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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00am to 12:00pm

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays 2/20 - 3/26
Stations of the Cross - 6:00PM

Saturdays 2/21 - 3/27
Confession - 3:00 to 3:30PM

Sunday, March 28th
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday 4/1
Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00PM

Good Friday 4/2
The Passion of the Lord @ 3:00PM
Tenebrea @ 7:00PM

Holy Saturday 4/3
12:00 Blessing of the Food
6:00PM EASTER VIGIL MASS (English)
8:00PM EASTER VIGIL MASS (Spanish)
(Due to the unusual circumstances [COVID] this year, we are adding an earlier Vigil Mass so we can accommodate all.)

Easter Sunday 4/4
Mass Celebrated at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30am

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Recently many of you received a letter and brochure describing the many programs and ministries that the Diocese supports through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Over the next week, as you reflect on your many blessings, please remember God calls each of us to be generous in thought, word, and deed. We thank you for any sacrificial offering that you are able to make.

Please bring your completed envelopes to church or if you have not received one, you may find one in the church vestibule. All donations can be placed in the provided baskets or placed in the parish office mailbox. Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 13, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Mass for Reverend Augustine Pilatowski
3:00 to 3:30p.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. Mass for Larry Pontillo req. by Madeline Dart
Enrico DeChiaro (1 yr.) req. by The Mueller Family
6:00 p.m. Misa en Español

SUNDAY, March 14, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30 a.m. Mass for Clara Torniero req. by Karen Sabia
Richard Billings req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pontillo
9:00 a.m. Mass of Special Intentions for All Healthcare Workers
11:30 a.m. Mass for Marie Louise & James Venable and
Happy Birthday Eugene Venable req. by Marc Venable
6:00 p.m. Missa Brasileira

MONDAY, March 15, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Mass for Helen Carroll req. by Marilyn Carroll
Nell McCusker req. by Judy McCusker

TUESDAY, March 16, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Mass for Mary Griffiths Silva req. by The Phillips Family
Happy 69th Anniversary, Tom & Genevieve Baross!!

WEDNESDAY, March 17, Saint Patrick
9:00 a.m. Mass for Clara Torniero req. by Madeline Dart
Eileen Schreck req. by Mary Reynolds

THURSDAY, March 18, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
9:00 a.m. Mass for Fay & Edward Hunt req. by Muhsian Venable
Denise Rancourt req. by Nancy & Peter Olsen

FRIDAY, March 19, Saint Joseph
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
7:00 p.m. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (en Español)

SATURDAY, March 20, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Mass for Lorraine Phillippino and Mary Tasker
3:00 to 3:30p.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. Mass for Larry Pontillo req. by Paula & Lou Russo
Anthony Buoniconti req. by His Family
6:00 p.m. Misa en Español para Hernando Botero y Fernando Perez
Req. by Angela Potesak

SUNDAY, March 21, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30 a.m. Mass for Nell McCusker & Carolyn Spotts req. by
Mary & Ray Bovich
9:00 a.m. Mass for Michael Mockler req. by Olivia Hartmann
11:30 a.m. Mass for Mary Tasker req. by SMC Staff

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Fridays, Feb. 19 - March 26
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March 13 - March 19, 2021

Requested by Gail Larkin

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions can be made through the online giving option on our website, the baskets located in the church or the office mailbox. Your support is needed and so greatly appreciated.
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Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

AA meetings are held every
Tuesday & Friday at 12:00pm
Wednesdays at 5:30pm
in the Visitation Hall of St. Mary's.
Please observe government mandates of face mask/covering and social distancing.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

COMPARTIENDO EL EVANGELIO
Juan 3,14-21

En el versículo 16 leemos: "Tanto amó Dios al mundo que entregó a su Hijo único para que no perezca ninguno de los que creen en él, sino que tengan vida eterna. Porque Dios no mandó su Hijo al mundo para juzgar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salve por él." De cara a este versículo podemos preguntarnos si realmente estamos convencidos que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios que derramo hasta su ultima gota de sangre para pagar nuestro precio, para obtener nuestra salvación. La respuesta a la pregunta toca las raíces mas profundas de nuestra existencia. Cual es el motor de tu existencia?, que te mueve a hacer el bien?, cual es tu escala de valores? Es la búsqueda de la salvación eterna lo que te inspira tu forma de vivir?

La vida cristiana es una experiencia, quiere decir que se trata de probar, sentir, saborear en la propia vida lo que es el amor de Dios, como dice una canción, UN AMOR QUE SIEMPRE ESTA A TU LADO, QUE VA DE PUERTA EN PUERTA, UN AMOR QUE SIEMPRE ESTA ESPERANDO, UN AMOR QUE LLORA CUANDO LLORAS, QUE RIE CUANDO RIES... ESE ES EL AMOR DE MI DIOS… El amor de Dios por ti no escatimo que el entregara a su propio hijo para rescatarte.

Piensa por un momento como estas aprovechando esa sangre derramada para dignificarte, para restaurarte, para liberarte, para darte felicidad.

En todo momento, pero sobre todo cuando la frustración, el desaliento, la angustia, la desilusión, la depresión, se apoderen de tu vida por que no te sientes amado lo suficiente, mira al crucificado, visita un Sagrario y déjate invadir por esa presencia amorosa, simplemente déjate mirar por El, déjate amar por El.

Que tengas una semana bendecida.

VIVAMOS LA CUARESMA EN TRES ASPECTOS:
AYUNO,ORACION,**LIMOSNA**

¿Qué significa la palabra «limosna»?

La palabra griega «eleemosyne» proviene de «éleos», que quiere decir compasión y misericordia; inicialmente indicaba la actitud del hombre misericordioso y, luego, todas las obras de caridad hacia los necesitados.

