

PALM SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

This Weekend's Masses				
Sat 9:00 AM 3/23	5:30 PM 3/23	Sun 8:30 AM 3/24	11:00 AM 3/24	5:00 PM 3/24
<i>Living and deceased members of the Fauxbel, Gaumond and Tremblay Family my Marie Tremblay.</i>		Joseph Robbins by the Family.	Jon Korper by the Korper Family.	
Weekday Masses 9:00 AM				
Mon 3/25	Tue 3/26	Wed 3/27	Thu 3/28	Fri 3/29
		Parents of Addison by Nancy Lanoue		
Easter Weekend Masses				
Sat 9:00 AM 3/30	8:00 PM 3/31	Sun 8:30 AM 3/31	11:00 AM 3/31	No 5:00 p.m.
		Father Paul by Joseph and Judith Wallier	Mary Beth Stebbins by her Husband.	
Reserving Masses: Masses may be reserved by calling the rectory at 860-767-1284. Offerings for a weekday mass will be \$10.00 and \$20.00 for weekend masses. Only one intention per mass will be scheduled; please plan accordingly if a special date is required. No mass intentions will be scheduled for Holy Saturday. Thank you.				

Circle of Prayer

Our Circle of Prayer intention for the Week of March 24th will be:

For a Blessed Holy Week, that we may be grateful for all the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

Mass Intention Notice

In order to comply with the directions of the Diocese of Norwich, the cost of a weekend Mass intention was recently increased to \$20. A weekday Mass intention stays at \$10. To schedule a mass intention, please contact the rectory at 860-1284.767-1284.

From Your Priest

Love and greetings from Fr. Peter!

We begin the Holy week. On Palm Sunday we enter with Jesus into Jerusalem triumphantly; On Holy Thursday we cherish The institution of the Eucharist, priesthood and the significance of service;

On Good Friday we stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary; And on Easter Sunday we participate in the glorious resurrection. Come, participate, pray and be filled with the fruits of salvation.



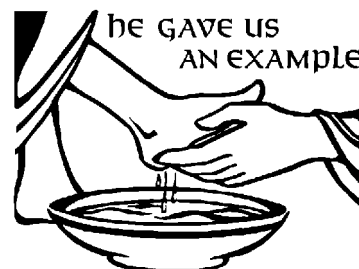
Weekly Offertory

The offertory for the weekend of **March 16th/17th** was **\$4,486.16**. Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish!

OLOS Parish Book Club

On **Thursday, April 11th**, at 7:00 p.m. in Murtha Hall, the Parish Book Club will be discussing *Francis of Assisi: Performing the Gospel of Life* by Lawrence Cunningham. The book is available in paperback from amazon.com for \$13.14 plus shipping (ISBN 0802827624). This biography by a University of Notre Dame theologian seeks to separate fact from fiction in the life and spiritual message of one of the Church's most beloved saints. Learning more about the real Francis may also shed light on why our newly-elected Pope chose "Francis" as his papal name.

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



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Day	March Calendar Events	Time
Saturday, 23rd	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 24th	Palm Sunday Masses	8:30 & 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 28 th	Holy Thursday Mass	7:00 p.m.
Friday, 29 th	Morning Prayers	9:00 a.m.
Friday, 29 th	Good Friday Services	3:00 p.m.
Friday, 29 th	Stations	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 30 th	Morning Prayers – Holy Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 30 th	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, 31 st	Easter Sunday Masses	8:30 & 11:00

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

At Our Lady of Sorrows
April 7, 2013
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Overview of the Devotion: There are usually four items associated with the devotion of Divine Mercy, the **Image**, the **Feast**, the **Chaplet** and the **Hour of Mercy**.

The Image: It takes its origin from a vision that St. Faustina had in Plock on February 22, 1931. In that vision Christ expressed his desire to have such an image painted and that the words in the signature beneath it be: *Jesus, I trust in you*. The Image represents crucifixion. From the pierced Heart, not visible in the image, two rays issue forth, red and pale. Jesus explained their meaning: the red stands for the Blood (Eucharist), which is the life of souls. The pale ray stands for the water (Baptism) that makes souls righteous. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross (299).

The Feast: According to Jesus' wish, the Feast of Mercy is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Jesus is showing the close connection between the Easter mystery of man's redemption and this feast. The Feast of Mercy is not only a day designated for the worship of God's mercy, but also a day of grace for all people, particularly for sinners. Jesus attached grate promises to the feast. One is the promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, in other words, this grace is equal to the one we received in the sacrament of Baptism, it offers a completely new beginning.

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.

Women's Guild Meeting

The monthly meeting of the *Our Lady of Sorrows Women's Guild* will be held on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in Murtha Hall.

We are a group of parish women involved in various projects and fundraisers that benefit our parish and local charities. We would love to meet more women of the parish who would like to join us. Our meetings are only 1 hour long, so if your time permits, why not come see what the Guild is all about!

