

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- 7:00 a.m. Ermelinda Nappi: Anniversary
(req. by Ken & Phyllis Nappi & Family)
12:05 p.m. Milo Niski: First Anniversary
(req. by the Niski Family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- 7:00 a.m. for the people of Chile
12:05 p.m. For the souls in purgatory
(req. by Micky Michrina)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:00 a.m. for an increase in vocations to the priesthood
and religious life
12:05 p.m. Joao Paiva
(req. by Albertina Paiva)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 7:00 a.m. Delores Fox: Birthday Anniversary
(req. by John & Ruth Tymon)
12:05 p.m. For a return to good health for Tony Vicencio
(req. by Maria Vicencio)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Alexander
(req. by the Kudravy family)
12:05 p.m. Claire Carlson
(req. by Charles Carlson)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph Keane: Birthday Anniversary
(req. by Arlene Clancy)
5:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- 7:30 a.m. Stanley & Ann Dziekan
(req. by the Family)
9:00 a.m. Madelyn Ciotti: Birthday Anniversary
(req. by Vin Ciotti)
10:30 a.m. Michael Bourque: 36th Anniversary
(req. by Joe & Grace Bourque)
12:00 noon Rosita Alvarez
(req. by Maria Belen)
12:15 p.m. Delores Fox
(req. by John & Ruth Tymon)
5:00 p.m. Harold Geissler, Jr.
(req. by Ethel Rich & family)

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The *Sanctuary Lamp* burns this week in memory of Christopher Testone, requested by Ann Cairella and Family.

Wedding  Banns

Banns of marriage are announced this week for:

I Lynn Angelicola and John Schuchman

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Lent is a good time to take a serious look at what the Catholic tradition has long referred to as the **Seven Deadly (or Capital) Sins**. They are **pride, avarice, envy, anger, lust, gluttony and sloth or acedia** (*Catechism, n. 1866*). Here are excerpts from a recent insightful article by Mary Eberstadt in *Our Sunday Visitor* (2/14/10) on one particular deadly sin, that of lust:*

“Let’s face it: Lust is everyone’s secret favorite Deadly Sin, the ‘it’ vice of the capital list. . . . Despite all the feverish public attempts to de-stigmatize it, here is one Deadly Sin still performed furtively, in the dark, in ‘private.’ This includes even the travesty of privacy, like a flickering blue screen in the family room late at night. In fact . . . lust is also a capital vice about which we modern men and women, including Catholics, routinely deceive ourselves. . . .

“Such was the plain message of a groundbreaking conference at Princeton University last year [where]. . . an unprecedented assortment of psychiatrists, psychologists, authors, scientists and professors of sociology, psychology, law and philosophy. . . were summoned from around the nation to tally up and explain the human toll of Internet pornography. . . . Lawyers reported that a growing percentage of divorces now come from pornography addiction. Therapists reported that frustrated wives and girlfriends gave the ultimatum, ‘it’s your porn or me,’ only to have husbands and boyfriends choose the former – with family trauma and breakup as the entirely predictable results. . . .

“Then there are the men who finally consent to therapy because they are losing their jobs, unable to break the serpent’s gaze even for the length of one workday. Meanwhile, experts also reported at the [Princeton] conference, there are others who discover too late one perfectly perverse result of this technologically novel tornado of addiction: It leaves at least some habitual users incapable of desiring a real human being. Period. . . .

“It really is ironic, in a nauseating sort of way, that so many sophisticated people have labored so hard, for so long, to convince us that any truly loving God could not possibly send people to hell for lust. . . . As a couple of former addicts testified at the Princeton conference: Who needs marching orders for the next world when you’re glued and frozen, incognizant and indifferent to anything and anyone else, right here in this one? These men think they are in hell already.”

— **Monsignor Chris Walsh**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph Catholic School

"We are constantly busy!! This week, grades 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 are taking IOWA tests. These tests provide our teachers with a great deal of information; not only giving grade levels, but also providing the ability to compare local, diocesan and national scores to our own.

Our Eighth Graders are preparing for Confirmation, which will take place March 20 with two services, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Our Second Grade is getting ready for the second half of their Sacrament Preparation Program. They completed First Penance in the Fall and are now beginning their First Eucharist Program. Parents participate in the Sunday morning series prior to the reception of the sacrament.

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are practicing for their Passion Play/Living Stations production to be performed in church on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m., Friday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m. and Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. We all hope that there will be many people attending one of these services/performances.

School registration is continuing and we request that if you have any thoughts about registering your child that you do it soon! Many new families are approaching us to get info about programs for 2010/2011 and we don't want to have to say "no" to anyone because of closed classes.

Love and Prayers,
Arlene Clancy, Principal"

25 – Week Club Raffle

Congratulations to Steve Kline, the winner of week 18's cash prize of \$50 in the 25-Week Dinner Club!! *If you wish to join the fun* call Ginny Harger (924-0054, 924-8611).

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Joseph School's Home-School Association is holding its *5th Annual Fish Fry every Friday during Lent*, except for Good Friday, in the Church Hall from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. *Weekly specials include the Fr. Nick Combo, the Fr. Marcelwich Fish Sandwich and the Msgr. Chris "Garden of Eatin" Seafood Salad Wrap dinner.*

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

The final *Evening of Reflection*, sponsored by the Evangelization Committee, is 7 p.m. on *Monday, March 8* in the Church. Msgr. Kevin Royal, Diocesan Director of Clergy, will be the guest speaker.

