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4th Sunday OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

"El padre repuso: 'Hijo, tú siempre estás conmigo y todo lo mío es tuyo' ". - Lc 15, 31

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. **KEEP IN CONTACT** If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office so we can send them a bulletin and bring them Holy Communion.

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Mass Intentions Intenciones de la Santa Misa

Saturday/ Sábado, Mar 30, 5:00 pm

Sunday/ Domingo, Mar. 31,

9:00 am (English):

12 noon (Spanish):

† Eloy & Carmen Torres,

R/B Primitiva Quiñones

† Rosendo Palafox

† Esperanza Morán

† Ezequiel Rubio,

R/B Asunción Palafox

Monday/Lunes, Apr 01, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday /Martes, Apr 02, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday/Miércoles, Apr 03, 5:00 pm

Thursday/ Jueves, Apr. 04, 5:00 pm

† Geraldine Kasiski, R/B Bill Kasiski

Friday/ Viernes, Apr. 05, NO MASS

Stations of the Cross, 6 pm

Saturday/ Sábado, Apr. 07, 5:00 pm (E)

† Helen Bousquet,

R/B Joan, Jim, Ellen & Bob

Sunday/ Domingo, Apr. 08,

9:00 am (English)

12 noon (Spanish)

ATTENDANCE MAR. 23/24, 2019



Sat. 5:00 pm = 70

Sun. 9:00 am = 92

Sun. 12 noon = 170

TOTAL = 332

Cereal Donation: 58 lbs

ACA Appeal Commitment this week



Ofrenda Semanal

Mar. 23/24, 2019 = \$3,612.00

Mar. 24/25, 2018 = \$ 3,405.00

Year To Date

Fiscal Yr. '17- '18: \$140,540.40

Fiscal Yr. '18-'19: \$134,568.27



RECUERDE

ORAR POR:

Rick Csuhata, Jack Romegiali, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Carmelita Rivera, Frank & Sandy Magnoli, Sue D'Antonio, Tatiana Johnson, Ron Sirles, , Collen Watrous, Guaroa Peralta, David Monte, Allyson Matteo, Mary Birdsey, Dorothy Kunze, Jack Conklin.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13 & 14.

Regular Weekend Schedule

5:00 pm on Saturday.

9:00 am on Sunday

12 noon on Sunday. Procession from Parish Hall.

Monday, April 15, 7:00 pm. English Bible

Study and Spanish reflection on Holy Week.

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 am St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. Mass of Sacred Chrism.

Thursday, April 18, 7:30 pm. Mass of the Last Supper. Bilingual. Procession to Church Hall for Adoration until 11:00 pm.

Friday, April 19, 3:00 pm. Good Friday Service. Bilingual. 7:00 pm.

Seven Last Words of Jesus. (Spanish)

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 pm. Easter Vigil Mass. Bilingual.

Sunday, April 21, 9:00 am Mass in English and 12:00 noon Mass in Spanish.

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY.

Monday, April 15, 5:45 – 6:45 pm, Parish Center.

Tuesday, April 16, 5:45 – 7:30 pm, Church.

Wednesday, April 17,

Thursday, April 18, 8:00 – 10:00 pm, parish center.

Friday, April 19, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, in Church after Good Friday Service.



REPENTANCE & GROWTH

4th Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!



EL AMOR PERDONA

COMPARTIENDO LA PALABRA

Este domingo la liturgia nos presenta la parábola del Padre misericordioso. ¿Quién no ha escuchado esta bella historia de amor y de perdón? El tiempo de cuaresma sigue siendo un llamado a volver la mirada al Padre Dios que nos espera con los brazos abiertos, que como dice el Papa Francisco, no se cansa de perdonar. En Jesús, Dios se ha acercado a tocar la carne del pecador, del impuro, a levantarlo, a sacarlo del fango, a restituirle su condición de hijo.

Todos hemos recibido la herencia del Padre Dios, es la gracia que a través del bautismo se nos ha comunicado, a través de este sacramento Dios nos ha comunicado su propia vida. ¿Y que hemos hecho con la gracia?, la hemos derrochado, ¿la hemos malgastado?... También podemos ser esos hijos pródigos que andan como ovejas sin pastor, de espaldas Dios, rechazando su llamado.

Sin embargo, El está siempre esperándonos para darnos nuevas oportunidades. Ojalá hoy decidamos regresar a la casa del Padre, dejando nuestra vida de pecado.

O quizá como el hijo mayor, aunque no nos hemos ido de la casa del Padre, es decir permanecemos en la Iglesia, pero sin dar frutos, simplemente por costumbre o tradición y aunque tal vez no hacemos mal, tampoco hacemos bien. Animo, es cuaresma, sigamos avanzando a la pascua que nos convertirá en criaturas nuevas, porque como dice San Pablo. " Si morimos con Cristo, con él resucitaremos" Rom 6,8.

Seminar

Please join us for our upcoming Financial Education seminar:

Rules of the Road

Hosted by Craig Dennis of Edward Jones

Refreshments and Light Snacks will be served

When: Monday April 15th @ 10am

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10 Elm St

Middletown, CT 06457

Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor!

