

The Parish Family Of OUR LADY OF SORROWS



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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.”

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions

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

Monday March 23rd

8:30 +Joseph Robbins 10th anniversary by Madelyn Robbins and family

Tuesday March 24th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Wednesday March 25th

8:30 +Fr. Sylva LeCours

Thursday March 26th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Friday March 27th

8:30 +Terry Wilson by Al and Ann Martino

7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 28th

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Brian Bauer by Ned and Sue Baker

Sunday March 29th Palm Sunday

8:30+For the Knights of Columbus

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 +Kieran Danks

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

Grain falls; plant germinates.

Grain is buried; plant sprouts.

Grain dies; plant lives.

Grain ought to die for plant to bud.

Grain is not buried; it is planted.

*In fact, the purpose of grain's life is
to give life; to produce fruits.*

God-given life is potent; purposeful.

Its goal is to live and enliven.

*It should be given sacrificially
rather than taken by age and disease.*

*Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give
than to receive."*

Circle of Prayer

For all who work for world peace through justice.

Weekly Offertory

March 14-15 \$2,791.00

Online \$224.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Disciples needed for Washing of Feet

On April 2nd Holy Thursday Mass takes place at Our Lady of Sorrows church at 7 pm. 6 people are needed from each parish to participate in this holy ceremony of Washing of Feet. Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule. I invite all of you to participate in all the Holy Week liturgies. God bless you.

Fr. Peter

Please keep in your prayers...

All those listed in our book of petitions

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Upcoming Events

- March 28th-29th Women's Guild Bake Sale
- March 29th Palm Sunday

Men's Retreat **April 10th-12th, 2015**

Every year in the spring, a group of men from Our Lady of Sorrows join with men from other shoreline parishes for a weekend retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. This year's theme is "Know Greater Joy". Explore how we can discover deep and enduring joy in God's presence no matter the situation. Includes home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies & workshops, original music, and free time to rest and enjoy a walk on their 48 wooded acres & labyrinth.

Further information and to register go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call 860-760-9705 or contact Ed McCaffrey at 860-767-3521.

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 30**.

Diaper Drive

The Confirmation Class will be sponsoring their class community service project. Once again this year they will be collecting diapers for the CT. Diaper Bank. Last year we collected over 4,000 diapers. The Diaper Bank supplies diapers to low income families throughout CT. Diapers can be dropped off at the rear of the church. We are looking for all sizes from, newborn to pull-ups. Thank you.

Women's Guild Bake Sale **Palm Sunday Weekend**

The Women's Guild will be holding a bake sale after all Masses the weekend of March 28th and 29th. Donations of baked goods are needed for the sale. All proceeds will go to church programs. Thank you.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Place your particular traditional Easter dinner foods in a basket and bring them to be blessed at Our Lady of Sorrows on **Saturday, April 4th at 12 noon**. This tradition stems from the desire of the Christian Community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast. At this time Fr. Peter will also bless the children and their Easter baskets.

The religious significance attached to some foods that may be included in an Easter basket are: BREAD is Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our true bread. HAM/VEAL/LAMB is a symbol of the great joy of the abundance at the Resurrection. SALT is the condiment necessary to flavor our foods and represents the Truth of the message of Jesus Christ. It reminds us to "flavor" our lives with the values of Christ. PYSANKA or DYED HARD COOKED EGGS are an ancient symbol indicative of new life and Resurrection. BUTTER in the form of the Paschal Lamb, represents the Lamb of God offered on the altar for the life of the world. A CANDLE lighted during Easter dinner, our Resurrection meal, symbolizes the "Light of the World, Our Lord, Jesus Christ." Wine may also be included in the basket.

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

DON'T MISS THE LAST FISH FRY
MARCH 27

ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL

DINNERS \$12
\$5 KIDS 12 & UNDER



Tweets from Pope Francis

Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the sacraments.

MARCH 22ND, 2015

**Letter from Bishop Cote
to the Priests of the Diocese**

Dear Brothers in Christ:

This has been a very difficult winter season for all of us. Storms, closings, burst water pipes, high heating costs and dangerous traveling conditions have made parochial ministry extremely challenging. You have my gratitude and appreciation for all you have done to keep your churches warm, open and welcoming for all of the faithful who have braved the elements to join you for Eucharistic celebrations, as well as other parish activities. You have not only respected the spirit and letter of the law in keeping your churches open under difficult circumstances, but I also hope that you have had the opportunity to get to know your parishioners in a new and closer way. The smaller, more intimate, liturgies can be a very important occasion to meet and evangelize parishioners in a more informal (and sometimes more effective) way.

It is nice to know that even when the numbers of faithful may be few, our churches are open to welcome anyone who may come. Keep up your good work!

With all best wishes, and my thanks, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael D. Cote D.D.

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Strength through the Holy Spirit”

Each year our parish and every parish in our Diocese is responsible for a portion of the financial obligation it takes to meet the ministry, programs and services of our Catholic Church. Together, with other parishes in our Diocese, we are able to reach so many more in need than our parish could ever reach alone. The 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, “Strength through the Holy Spirit,” is a call to each of us to help keep the mission of our over 25 ministries and programs strong. Missions that reach out to our Diocesan communities... helping those in need to find strength to overcome their hardships. Sometimes it’s hard to envision how your one gift could make a difference in an organization the size of our Diocese, but it does! Please help the future of our ministries and programs. Visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge.

Mass Intentions

If you have a specific date you would like for a Mass intention in **2015 and 2016** please contact the parish office at 860-767-1284.

MARCH 22ND, 2015

Chrism Mass

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the celebration during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes for baptism, confirmation, the anointing of the sick and for the ordination of priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. Three of our parishioners (insert name-if you wish) will be sent to represent our parish at this Mass and to receive the holy oils for the parish. Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited, and we would like as many people as possible to be present.

WAY OF THE CROSS

A Public Procession of scripture and prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

**April 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.,
Chelsea Parade**

Walk with the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote,
Bishop of Norwich,
and leaders of other Christian Communities
as we pray the Way of the Cross

Join the Christian community in forming a prayer pilgrimage
called
The Way of the Cross.

Remembering the suffering of Christ, the Procession will move
from Chelsea Parade down Broadway and Union Street to
Central Baptist Church. We walk and sing in commemoration
of Christ's journey.

We gather as Christians knowing that the Cross leads to the
resurrection even today.

**In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the
Central Baptist Church in Norwich.**



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