

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

- 7:00AM The Rigoli Family
(Req. by Maria Fanell)
- 9:00AM Frank and Jan Bajor
(Req. by Barbara and Wojciech Iwaszkiewicz)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

- 7:00AM Elaine Warner
(Req. by Rob Connelly)
- 9:00AM Manuel Esteves
(Req. by his wife, Celeste)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

- 7:00AM Patricia Murray
(Req. by the Lukman Family)
- 9:00AM Louis Braccio, Jr.
(Req. by his sister)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

- 7:00AM All Souls
- 9:00AM Don Czaplinski
(Req. by Barbara and Wojciech Iwaszkiewicz)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

- 7:00AM Michael W. Healy
(Req. by Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Howell)
- 9:00AM The Sokolowski and Minniti families
(Req. by the family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

- 8:00AM John Gregory
(Req. by Marilyn and Bill Gregory)
- 4:00PM Antoinette Wengren
(Req. by Adele Kozak)
- 5:30 PM Bernard and Margaret Lee
(Req. by the Mikan family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

- 7:30AM Saint Lawrence Parish Family
- 9:30AM Robert Bruno
(Req. by the family)
- 11:30AM Les Zadrozny
(Req. by the family)
- 5:00PM Ann Jacksis
(Req. by the Recker family)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each First Friday following the 9:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Nov. 1 | All Saints Day |
| Nov. 2 | All Souls Day |
| Nov. 8 | The Women of Saint Lawrence
Communion Breakfast after 9:30 am Mass
at the Brownson Country Club |
| Nov. 9 | Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting
7:00 pm in the music room |
| Nov. 14 | Knights of Columbus
Saturday "Knights" Fever Dinner/Dance
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm in the School gym |
| Bereavement
Ministry
Support Group | Next meeting Sunday, November 8
at 11:30 am in the Parish Center |
| Prayer Group | Every Monday night at 7:30 pm
in the Parish Center |
| RCIA | Every Sunday after the 11:30 Mass
in the Religious Education Building |
| Blood
Pressure
Screening | By the Parish Nurses
every Wednesday after the 9:00 Mass
9:30 – 11:30 in the Bride's Room |
| Coffee and
Donuts | No Coffee and Donuts Social
Watch for return in November |
| Pre-Baptismal
Class | Held the first Sunday of each month
in the Parish Center at 1:00 pm |

CANDLES

For the Week of October 31st

The *Mary Candles* burn for **The Deceased Members of Saint Lawrence** and for **Kevin Sewell** offered by his grandparents

The *Sanctuary Lamp* burns for **Manuel Esteves** offered by his wife, Celeste

The *Saint Lawrence Candle* burns for **The Parishioners of Saint Lawrence**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd Courtney Milller Carter and Richard Andrew Peterson

ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, November 2, is All Souls Day. All Parishioners who have lost loved ones during the past year are invited to 9:00 am Mass and a breakfast following in the Parish Center.



SAINT LAWRENCE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Dear God

*Give me joy and gladness, in place of grief.
Put a song of praise in my heart, instead of sorrow.*

Please contact **Mickie Hope at 929-8499** for further information on how we may help you.

As part of our Bereavement Ministry, we offer "Transitions": a support group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For further information on this group, please contact **Jim Linden at 929-7656**.

PRAYER GROUP

REACH FOR NEW HEIGHTS

Difficulties can make us bitter, or they can make us better. They can drag us down and make us a sour person, or they can inspire us to reach for new heights. It's easy to make excuses, have a bad attitude, or have a poor self-image. Anyone can do that. But if we want to live our best life now, we must reach out to God, shake off self-pity, get up, and move on with our life. Only with the grace of our Lord, Jesus, can we do that!

Prayer Group comes together in a spirit of prayer and praise every Monday evening in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on November 9 at 7:00 pm in the music room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

The Ministry has distributed prayer shawls and lap robes to local nursing homes, which the residents enjoyed receiving.

If any parishioner, would like a shawl or lap robe, please contact:

Jean Mihelik at 203-929-0258 or

Barbara Bartomeli at 203-929-0463



All women of the Parish are invited to a Communion Breakfast to be held at the Brownson Country Club on Sunday, November 8th, after the 9:30 am Mass. The speaker will be Betsy Redgate who will discuss Finding God in the ordinary. Tickets (\$20) may be purchased by calling Millie at 203-929-0527 or Ceil at 203-929-2049 before November 1st.