RSVP to craig.dennis@edwardjones.com or call 860-538-2318 by Monday April 8th



Seminario

Por favor, únase a nosotros para nuestro próximo seminario de Educación Financiera: Reglas de la carretera. Organizado por Craig Dennis de Edward Jones

Se servirán refrigerios y aperitivos ligeros.

Cuándo: Lunes 15 de abril a las 10am.

Dónde: Parroquia San Francisco de Asís

10 Elm St

Middletown, CT 06457

Por favor, siéntase libre de traer a un amigo o vecino!

RSVP a craig.dennis@edwardjones.com o llame al 860-538-2318 antes del lunes 8 de abril

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday of Lent, at 6 PM, join us to pray the Stations of the Cross, we will meditate on the great love that Jesus has had in giving his life for us. Jesus is waiting for you.

Acompáñanos a orar el Viacrucis. Cada viernes de cuaresma meditaremos acerca del gran amor que Jesús nos tiene al dar la vida por nosotros. Recuerda, Viernes 6 pm.

Bible Study

Monday -
Lunes

7:00-8:30 pm.

Bring a Bible - Trae tu Biblia



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER KUMBA

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good?

www.csricebowl.org



CUARTA SEMANA DE CUARESMA UN ENCUENTRO CON KUMBA

Nos encontramos con Kumba de Sierra Leona quien, a través de su educación, está brindando esperanza para su familia y su comunidad. ¿Cómo te ha dado la educación oportunidades en la vida? ¿Cómo usas tu educación para el bien común? Visita csrplatodearroz.org

Coffee/Café Social:

We will be having our Parish Coffee Social on April 7, after our 9am and 12pm Masses. Our coffee social is self-supporting. If you would like to help by either giving a monetary donation or by bringing a baked good or breakfast item it would be much appreciated. God Bless you!

Tendremos nuestro café social el día 7 de Abril, después de la Misa Dominical.

Nuestro café social es autosuficiente, si usted pudiera colaborar con una donación monetaria o trayendo algo para compartir, sus hermanos parroquianos lo apreciarían mucho. Dios les bendiga!





ACA 2019

Comfort! Support! Strength! Encouragement! Each of us has the ability to be there for someone. Whether they are in need of spiritual, emotional, educational or financial assistance, we can extend our hand to another and make a difference. The goal of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), "**Hand in Hand with All God's Children**", is to provide funds to our Diocesan ministries so they may extend their hands to all our

brothers and sisters and enrich their lives by providing food, counseling, spiritual renewal, sacramental preparation, faith events, and seminarian education...to name only a few of the ways our ministries positively impact us all. Your contributions to the ACA allow our ministries to be the hands of Christ. **TODAY**, as you make your commitment to the 2019 ACA, please give generously and join hand in hand with others from our Catholic community to make a difference in the lives of those in need of guidance, love and support. You may also visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to learn more about the ACA and make your pledge.

¡Comodidad! ¡Apoyo! ¡Fuerza! ¡Ánimo! Cada uno de nosotros tiene la capacidad de estar ahí para alguien. Ya sea que necesiten ayuda espiritual, emocional, educativa o financiera, podemos extender nuestra mano a otra persona y hacer una diferencia. El objetivo de la Campaña Católica Anual (ACA) de 2019, "De la mano de todos los hijos de Dios", es proporcionar fondos a nuestros ministerios diocesanos para que puedan extender sus manos a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas y enriquecer sus vidas proporcionando alimentos, consejería, renovación espiritual, preparación sacramental, eventos de fe y educación de seminaristas ... para mencionar solo algunas de las formas en que nuestros ministerios nos impactan positivamente a todos. Sus contribuciones a la ACA permiten que nuestros ministerios sean las manos de Cristo. HOY, mientras se compromete con la ACA 2019, haga una donación generosa y únase de la mano con otros miembros de nuestra comunidad católica para marcar la diferencia en las vidas de las personas que necesitan orientación, amor y apoyo. También puede visitar www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org para obtener más información sobre la ACA y hacer su promesa.



PROGRAMA DE SEMANA SANTA

Del 14 al 20 de abril celebraremos la SEMANA SANTA. Ten presente el programa para que participes.

Domingo 14 : 11:45am. Procesión con los ramos y Eucaristía.

Lunes 15: 6:30p. conversatorio. Despejando cuestiones acerca de nuestra fe. Todos son bienvenidos.

Martes 16: 10pm: Misa crismal en la Catedral San Patricio.

Jueves Santo 18: 7pm Eucaristía bilingüe de la última cena y espacio de oración hasta las 11pm.

Viernes Santo 19: 3pm. Servicio litúrgico bilingüe de la Pasión del Señor.

7pm. Meditación de las 7 Palabras. Servicio en Español

Sábado Santo 20: 8pm: Celebración bilingüe de la Vigilia pascual.

Domingo de resurrección: 12m. Eucaristía. Seguidamente celebración de la pascua con recolección de huevos.

RETIRO PARA MUJERES JUAN XXIII.

Solicita tu ficha con Sr. Gloria y regálale esta oportunidad ABRIL 5,6,7 de 2019. Aprovecha

REUNION COMITÉ HISPANO: Los miembros están invitados a la reunión el domingo 7 de abril después de la eucaristía. Si alguien mas desea participar será bienvenido.

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