit to provide a community for all, based on the faith of our Catholic values, traditions, and beliefs, that fosters a spirit of love, education, and a sense of family.”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday March 14th

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Mario, Jeanette, Maria and Michael Peretti by Regina and Walt Wiegert

Sunday March 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 +Deceased members of the Dunn and Lonergan family by the families

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 +Neil Ryan birthday by Bob and Barbara Ryan

Monday March 16th

8:30

Tuesday March 17th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Wednesday March 18th

8:30 +Irene Heller by Mary Catharine Colburn

Thursday March 19th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Friday March 20th

8:30 +Marguerite Smith by family

7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 21st

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Michael Carter by Mary and Joseph Briganti

Sunday March 22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 +Ginny Houghton by Tom and Mary-Louise Polo

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 +Jon Korper by family

If the members of the family for whom a Mass is being celebrated would like to bring up the gifts, please notify one of the ushers before Mass.



Candles

*The Tabernacle candle will burn in memory of
Irene Heller by the Varsh Family*

From Fr. Peter

A candle is lit.

Light confronts darkness.

Some choose light; others darkness.

They choose their destiny.

Jesus came as light.

Holiness confronted sinfulness.

Some believed; others did not.

Believers neared salvation.

Others moved to condemnation.

*We pray for strength to prefer
light to darkness; life to death;
and holiness to sinfulness.*

Circle of Prayer

For the poor, the sick, and the hungry to be comforted in their suffering through the touch of God's love and mercy.

Weekly Offertory

March 7-8	\$2,610.00
Monthly	\$959.00
Online giving	\$264.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Thank You

My sincere gratitude to John Frese, Walt Wiegert, Angie Johnson, Pam Listorti, Nancy Lonergan, Laureen Flynn, Keiko Kaiser, Kathy Bauer, Pat Rivers Claudia Odekerken, Len Dongweck and Tony Carrano for the planning and coordinating of the International Pot Luck Supper. The evening was a huge success filled with great food and fellowship. Thank you to all the parishioners that shared so many wonderful dishes from around the world.

Fr. Peter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Upcoming Events

- March 14th-15th Annual Catholic Appeal Launch weekend
- March 19th 7:00 p.m. Parish Book Club
- March 21st after the 5:30 Mass Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Knights will have a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday **March 21st after the 5:30 p.m. Mass** in Murtha Hall. The menu will include a choice of corn beef and cabbage or homemade Irish stew made by chef Tony. There will be many great raffle prizes from the raffle table. **Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children.** Come join us for great food and see if you have the luck of the Irish.

Holy Family Retreat Info Nite Thursday March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to a unique opportunity to network and learn more about the shoreline parish retreats at the Holy Family Passionist Center in West Hartford. **All men and women** parishioners are welcome from Christ the King, St. Mark, St. John, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Sorrows on the feast day of St. Joseph, Patron of the Holy Family.

Holy Family retreat team leader Bill Walsh will present an hour Lenten Evening of Recollection to set the tone for our collective men's retreat gathering on **April 10-12**. As an incentive, Bill will **raffle a coupon** covering the entire suggested offering for one attendee that evening. Other reservation deposits of \$100 will be accepted. Doc O'Meara will host the evening in the **Christ the King parish hall**; contact **Ed McCaffrey 860-575-4694** for further details.

JOIN US FOR

The Annual Men's Retreat April 10-12 2015

Third Order of Mary

On Monday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m. after the Mass and rosary, Deacon Tom Rymut will present the Stations of the Cross. This very moving version was written by Deacon Tom, was published and also has received the Imprimatur. All are invited to attend.

Passion and Purpose Event St. George's Church in Guilford

On Friday September 25th from 7:00 –10:45 p.m. Matthew Kelly invites us all to identify God's voice in our lives and the specific purpose for which we've been created. Matthew inspires attendees to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of our lives including prayer & spirituality, personal finances, health & well being, and community involvement.