WHAT IS A CATECHUMENATE?

The catechumenate is not something new in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is something very old, rooted in the manner of development of the New Testament communities and in early tradition of Christian initiation. It has been rediscovered and reclaimed in modern times not out of a sense of nostalgia or of fundamentalism, but rather out of pastoral need. The Holy Spirit has reawakened in the Church a sense of its mission to the world. Out of its efforts to respond to the gospel mandate to spread the Good News to every creature have come a growing appreciation of the nature of conversion, the stages of development of faith, and an understanding of faith not simply as a body of dogmas to be understood but as a way of living in the world.

We are in the first stage called the Inquiry Period. The Period of Inquiry in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, (RCIA), continues in our parish on **Sunday, November 1, at 12:30 pm** in the **Religious Education Building**.

The Period of Inquiry is a time when various aspects of the Catholic faith are discussed with those contemplating membership in the Catholic Church. This initial period is a time when the person explores what it means to be a Catholic.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-5, next class: November 10th

Grades 6-8, next class: November 9/10th

Grade 3 Penance class: This weekend: Nov. 1st
(drop off in the gym/pick-up in classroom)

Grade 3 Peace Day: Report directly to the gym at 6:00 pm. Parents come back at 7:50 pm.

Group A Monday, November 16th

Group B Tuesday, November 17th

Children's Liturgy: 9:30 am Mass, November 15th

MASS PASSES: It is mandatory for all grade 1-8 students to be attending Mass every week. While we are waiting for the new system to be up and running, we are going to temporarily revert back to the old Mass pass system. Priests and deacons will give your child (grades 1-8) a Mass Pass at the end of Mass. These passes should then be handed in to your child's Religious Education teacher.

Weekly Offertory

Weekend of October 24th/October 25th

Offertory: \$15,121.00

Parish Improvement Fund: \$1,271.00

Total: \$16,392.00

GUEST HOMILIST

The Very Reverend William King, J.C.D., Vicar General of the Diocese of Harrisburg in Pennsylvania, will be our guest homilist on the weekend of November 7 and 8. Father King is a well-known expert in Canon law in the United States.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

A Children's Liturgy Mass will be held every third Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. All Parish children from the 4th grade and up are warmly welcome to join the Saint Lawrence School children in singing at that monthly Mass. There is a required rehearsal at 9:00 am sharp in the music room at the school. The rehearsal includes a brief warm-up and a quick review of that day's music. Come join us! Please contact Music Director/Cantor Gary Harger at 203-225-9231 or 203-799-9967 with any questions.

MASS HYMNS

WE ARE TRYING A NEW MASS SETTING!

The JONCAS MASS may be found in the Missalette, beginning on page 169:

Kyrie	#151
Gloria	#152
Holy, Holy, Holy	#153
Memorial Acclamation A	#154
Amen	#158
Lamb of God	#160

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, November 9th, at 7:30 pm, with Father F. John Ringley, Chaplain, Kolbe Cathedral High School in Bridgeport.

PARISH NURSE HEALTH NEWS AND HINTS

Blood pressure screenings are conducted every Wednesday after the 9:00 am Mass from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Bride's Room.

If someone in our Parish is homebound and would like to receive the weekly Bulletin, please let us know. Send your name and address to:

Saint Lawrence Parish
Attn. Parish Nurses
505 Shelton Ave.
Shelton, CT 06484

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND LECTORS


Please send your e-mail address to Donna Marshall at stlawrencesecretary@hotmail.com. Schedules will be e-mailed to you. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE CELEBRANTS

Congratulations to Saint Lawrence parishioners who commemorated their significant wedding anniversaries by renewing their marriage promises at Saint Theresa's Church in Trumbull with Bishop Lori last weekend.

Clifford and Audrey Albright	67 years
Daniel and Margaret Dlugos	50 years
Gregory and Loretta Marty	15 years
William and Joanne Medalis	45 years
Richard and Myra Palmiero	40 years
James and LouAnn Ramsey	30 years
David and Jennifer Simonetti	15 years
Charles and Marguerite Wilson	55 years

† KNIGHTS CORNER †



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Saint Lawrence Council #14014
"Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference."
If interested in joining call Carlos Perez at 203-395-8086.
Our Parish Council would like to thank all of the parishioners of Saint Lawrence for actively participating in all of our events with your contributions and support. With the monies we have received we have made the following donations.
\$1,000 to Monsignor Potter Ministries in Brazil
\$300 to Sponsor a child at Monsignor Potter's Ministry in Brazil for a year.
\$1,500 for the purchase of an AED Defibrillator for the Saint Lawrence Parish Center/School