April Sanctuary Candle

The April Sanctuary Candle will burn in loving memory of:
Father Paul by *Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dean and Family*

Altar Server Training

Dear Parents,

Our parish is in need of more Altar Servers; any student who has made/is making his/her 1st Eucharist may be a server once trained. We invite you and your child(ren) to attend one of the Altar Serving Training Sessions on:

April 23 at 6pm
May 18 at 10am
May 23 at 6 pm.

The goal of this training is to provide guidance to the children about their role, and afford a reliable schedule of Altar Servers for each Mass.

Please let one of us know which training session you and your child will be able to attend. We thank you for your participation in this wonderful ministry and look forward to seeing you and your child at one of the upcoming training sessions.

Sincerely,

Cathy Jenkins
Jane Bodnar



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OLOS CENSUS FORMS IN THE MAIL!

Our Lady of Sorrows has *sent all parishioners a census form*. If you have not received a form, you can pick one up at the back of the church. Please fill out the form and return it in the weekly collection basket or by mail to the Rectory.

Mercy High School Honor Roll – 2nd Marking Period

Sr. Mary A. McCarthy, president and Mrs. Melissa M. Bullock, principal of Mercy High School in Middletown, Conn., have announced the names of the following OLOS parishioners/young women as honor roll students for the 2nd marking period.

Alexis Heiney, Sophomore, First Honors
Katherine Roberto, Sophomore, First Honors

Mercy High School's 2013 Higher Achievement Program

*Academic Skills, Sports, Crafts,
Robotics, Arts, Community Service*
for all girls rising to 7th and 8th grade
Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 19
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Optional third week July 22 - 26
Register at www.mercyhigh.com

Divine Mercy Sunday, Sturbridge, MA

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held on **Sun. April 7th at Saint Anne's Shrine, Sturbridge, MA.** with Father Ralph DiOrio. Father Ralph is the founder of the Apostolate of Divine Mercy and Healing, Auburn, Ma. The cost is \$39. call Janet Przybysz at 860-536-6638 or przybyszjanet@sbcglobal.net.

The bus will depart on Sunday morning, April 7th and will pick up riders at the following locations and times:

10:45 am in the **Old Mystic Village** back parking lot.
11:00 am **New London shopping center** parking lot, I-95, Exit 82

Additionally, the bus will pick riders up at the following commuter lots:

I-395 Commuter Parking Lots @ Exit 80 W Norwich
Exit 87 Plainfield
Exit 93 Dayville

The bus will arrive at St. Anne's Shrine at 1 pm; depart at 5:00 pm to return home. Please pack a lunch; Dunkin Donuts stop on the way home. **For pick-up times** at the Norwich, Plainfield and Dayville commuter lots, or any other questions, please email: kkean@aohct.org.

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A MASS IN OBSERVANCE OF SECRETARIES WEEK:

A Mass in thanksgiving for secretaries of all faiths will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. The Homilist for the Mass will be Reverend Grzegorz Jednaki, Parochial Vicar and Campus Minister at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Storrs. By their noble work, secretaries truly make a difference in the ministries, schools, and apostolates that serve the people of God in eastern Connecticut as well as in numerous businesses and offices in our communities. The Secretaries Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut.** **Following the Mass a complimentary luncheon** will be held in the Cathedral Auditorium. Secretaries of all faiths and their families, friends, and employers are invited. For reservations or for more information call (*Please insert the name of your parish secretary*) or Mrs. Alice Pudvah, Administrative Assistant to Bishop Cote, Chancery, at 860-887-9294, ext. 234.

**The Connecticut Conference of
the United Church of Christ presents...**

**GIV2 Green Action
Saturday, April 20th
9:30 to 2:00**

For youth in grades 6-12 and their Advisors

Spring Clean-Up Day in Hartford, lend a hand to preserve open spaces for children and families. Our work includes raking, planting, and pruning of invasive species. BYO lunch, water bottle and work gloves. Help the UCC reach 1 million hours of earth care during Mission 4/1 EARTH! Registration is open online from Feb. 13 to April 1 at <http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=3241>.

Cost is \$15 per person.

Rain Date is April 21, from 1:00 to 5:30

For more information call Joyce 227-8778 or jaleach2@comcast.net

**Trip to Italy!
October 2013**

Father Michael Sequeira (a retired priest from Saint Mary's in Clinton) will be leading a trip to the **Shrines of Italy** from **October 21-31, 2013**. There is a poster with information on the inside main door of our church. Please call Father Michael at (860) 304-4588 for details.

**Administrative Assistant Needed
Diocese of Norwich**

Full time position for the Norwich Diocesan School Office.

Position requires: *office management skills, knowledge of Microsoft Outlook & Windows, knowledge of spreadsheets, good typing skills, ability to handle data and budgets, Ability to write letters, memos and to respond to data requests. 35 hours weekly, Salary range - \$455 to \$490 per week, Diocesan benefits* **Hours are 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Send resume, three letters of reference and Pastor's reference to 43 Perkins Ave., Norwich, CT 06360**