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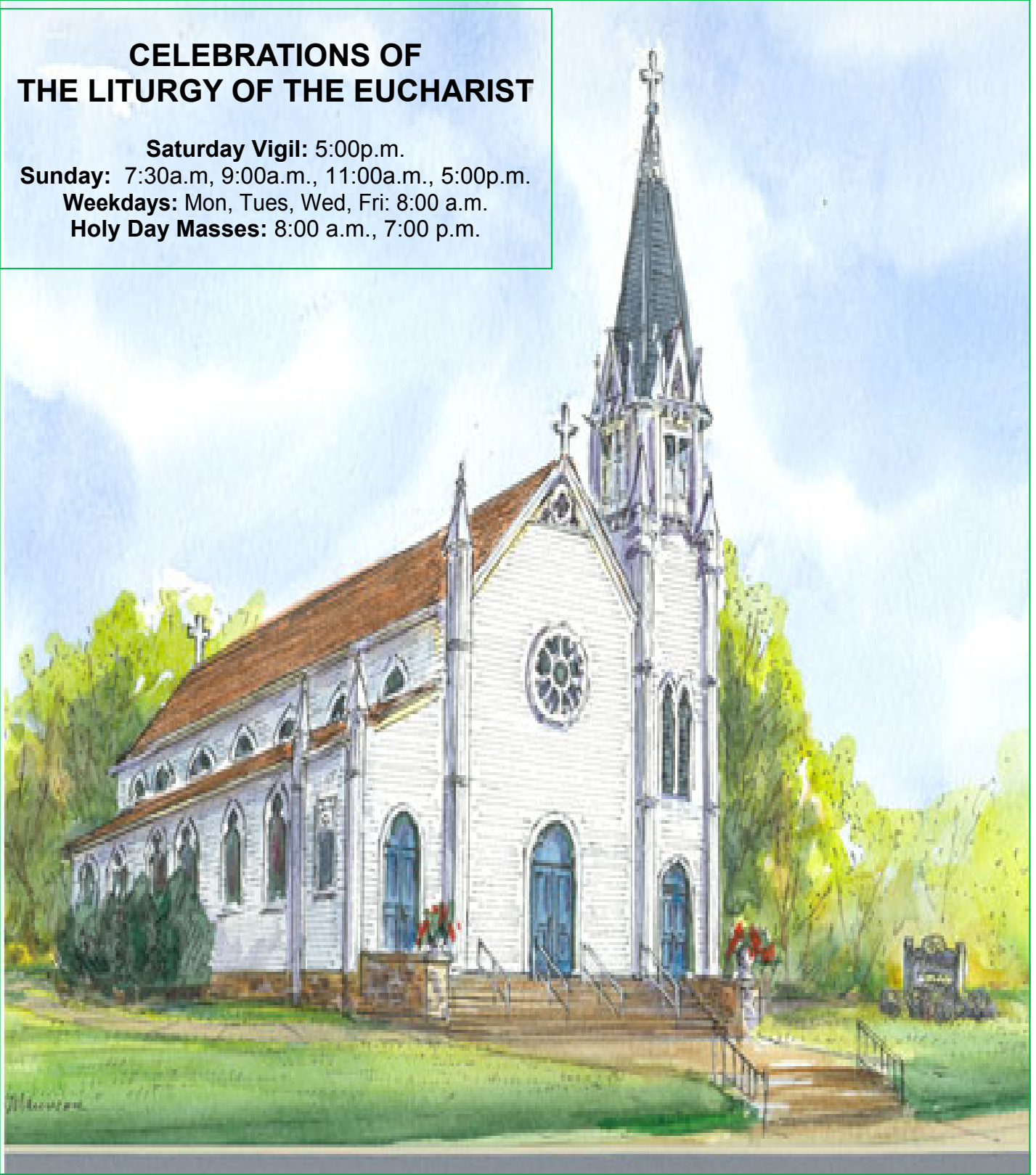
CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 5:00p.m.

Sunday: 7:30a.m, 9:00a.m., 11:00a.m., 5:00p.m.

Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.



Called together by God to experience Jesus and his word,
in the sacraments of the Church and in each other, we are committed to love God
and to embrace all God's people as witnesses of God's mercy.