SATURDAY "KNIGHTS" FEVER DINNER/DANCE

Saturday, November 14, 2009
7:00 ~ 11:00 pm in the School Gymnasium
Featuring the Best of the 70's & 80's Music
Only \$30.00 per person

Meal includes: salad & bread, pasta, chicken cacciatore, fresh vegetable, risotto, wine, draft beer, soda, coffee, tea and dessert

Prize awarded for best theme-dressed couple
Attire is casual for lots of dancing and fun
Call Carlos Perez for advanced tickets at 203-395-8086

ST. AUGUSTINE LECTURE SERIES

The Diocese of Bridgeport invites you to learn more about the faith journey of Saint Damien of Molokai, who was canonized on October 11, by attending a lecture by Father Bill Petrie on Thursday, November 5th, at St. Stephen Parish in Trumbull. Saint Damien was the ninth saint canonized who lived and died in the United States.

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will be available at 6:30 pm and the lecture will begin at 7:30 pm. A light reception will follow in the hall.

MILITARY MASS

On Sunday, November 8, at 10:15 am, Most Reverend Michael K. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the annual Red White and Blue Mass for active duty, retired and reserve personnel, as well as veterans, veteran organizations, auxiliaries and families at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. This year the U.S. Marine Corps will be recognized.

The purpose of the Mass is to honor our service men and women for the selfless dedication to God and country, and to recognize their sacrifices and those of their families. Those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the line of duty will also be commemorated.

Following the Mass, a catered reception will be held in the Cathedral Hall. The Cathedral is located at 201 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut.

For additional information call Jack Schwing at (203)929-1549.

JOIN US FOR AN HISTORIC EVENT IN CHURCH HISTORY!

The 1st NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS ON MERCY (NACOM)
MERCY: Our Hope

Date: November 14-15, 2009

Place: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC

Visit mercycongress.org or call 1-800-462-7426

At the close of the first World Apostolic Congress on Mercy held in Rome in 2008, **Pope Benedict XVI gave participants a mandate to "go forth and be witnesses of God's mercy, a source of hope for every person and for the whole world."** With that in mind the U.S. Committee, with Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, as Episcopal Advisor, invite you to be a part of this universal Church celebration—here in our Nation's Capital. With an exciting line-up of speakers that includes Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, and Theresa Bonopartis, this Congress will be a source of spiritual renewal and a bridge to the next World Congress scheduled for 2011 in Poland.

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Please remember all the members of our parish who are in the hospital, nursing homes, homebound, or in need of the comfort of prayer.

Hold especially in your prayers: Dan Altieri, Lyndon Bauer, Nicholas Branca, Raymond Briening, Angelina Budd, Robert Burlison, Thomas Cain, Frank Cantafio, Louis Chkowski, Patricia Colbert, Kyle Colucci, Robert Connolly, Gabrielle Dana, Elizabeth Davison, Elizabeth Egan, Mary Ann Farley, Michael Fazio, Richard Fazio, Kristin Graf, Betty Hall, Jim Higgins, Nancy Hocurscak, Jennifer Jaworski, Amy Job, Frank Kerkes, Paul Kopcik, Genevieve Kusinski, Christina Lake, Paulette Larsen, Kristin Lupulio, Christopher Madden, Donna Maloney, Marie Massaro, Mary Rose H. McCarthy, Jean McCormick, John McPadden, Sr., Clayton Myers, Eve Paradiso, Florence Petrocelli, Barbara Piaty, Vincent Piccirillo, Julie Porzio, Charles Potter, Agnes Rioux, William Randall, Jody Reilly, Marie Roy, Margaret Ryan, Norman K. Santa, Michael Saul, John Slosar, John Spodnick, Campbell Taft, Natalie Tavella, Theresa Timmony, Milt Tupper, Natalie Urbano, Mary Walsh, Elizabeth Yarson and Marie.

Please keep in your prayers the faithful departed, especially: Ruth Curry and Jean Fitzgerald

FOOD DRIVE

Saint Lawrence will be holding a food drive to support St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please place non-perishable food items in a grocery bag and drop them off at Saint Lawrence on November 7th and 8th, or you can give a monetary donation to support the local food banks. Donations can be placed directly into the Parish collection basket in the envelopes that were provided with the food drive flyer in the bulletin or in an envelope marked "Saint Lawrence Food Drive." Collected funds will be used to purchase gift certificates for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to use in accordance with the needs of those they support.