Tickets are \$39.00 due to his popularity we need to reserve tickets quickly. If you are interested contact Joyce Leach at 860-227-8778 **by March 15.**

Respect Life

A physician assisted suicide bill SB668 "An Act Providing a Medical Option of Compassionate Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Adults" has been raised in the Judiciary Committee at our state Capitol. Assisted suicide is about allowing killing as an acceptable answer to many causes of suffering, whether terminal or chronic disease, disability, mental illness, or despair. It is not a private act, but involves a third party facilitating the death of another. CCC 2324 "Intentional euthanasia, whatever its form or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator." The CT Catholic Conference, CT Hospice Association, CT Medical Society and disability rights advocates among many others oppose this bill. Call our Senator, Art Linares, at 1-800-842-1421 and urge him to vote NO on this bill or go to www.ctcatholic.org and click on Action Center to sign petition. If you prefer to write your own comments, go to www.ctfamily.org. Let us love one another.

ST. JOSEPH'S LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS 4-7 PM

MARCH 20 AND 27

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Tweets from Pope Francis

Humility saves man: pride makes him lose his way.

MARCH 15TH, 2015

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Strength through the Holy Spirit”

There is an increased need in our Diocese to help those who struggle financially, emotionally and/or spiritually. With your participation in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, we can continue to make inroads in eliminating the struggles of our neighbors. The “*Strength through the Holy Spirit*” campaign calls upon each and every individual and family to help support our Diocesan ministries continue to enrich the lives of the people in our communities. Over the next two weekends, you will be asked to make a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please call upon the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and ask the Lord to make you a good steward, opening your heart to help make a difference in the lives of your neighbors. Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge.

Lent 2015 Schedule

Stations of the Cross	Every Friday at both churches	7:00 P.M.
Palm Sunday	March 28 th Vigil Mass	4 P.M. St. Joseph
	March 28 th Vigil Mass	5:30 P.M. OLOS
	March 29 th Mass	8:30 A.M. OLOS
	March 29 th Mass	10 A.M. St. Joseph
	March 29 th Mass	12:00 P.M. OLOS
Holy Thursday	April 2 nd Mass	7 P.M. OLOS
	Confession	After Mass
Good Friday	April 3 rd Morning Prayer	8:30 A.M. St. Joseph
	Service	3 P.M. OLOS
	Confession	After service
	Stations of the Cross	7 P.M. OLOS and St. Joseph
Holy Saturday	April 4 th Morning Prayer	8:30 A.M. St. Joseph
	Easter Vigil	8 P.M. OLOS
Easter Sunday	April 5 th Mass	8:30 A.M. OLOS, 10:00 A.M. St. Josephs, 12:00 OLOS

MARCH 15TH, 2015

*Annual Catholic Appeal
Message from Bishop Cote*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As a member of our community, it is during this Lenten season that I ask you to help your fellow neighbors. A gift to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal will support our over 25 ministries and programs serving eastern Connecticut, Fishers Island, NY and Haiti. “Strength through the Holy Spirit” is this year’s theme. It is through your contributions that you will be able to provide strength to our ministries, helping these programs remain viable. Our programs not only help those in our communities who are weary from life’s personal hardships, but they also support the educational, spiritual, and vocational needs of our diocese.

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we are united in God’s community. This unity is further strengthened at the sacrament of Confirmation, when the Holy Spirit bestows upon us the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. These gifts can be viewed as tools from God. Tools that help us determine a direct path for ourselves and play an indirect role in the path of others.

Lent is a time to grow more deeply in God’s grace. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to bring forth in you the gifts that you have received. In doing so, God will fortify your gifts and help you to:

- Realize the importance of helping others and keeping God in your life
- Comprehend God’s message
- Know that we need to trust in God
- Make the best choices – keeping God’s plan in our minds and hearts
- Do what is right
- Keep God in all that we do
- Feel God’s presence every day and serve and respect Him

And so I ask you to please put your faith into action. There is an increased need in our diocese to help the poor among us. Through our “Strength through the Holy Spirit” campaign, our ministries are able to help those in need find the physical, emotional and spiritual strength they need to soar above their hardships. Just as Jesus taught, it is our responsibility to take care of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal does just this!

I thank you and may God bless you during this Lenten season and always.

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