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- Rev. Walter M. Nagle, Pastor
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- Karen Adametz, Parish Secretary
- Daisy Conway, Financial Secretary
- Dani Annino, Director of Faith Formation
- John P. Higgins, Director of Music & Organist

Office Hours

8:00am - 3:00pm, Monday - Thursday
8:00am - 12:00pm, Friday

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit articles no later than noon on Monday

Welcome to our Parish Family

Please introduce yourself to our parish pastoral team and register with the parish secretary.

MINISTRY OF CAREGIVING

Please advise the Pastor, Pastoral Associate, or Parish Secretary to arrange pastoral visits or Holy Communion for those who are sick, hospitalized or homebound.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also arrangements can be made by calling the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor at least one year in advance to reserve a date and make arrangements.

CHANGING YOUR RESIDENCE OR PHONE NUMBER

In a large parish, keeping the information on parishioners up to date is a difficult task. You can be of *immense* help in this regard. If you move or change your telephone number, please contact the parish office (267-6644). Not only will this help avoid confusion, but it will also save the cost of paying additional charges for returned mail. Thank you, Karen Adametz.

STEWARDSHIP

“Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.” - Luke 6:24

Jesus’ words to the crowd can seem harsh to all of us who enjoy the many blessings of living in one of the richest countries of the world. Yet, in reality the sin is not in being rich. The sin is in failing to share our blessings. When was the last time you looked at your income and determined what percentage you were giving to those who had less than you? Remember the Bible teaches us to give 10%. How close are you to that level of giving?



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 13

5:00pm **Barbara Dumond** req. by The Henriksen Family
and **Jerome T. Daly** req. by Peggy & Larry Puzzo

Sunday, February 14

7:30am **Stanley Galka** req. by Jann Dalton

9:00am **Barbara Dumond** req. by Daisy Conway & Family

11:00am **A Special intention for Colleen Mullany**

5:00pm **Trent Measimer** req. by Joan Measimer & Family

Monday, February 15, *Presidents' Day*

8:00am **Robert Sypek** req. by St. Patrick Parish Family

Tuesday, February 16

8:00am **Elsie F. Brown (8th anniv.)** req. by Her Son

Wednesday, February 17, *Ash Wednesday*

8:00am **Erminia, Andrew & Andrew D.V. Ferrigno**

12:00pm **St. Patrick Parish Family**

7:00pm **Rev. Theodore J. Klein, Ph.D** req. by St. Patrick Parish Family

Thursday, February 18

6:00am-7:00pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

7:00pm **Closing of Adoration**

Friday, February 19

8:00am **Mary Bergan** req. by Jack & Maureen Sweeney

3-4pm **Holy Hour**

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 20

5:00pm **Barbara Dumond** req. by Marie Nichols and
Grace Petrucci req. by MaryAnn & Dennis Wall

Sunday, February 21

7:30am

9:00am **Joseph Rushin** req. by The Rushin Family

11:00am **A Special intention for Mary Beth Sweeney and
Barbara Dumond** req. by Eleanor Selavka
Baptisms during this Mass

5:00pm **Mary Bohan** req. by Irene Salisbury

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord” The prophet Jeremiah juxtaposes a curse and a blessing in today’s first reading. He begins with a curse (cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh) and ends with a blessing. As we look at the readings for Valentine’s Day, February 14th, do we see a message from Our Lord regarding marriage and family? I believe so. The message is very clear. If our sole trust is in human relationships eventually we will be disappointed. People will let us down. If, however, our trust is in God, we will be “ like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.” Surrounded as we are by water, the Salmon River to the south, the Connecticut River to the west, and Lake Pocotopaug right in town, we would do well to meditate on this image. Fulton Sheen said, regarding marriage, that it “takes three to get married.” Husband, Wife, and God. This is the model of Trinitarian love and the ideal model of every human relationship. We get into trouble, however, when we look to do things on our own or look for others to complete what we should be seeking in God. Case in point that horrible line from the movie Jerry McGuire starring Tom Cruise. For many young people the phrase “You complete me” has become the model for relationships. The only one who will complete any of us is Jesus Christ. This Valentine’s Day we pray for a renewal of marriage and family life at St Patrick Church and we pray for those who are single and looking for that special someone.