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

The Holy Family Retreat Center will be hosting the following events in November and December:

"Living in the World of Possibility: The Evolving Role of the Laity in the Church"
Retreat Day of Mindfulness and Self-Care for Women
"Fall Music Concert-Three Sound Sensations"
"Advent Yoga: A Four Part Journey to Prepare for the Coming of Peace"

For more information or to register visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call 860-521-0440.

LIFE MATTERS

Before Respect Life Month ends, it is appropriate to thank all the wonderful people who volunteered their time and treasure to make our second pro-life booth at Shelton Day 2009 a success. Due to our early registration, we had a much more desirable location this year and had many visitors to our booth. We gave away two hundred balloons with the message "Life is a precious gift" as well as numerous brochures, precious feet pins, and little models of a ten week unborn child with a card explaining the development of the baby at this stage of gestation. Many teens stopped by and we were able to provide them with free literature presenting the pro-life perspective in areas of concern to them. We are encouraged by the largely positive reception we received and look forward to next October when we plan to participate for the third year.

Our efforts would not have been possible without the outstanding volunteers who provided materials, set up and broke down the booth, gave out balloons and materials and welcomed visitors with warmth and hospitality. Many spent the entire day doing whatever needed to be done. We also need to thank the priests of Saint Lawrence and Saint Joseph for their support as well as very generous individuals who contributed financially to the cost of our materials and to the Knights of Columbus at Saint Lawrence who covered the cost of our registration fee for the past two years.

We welcome anyone who would like to participate in our efforts or join our pro-life group. Please call Carol at 203-929-7884 with any questions. With God's help, the seeds we planted will flourish and the Culture of Life will bloom in Shelton.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE

Saint Joseph Parish in Shelton will hold its annual Holiday Gift Boutique November 12th through November 15th in the Church Hall on Coram Avenue. Special preview night with wine & cheese is on Thursday, November 12th, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00. The Boutique continues with free admission Friday, November 13th, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, Saturday, November 14th, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Sunday, November 15th, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR WINTER PLOWING

If interested in submitting a bid for winter snow plowing/removal at Saint Lawrence please contact the Rectory Office at 929-5355, ext. 2

TRIP CORNER

Cruise & Travel Planners invites you to join us for these exciting religious travel opportunities.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

March 22-29, 2010

Join fellow parishioners for an 8-day trip to Fatima and Lourdes.

\$1,898 per person includes the following:

- Round trip coach airfare from Newark
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Deluxe Motor Coach
- Transfers and portorage

CRUISE TO THE HOLY LAND with Father Jones

September 5 - 15, 2010

10-night cruise onboard the Six Star Regent Cruise Line's *Seven Seas Mariner*, in a Verandah Suite, visiting Istanbul, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth & Jericho

Fares start at \$7,195 per person (double occupancy and \$255 in taxes and fees per person)

Fare includes the following:

- Round trip air from New York (business class upgrade available for \$1,998 per person)
- ALL meals, ALL shore excursions, ALL alcohol/soft drinks, ALL gratuities and transfers AND a \$400 per cabin ship board credit

The free air, shore excursions and gratuities special has been extended indefinitely. Book now and the 15 percent deposit is refundable (minus \$300 administrative fee per person) until May 2010. Monthly payment plans are available.

Please call Virginia at Cruise & Travel Planners 203-402-0632 or toll free at 800-794-0741 or email at vdedad@royalservicecruises.com

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Saint Joseph High School:

A second entrance test for eighth graders will be held on Saturday, November 7th, from 8:15 to 11:30 am. This will be the last exam given for the Class of 2014. Call the Admissions Office at 203-378-9378 to register.

Lauralton Hall Shadow Program: Spend a day as a shadow student now through November 20. For further information, call Mrs. Kathleen Shine at (203) 877-2786, ext. 144.

Fairfield Prep Entrance Exam: The next exam date is November 14. For further information and to create your online Prep Admissions Account, visit the Prep website at www.fairfieldprep.org.

Sacred Heart Academy (Hamden)

Entrance Exam: Saturday, November 7, from 8:00 am to noon. Pre-register by October 30. Visit www.sha-excelsior.org for additional information or call Elaine Lamboley, Director of Admissions, at 203-288-2309, ext. 307.

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