Los cristianos llamamos "limosna" al compartir con los mas pobres nuestros bienes. No debe ser un aporte de lo que sobra sino un acto de amor hecho de corazón, un compartir que nos mueve a la renuncia y al sacrificio. Todo viene de Dios como don. Toda nuestra vida debe convertirse en una dádiva de amor en imitación a Cristo.

La limosna tiene también otro nivel: la limosna de tiempo. Es decir, el dar una parte del propio tiempo como servicio para alguien que lo necesite: sea ayudando a una persona que vive sola, o visitando a un enfermo o a través de alguna institución que pida voluntariado. Y también, ayudando en campañas de sensibilización y otras actividades semejantes. Finalmente, está también un tercer nivel: el que se refiere a las causas de la pobreza y de la desigualdad social. Limosna será también trabajar para que esta sociedad y este sistema cambien, de modo que no aumente cada vez más la separación entre los que tienen y los que no tienen. A propósito el Papa Francisco en la Encíclica Fratelli Tutti, nos invita a sensibilizarnos con la realidad de pobreza en el mundo y a tomar partido.

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UNETE AL ESTUDI DE LA ENCICLICA FRATELLI TUTTI CADA VIERNES DESPUES DEL VIACRUCIS QUE ORAMOS A LAS 7PM. YA VAMOS EN EL CUARTO CAPITULO. FORMATE Y DA TESTIMONIO DE TU FE.

MANTEN EN TUS ORACIONES A:
Padre George Richards. Maribel Arzuaga. Roberto de la Cruz, Luz Calle, Jarixa Garriga. Si deseas se ore por alguien, déjalo saber y pondremos su nombre acá.

LA RISA ES SALUD. No cabe duda...
y a Duda le tocó irse caminando.
Me puse el pantalón de rayitas...
y Rayitas se quedó sin pantalones.

Recuerda que cada segundo sábado del mes después de la Eucaristía tenemos la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, es una oportunidad para que te dejes acompañar un rato mas de Jesús Eucaristía.
Aprovecha y oremos los unos por los otros.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

THE 3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will be collecting **new or gently-used winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarves from now through March 15th!**

The class has decided to collect these items and donate to the local homeless shelter. Their mission is to help as many people as possible while the weather is still frigid.

There will be a bin in the vestibule marked donations for Faith Formation as well as a bin at the entrance to the Visitation Hall. Our class thanks you for all your help and support.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Haiti Project

We found great items at WALMART…

Face cloths - package of 18 for $3.98
Toothbrushes - package of 6 for $1.00
Toothpaste - smaller tubes $0.83 each
Soap - bars of any kind!

As always, Barbie dolls, costume jewelry and match box-type cars & trucks are an exciting treat for the children!!

Your generosity is helping so many!
Thank you!!

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS & SINGLES

GOOD NEWS ALL!

We will be getting together this month to restart our activities for the upcoming year. We know some of you are still skeptical about being with others; so we will try to plan safe events. Looking for input and ideas.

Wednesday 3/24 Meeting at St Mary's Church after the 9:00 am mass. Hoping we can set up our calendar for April/May.

Friday, March 26th Lunch at Christy's Restaurant in Madison at 12 pm.

Tuesday morning walks at Hammonasset State Park @ 11am. Park in outside lot on Rte 1. Walk at own pace and distance. The weather will be getting better, and we all need to get our bodies moving!

Every Wednesday after the 9am Mass at St. Mary's coffee and snacks are provided by our beloved Kenny. Come and join us. We stay and chat, pray, etc.

Any ideas or comments, please contact me at (860) 669-5123. Text/cell (914) 525-0715
Jeanne Perlman

The Office of Faith Events is sponsoring
THE MAKE A MEMORY EASTER BASKET PROJECT.

We invite every family to make a basket this Easter that will be delivered to a soup kitchen/shelter in the area of the Norwich Diocese for children and families who would not otherwise receive an Easter Basket.

Any size basket or bucket will do, fill with Easter treats (small toys, candy, etc.) ***For safety, make sure all candy is packaged- no loose candy please, and no candy with nuts or peanut butter for allergy reasons.***, wrap whole basket in a cellophane bag (available 2 for $1- at the Dollar Tree) and drop it off at a designated place (St. Mary parish library or office) or at the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT. A homemade Easter card from your family to theirs would be a great addition.

Please have all completed baskets to us by March 22nd, so we can deliver them before Easter. Any questions or concerns, please contact Andrea at OFE , 860-848-2237, ext.203

CHRISTIAN FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM

Olivewood items will be for sale at all weekend masses in Visitation Hall on March 20 & 21

PRE-HSPT ENTRANCE EXAM FOR THE MERCY CLASS OF 2026

Saturday, April 24, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

The HSPT (High School Placement Test) is the test Mercy High requires for acceptance and placement into our academic program. The Pre-HSPT practice exam gives current 7th graders an opportunity to prepare for the HSPT by familiarizing themselves with the test content and structure as well as offering insight on their performance.

Each student will receive a comprehensive scoring report providing feedback and identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

The exam for the Class of 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 9 a.m. (The exam will be given virtually)

****Students who achieved in 90th national percentile or higher were given a $500 Scholarship at Mercy for the 2021-2022 academic year pending acceptance in November 2021.**

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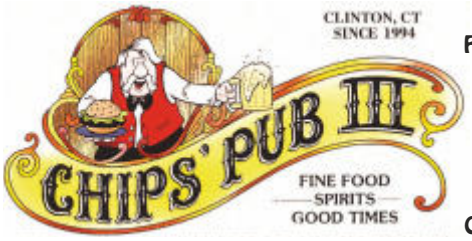

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