Announcement: There will be an additional Mass on Mondays during Lent. There will be a Mass on Monday evening at 7pm in addition to the 8am morning mass. The hope is that those who cannot attend Mass in the morning will be able to come. We will be saying the prayers for the perpetual novena to the Miraculous Medal at each Mass. Also, in addition to the hours of Eucharistic Adoration on each Thursday, we will be having a Holy Hour at 3pm each Friday during Lent. During the Holy Hour the prayers for exposition and benediction will be said and the divine mercy chaplet will be prayed. Prayers and best wishes to all for a holy Lent-may the Lord renew and refresh us beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Fr. Nagle

BUDGET AMOUNT NEEDED FOR WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERING: \$5,800.00

OFFERTORY-FEB. 7	224 ENVELOPES	\$5,601.00
OFFERTORY-FEB. 7	NON-ENV. USERS	\$ 786.00
UTILITY & ENERGY	102 ENVELOPES	\$1,144.00
UTILITY & ENERGY	NON-ENV. USERS	\$ 191.00
NATIONAL COMBINED	1 ENVELOPE	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY,
SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO
ST PATRICK CHURCH

Parish Events



St. Patrick Library is located in the workroom of the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Sunday, Feb. 14

6:00pm **500 Club after the 9:00am Mass**
Life Teen Event/CH

Monday, Feb. 15

7:00pm CSS/CH
7:00-9:00pm CYO Board Mtg./WKRM

Thursday, Feb. 18

7:00pm Life Teen Core Mtg./MO

Friday, Feb. 19

4:30-8:00pm K of C Fish Fry's/CH
7:00pm Stations of the Cross/CHR



We would like to thank all those who attended the Candlemas Mass last week. It was a wonderful way to remember to keep Jesus as The Light of our World. Father Nagle and Father Dennis also blessed the throats of those in attendance. We appreciated their time and presence. Our next event is on Sunday, March 7th. Look for details soon.

MEMORIAL MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

On Tuesday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Michael Cote will preside and Father Gerry Kirby will be Principal Celebrant at a Memorial Mass for victims of the Haitian Earthquake, especially family members and friends of our local Haitian communities who lost their lives in this tragic event. This Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, 70 Central Avenue, Norwich, CT. Light refreshments will be provided immediately following Mass. All priests are invited to concelebrate. All members of the diocese are invited to join us. Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti during this difficult time.

Deanery Lenten Penance Service: Prepare yourselves for Easter and join in the Deanery Penance Service to be held at **St. Sebastian Church, Middletown, March 8th at 7:00pm.** Celebrant Very Reverend Michael Phillippino. Priests of the deanery will be available to hear your confessions and give absolution.

Lyman Orchard Pie Fundraiser – Life Teen is hosting a fundraiser to raise money for the following summer retreats. All pies are \$14 and we have 10 different choices. Pies available for purchase now through 2/21. Look for us after Mass next weekend or contact us if you would like to purchase. Pies will be available for Pick up on the weekend of 3/20 and 3/21 – before Easter! All pies come frozen.

Steubenville East Retreat, Rhode Island (7/23-25) – There are 21 teens registered to go to Steubenville East this summer! If you would like to attend, it *may* not be too late but spaces are filling up quickly. Contact us for more information.

North Bay Camp, Maryland (8/14-19) – We currently have 13 teens signed up to attend camp this summer! Come and join us. Your teen will experience God, friendship and Church in a whole new way together with 300 teens from around the country. North Bay takes place at a 40 million dollar camping facility that includes the tallest ropes course on the east coast, 4 zip lines, swimming pool, sailboats, canoes and kayaks, climbing wall and much, much more! Call us for more information.

Youth Explosion, Saturday March 7th - youth rally with awesome speakers, Mass with Bishop Cote and more, including a concert by Matt Maher! It will be held at Saint Bernard High School in Uncasville, CT. Included in the price of \$25.00 (\$10 extra if you want a t-shirt) are the rally, speakers, pizza dinner and concert by Matt Maher. Reservations required – call or email us. **For more information on upcoming events or for monetary, food or time donations, please contact Dan Williams, 860-267-9650 or Gary Sorvillo, 860-267-6406 or e-mail at stpatricklifeteen@gmail.com.** To view life teen pictures go to www.snapfish.com, email address: splifeteen@sbcglobal.net, password is "splifeteen".