ADORATION

"*Christ will not deceive us. That is why our lives must be woven around the Eucharist.*" *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.* Please consider spending an hour on Tuesday or Friday to visit with Our Lord Jesus Christ during Eucharistic Adoration from 12 noon–7 p.m. in the Chapel. At this time you may want to say a Rosary, read scripture or just sit quietly and open your heart to Jesus. During these days of stress and confusion, strengthen your life with God's greatest gift to us—the Eucharist!

LENTEN CONFESSION CAMPAIGN

As part of a diocese-wide "*Lenten Confession Campaign*," confessions will be offered in our church on *Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.* during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Bi-lingual Stations of the Cross (English and Spanish) are held every Friday during Lent at *7:30 p.m. in the Church.* This is a wonderful way to enter into the mystery of the Lord's Passion during the Lenten season. *Come with the entire family!*

LOAVES AND FISHES

Can you donate the cost of one meal each week to assist feeding programs which support the working poor, homeless, and the elderly? Out of every dollar donated, 25¢ remains at St. Joseph Church and provides a meal once a month to the residents of Spooner House and the Umbrella's safe house. Please support these worthy programs by picking up Loaves and Fishes donation envelopes available at the doors of the Church beginning next weekend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

- 7 R.C.I.A. (10 a.m., Religious Ed. meeting room).
Pastoral Council meeting (6:30 p.m., Pastoral Center).
- 8 Lenten Evening of Reflection (7 p.m., Church).
Prayer Cenacle (7-8 p.m., Church).
Scripture Study (7 p.m., Rel. Ed. meeting room).
Women's Devotional Group (7:30 p.m., Upper Rm.).
- 9 Eucharistic Adoration (12 noon – 7 p.m., Chapel).
Miraculous Medal Novena (7 p.m., Church).
- 12 Eucharistic Adoration (12 noon – 7 p.m., Chapel).
Lenten Fish Fry (4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Church Hall).
Stations of the Cross (7:30 p.m., Church).
- 13 Sons of St. Joseph (6:30 a.m., 30 Fairmont).
Gift Certificate sales (after all Masses).
Spanish Charismatic meeting. (7 p.m., Upper Room).

YOUTH GROUP

All high school age youth are invited to attend SJYG events. Meetings are 6:15 – 8 p.m. in the Upper Room

March 7: No meeting.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

“Kids Caring for Kids”

The Junior Youth Group will not meet **Sunday, March 7**. Please check next week’s bulletin for the next meeting date.

NO PARKING PLEASE!!

Parishioners attending the 7 a.m. weekday Mass during the school year are asked to honor the “no parking” zones designated in front of the church and school. These zones are in place to allow parents dropping off children for school to be able to pull to the curb. Thank you!!

WEDDING JUBILEE DAY

Couples celebrating their 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th (or more) Wedding Anniversary during January–June 2010 are invited to a **special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Lori** at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 at St. Theresa Church, Trumbull. Renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates will take place. Please stop by or call (203/924-8611) the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 7 to register.

The **Sixth Annual Joseph A. Pagliaro, Sr. Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, March 27 from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Boys & Girls Club, Shelton. Tickets are \$5/each; free/under age 2. To obtain tickets, please call 203/929-7100 and leave a message with the number of tickets needed, name, address and phone number.



Office Hours: Wednesday’s from 11 a.m.-12 Noon for blood pressure screening, health education and referrals. Blood pressure screening is also available after the 12:05 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays in the Parent Room at the back of the Church and the second full weekend of the month after the 4 p.m., 9 a.m., and 12 Noon (Spanish) Masses.

Give Kids a Smile: The Oral Health Bridgeport Initiative (ORBIT) program provides free dental care (exams, x-rays, cleanings, sealants, fillings, crowns, root canals and extractions) for children with no dental insurance at private dental offices. For more info, please call Vani between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Southwestern Area Health Education Center at (203) 372-5503, ext. 12. Appointments for the free dental work are required and are limited.

2010 ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL



“Living Our Faith”

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal supports the Office of Pastoral Services, Parish Life and Ministries programs throughout the Diocese. Damien O’Connor is the Director of the Office for Pastoral Services and plays a vital role in working with his staff to execute a large variety of Diocesan ministry programs including Adult Formation, Ministry for People with Disabilities, Family Life, Pro-Life, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Deaf Apostolate, Rachel’s Vineyard, and Campus Ministry at WestConn State University, Danbury. Under the leadership and guidance of Bishop Lori, Damien is responsible for ensuring that these ministries truly serve the Diocese and people are evangelized to live their faith to the fullest. “I am deeply honored and humbled to know I may be of assistance to the Bishop and the Diocese. There is nothing more fulfilling than to witness people putting their faith into action. The ABA gives tangible assistance to ministries that provide life-changing encounters with Christ,” said Damien.

Your gift is so important to the work of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Thank you for your support to the 2010 Annual Bishop’s Appeal!

CONVIVIO CATHOLIC YOUTH CONGRESS

Convivio, a conference for high school-aged teens, is **March 12–14** at Sacred Heart University. The conference includes talks, small group discussions, games, confession, Mass and meals. Cost is \$35 (includes all materials, dinner on Friday and Saturday, and lunch on Saturday and Sunday). **All high school-aged teens are encouraged to attend!** Adult volunteers also needed. For more info, please see either Father Nick or Msgr. Chris.

Can you help?? A one-bedroom, first-floor apartment is needed for a female parishioner. Please contact Father Nick (203/924-7885) if you have or know of a suitable apartment.

COLLECTION REPORT

February 27 - 28, 2010

Offertory (incl. 462 env.):	\$11,794.37
EFT offertory (incl. 17 env.)	<u>761.00</u>
Total:	\$12,555.37

Thank you for your generous support of the 2009 Stewardship Appeal!

