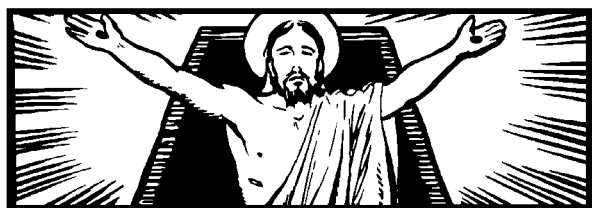


EASTER SUNDAY – ALLELUIA!

Mass Intentions

Easter Weekend Masses				
Sat 9:00 AM 3/30	8:00 PM 3/30	Sun 8:30 AM 3/31	11 AM 3/31	5 PM 3/31
		Father Paul by Joseph and Judith Wallier	Mary Beth Stebbins by her Husband.	No Mass
Weekday Masses 9 AM				
Mon 4/1	Tue 4/2	Wed 4/3	Thu 4/4	Fri 4/5
Dorothy Schwerdel, 3 rd Anniversary by her daughter.	Robert Colburn by Mary Catherine.			
Next Weekend's Masses				
Sat 9:00 AM 4/6	5:30 PM 4/7	Sun 8:30 AM 4/7	11 AM 4/7	5 PM 4/7
William Purtell, 9 th Anniversary by his daughter and son-in-law.				

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.



April Sanctuary Candle

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

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.



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 atmosphere!

Day	March Calendar Events	Time
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 great 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.

EASTER SUNDAY – ALLELUIA!

EASTER MESSAGE – 2013

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Happy Easter! Easter, celebrates the core belief of our faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In its ritual, the Church beautifully captures the significance of this great event. The rich symbolism of the Easter Vigil Liturgy uplifts and inspires us as it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. In that liturgy we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death and with those first witnesses to the Risen Lord, we proclaim: "Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen. . . ." (Luke 24:35)

In the first moments of Easter, fire is blessed and its radiant flames overcome the darkness of night. The Risen Jesus illumines our world with the power of God's love. Sin and death have been defeated and "Christ, our Light" leads us out of the darkness of night to a new day. Enlightened by the proclamation of God's redeeming word, we witness the celebration of the Baptism and Confirmation of those who receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We are strengthened by God's life in us through the renewal of our Baptismal commitment. Commissioned through Baptism to follow Jesus, we embrace His Risen Life.

On our recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I knelt in the tomb of Jesus, and I saw what Mary Magdala and the Apostles, Peter and John, observed. It is that most remarkable sign of Jesus' Resurrection. The tomb was empty. Kneeling there you can sense the amazement they experienced as they saw the burial cloths no longer wrapped around Jesus' Body but like the tomb, empty of the Body they once covered. The Easter liturgy is filled with the joy and exhilaration of that moment when after His tortuous death and glorious Resurrection, Jesus stands before them fully alive and shows them the marks in His hands and side. There is no doubt in their minds nor should there be in ours. Jesus is Risen from the dead.

During Lent, throughout our Diocese, Churches kept *a Light On For You*. It was a light of welcome inviting you to experience God's merciful love in the Sacrament of Penance. This Easter, I hope that you will take time to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. If you have been away from the Church and the practice of your faith, with the Father's love and with a brother's compassion, I welcome you home where you can celebrate Easter as a new beginning for your life in God. Join us as we renew the promises that we made in Baptism to remain faithful to Christ and experience that peace that only the Lord can give to us.

Let us pray for Pope Benedict and his successor should one have been elected prior to this letter. Also, I invite you to join with me in prayer to comfort our families whose loved ones are away from home this Easter, and to pray for those families whose loved ones are serving in the military, especially those serving in troubled areas of the world. We pray that the peace of our Risen Savior abide with them and with all who celebrate the victory of Jesus' Resurrection. In Jesus' Name, I greet you with His peace and I wish you all a happy and holy Easter!

Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

MARCH 31, 2013

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



OLOS Teens at Diocesan Retreat!

Sarah Connor, Michael Elliot and Christian Warzecha, teens from OLOS and picture above, were among many teens in the Diocese of Norwich who attended a high school retreat recently at the Immaculate Conception retreat center in Putnam, CT. The retreat included some great speakers, outstanding music, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our teens attended with teens from St. Joseph's in Chester...what a great way for the kids to have fun and grow their faith!



MARCH 31, 2013

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
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.



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

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.