We are looking for some volunteers - a great way to begin the Lenten season! Twelve people, representing the 12 Apostles are needed to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday evening at the 7:00pm Mass. We will also need help with the distribution of ashes at the 8:00am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm. Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. If you are available and willing to be of service please contact Sister Dominic Joseph as soon as possible at 267-6644. Thank you and God Bless you!

Introduction-Liturgy of the Word:

Especially in the winter months, many of us have come to rely on the daily weather forecasts to prepare our activities and plans for the coming days. Our readings today also provide us with a kind of forecast, letting us know what to expect for those who put their trust in the Lord and those who don't. As we gather for our celebration today, let us reflect on where or in whom our trust is placed.



Feb 14: Alton Slater 1997, Nellie Edwards 1991, Florence Beebe 1989, Helen Walton 1981, Darin Connell 1977

Feb 15: Trenton Measimer 2006, Edward Dessureault 2000, Leon Voisin 1999, Evelyn Chandler 1995, Estelle Gawlak 1981, Genevieve Knotek 1977, Victoria Tenneriello 1977

Feb 16: Robert Salisbury 2005, Elsie F. Brown 2002, Theodore Connell 1981, Abina Wall 1980, Mary Menousek 1978, Beatrice Thatcher 1977, Mary Pacheco 1975, Ellen Hart 1973

Feb 17: Irene Sharples 2003, Fr. Theodore St Onge 1988, Amanda Burby 1982, Fernando Toro 1980

Feb 18: Paul Fazzino 2001, Merton Chandler 1995, Ethel Bracha 1986, Lottie Slater 1978

Feb 19: William Schreindorfer 2006, C. Weaver Squier 2001, Arthur Brewer 1981, Jennie Giuliano 1974, Sophia Bilski 1971

Feb 20: Lucy Ferrigno 1993, William Cavanaugh 1992, Anna Donovan 1989, Mae Nichols 1989, Michael Walor 1984, Fred Dodge 1983, Arthur Brewer 1981

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.
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BLOOD PRESSURES

Do you know your Blood Pressure? Do you know what your Blood Pressure should be? Parish Nurses will be available in the Knights of Columbus Hall on **THIS Saturday, Feb. 13 after the 5 pm Mass and THIS Sunday, February 14 in the Middle Office of the Parish Center after the 7:30 and 9 am Masses.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jas 1: 1-11 Mk 8: 11-13; Ps. 119:77a
- Tuesday:** Jas 1: 12-18 Mk 8: 14-21; Ps. 94:12a
- Wednesday:** JI 2: 12-18/2 Cor 5: 20—6:2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30: 15-20 Lk 9: 22-25; Ps. 40:5a
- Friday:** Is 58: 1-9a Mt 9: 14-15; Ps. 51:19b
- Saturday:** Is 58: 9b-14 Lk 5: 27-32
- Sunday:** Dt 26: 4-10/Rom 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13

Please Pray for our Priests...Norwich

Pope Benedict XVI has designated June 19, 2009 through June 19, 2010 as the Year for Priests.

This week please pray for the following priests of our Diocese

- Rev. Edward Howard, S.J.**
- Rev. Thomas A. Ianucci**
- Rev. Raymond D. Introvigne**
- Rev. Leszek T. Janik, J.C.L.**
- Rev. P. Gregorz Jednaki**
- Rev. Martin J. Jones**
- Rev. Joseph Kaipayil, M.C.B.S.**
- Rev. Ephrem Karowski, O.F.M. Cap**
- Rev. Russell F. Kennedy**
- Rev. Gerald S. Kirby**

Lord our God, You guide Your people by the ministry of Priests. Keep them faithful in obedient service to You that by their life and ministry they may bring You glory in Christ.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Men's ACTS Retreat
February 25-28, 2010**

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats under the guidance of a Spiritual Director. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guides. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. We believe that you will experience a retreat different than any other. Please join us on this ACTS retreat. We would enjoy having you with us on this journey. The cost of the retreat is \$200.00. Financial assistance is available. For more information please contact, Warren Edwards at 860-267-9926 or Peter Bergan at 860-267-4341.

Letter from the Bishop

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The forty days of Lent have been described by one spiritual writer as God's gift to us by which Christ reaches out to embrace us and to pull us along on our journey to the Kingdom of God. The Lenten Season is a spiritual springtime in which God invites us to be faithful to the Gospel and to grow in His love.

Lent enlivens our faith and it enriches our fidelity to the Lord. It strengthens our commitment to live as His disciples by our personal witness to His peace, justice, and love. The Lenten season reawakens in us our responsibility "to act justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8) and to serve as did Jesus. In short, during these forty days of Lent, prayer, penitential practices, and outreach to the needy bolster our resolve to live in communion with Christ by living in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in God's family.

Ashes mark the beginning of our journey to Easter where we renew the life of grace that we received at Baptism. Placed on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross, the ashes are a sign of our willingness to follow Christ and of our readiness to embrace His Cross, the sign of our redemption and new life. They indicate our desire "to leave the past in ashes." (Joel 2:13)

In Jesus' company, we begin our journey to Calvary and to a new springtime in our spiritual lives. We take up the Cross and leave behind our past with all its traces of self-centeredness, selfishness, and indifference to others' needs.

In taking up the Cross we embrace sacrificial love that endures, triumphs and gives life. It is a love that is forgiving and merciful and it puts others' needs above our own. It expresses itself in gentle and caring service to others. By allowing the power of Christ's death on the Cross to work in us, we shall rise with Him in a victory over sin and death. When we embrace the Cross, evil and wickedness can no longer imprison us in their darkness. The death of Jesus on the Cross is our liberation from sin and from our past. It empowers us to live in Jesus and to experience the fulfillment and peace that only His genuine, selfless love can give.

In his Lenten Pastoral for 2010, Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, reflects on the justice of God by which expiation for sin "flows from the 'Blood' of Christ" as "the loving act of God who opens Himself in the extreme, even to the point of bearing in Himself the 'curse' due to man so as to give in return the blessing due to God (CF Galatians 3:13-14)." The Holy Father points out the exorbitant price that God paid for our redemption and he speaks of "divine justice so profoundly different from its human counterpart." Divine justice is discovered in the death of Jesus on the Cross "where the just man dies for the guilty and the guilty receives in return the blessing due to the just one." The Cross teaches us our need for God and His merciful love. The Holy Father writes, "Before the justice of the Cross, man may rebel for this reveals how man is not a self-sufficient being, but in need of Another in order to realize himself fully. Conversion to Christ, believing in the Gospel, ultimately means this: to exit the illusion of self-sufficiency in order to discover and accept one's own need – the need of others and God, the need of His forgiveness and His friendship."

In preparing us for Easter, Lent fortifies us so that we can embrace God's justice and share in a new way of living in Jesus Christ. Our Lenten practices strengthen our will to reject sin not only now but in every time and season of our lives. By our Lenten sacrifices and acts of self-denial, the mind and heart of Jesus, Who emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, accepting death on a Cross, will begin to take shape in us. (CF Philippians 2:3-8)

A well-lived Lent renews our love for Christ and our appreciation for His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. It deepens our hunger for Jesus in the Eucharist and it intensifies our need to participate at Mass each week. As we reflect on Jesus' Way of the Cross, we see ever more clearly our need for the forgiving grace of the Sacrament of Penance.

Yes, Christ is reaching out to embrace us and to pull us along on our Lenten journey to Easter and to living anew the life of His love and the justice of His Cross – both gifts that our gracious, generous God shares with us through the triumph of Jesus' Resurrection.

May Lent be a time of grace to live more fully our fidelity to the Gospel and our witness to Jesus Christ, the Lord!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lauren Baker
Joshua Barrientos
Dylan Bernard
Shannon Bristol
Justin Czeremcha
Anthony DeZinno
Cailin Duffy
Zachary Fauvel
Joshua Gagne
Kevin Girvin
Michaela Harrington
Lauren Kasperski
Madeline Lanzi
Karlee Martin
John O'Brien
Alexandra Patz
Jared Reed
Nicholas Rodrigues
Isabella Scarfo
Julia Smith
Nicholas Tartsinis
Ian Tomanelli
Kristin Whitney

Meghan Banack
Cody Bernard
Megan Bosse
Molly Conklin
Trent Davidson
Isabella Diaz
Patrick Farren
Kayla Field
Nicolas Gioielli
Lance Harbec
Marissa Jedziniak
Claudia Krzeminski
Benjamin Lawton
Meagan McLaughlin
Kylie O'Brien
Christopher Rau
Evan Reichenbach
Jenna Russo
Lexie Scrivano
Ruth Spooner
David Thompson
Skylar Vicino