

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

- 7:00 a.m. Walter Cameron  
(req. by Allan & Joan Cameron)  
12:05 p.m. Janice Grailich  
(req. by Richard Grailich)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

- 7:00 a.m. Albert Sambrook, III  
(req. by the Family)  
12:05 p.m. For a special intention  
(req. by Micky Michrina)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

- 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph Church  
12:05 p.m. Vladimir & Helen Michrina  
(req. by the Family)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

- 7:00 a.m. Claire Murray  
(req. by Allan & Joan Cameron)  
12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Michrina Family  
(req. by the Family)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**

- 7:00 a.m. For the souls in purgatory  
9:00 a.m. St. Joseph Guardian Angels  
12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Uzarski family  
(req. by the Family)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

- 2:00 p.m. WEDDING: Ashley Hobson & Brian Martin  
4:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph Church  
5:30 p.m. Laurenda Cyr: First Anniversary  
(req. by the Bentley family)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

- 7:30 a.m. Robert Murray  
(req. by Barbara Morgan)  
9:00 a.m. Frank & Molly Nappi  
(req. by Ken & Phyllis Nappi and Family)  
10:30 a.m. George McIntyre  
(req. by the Family)  
12:00 noon Por los feligreses de la parroquia  
12:15 p.m. Angela Imbimbo  
(req. by Maria Imbimbo & Family)  
5:00 p.m. Maria Rosaria Fusaro, Mario Fusaro &  
Mario Beltrano  
(req. by the Family)

**SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL**

The *Blue Memorial Lamp* burns this week in memory of Steve Dziadek, requested by John & Helen Lull.

**Wedding  Banns**

Banns of marriage are announced this week for:  
III Ashley Hobson & Brian Martin

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NICK**

In Eucharistic Prayer number one are these powerful words to the Almighty God: **“Though we are sinners we trust in your mercy and love. Do not consider what we truly deserve but grant us your forgiveness.”** I call these statements powerful because of their humility.

Our humility should be one of our central objectives during these forty days of Lent. Lent helps us to recognize we are all sinners and therefore in need of the Savior’s love and mercy. It is in God alone we must trust. The world’s mentality would have us trust in ourselves, follow the latest, slickest know-it-all or read the latest self-help book. Wrong!

St. Paul explains that those who occupy their minds with earthly things are headed for eternal destruction and are, in fact, enemies of the Cross of Christ. *The Christian must rather have the very same attitude of Christ who humbled Himself* (Phil.2:5-8). St. Paul tells us to do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but—in humility—to consider others better than yourself.

Lent can offer the opportunity to focus on others and fast from any prideful notion that somehow we deserve more, if not perfection. One of the most toxic poisons of our time is this whole idea of entitlement. There is simply too much self-centered complaining and whining and not enough Christ-centered praise and thanksgiving.

Common thoughts like: “Gee, I deserve that or gee, why can’t I have what my neighbor has, or he does not deserve that! (even though he or she worked for it). It was, in fact, the envy of the devil that brought death into the world in the first place. *“For God created man incorruptible, and to the image of His own likeness He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death came into the world”* (Wisdom 2:23-25). Lent is a great time to fast from jealousy and envy and feast on humility’s power.

The Transfiguration of the Lord was to show **three** of His twelve disciples what humanity’s true destiny is—incorruptibility—because our citizenship is indeed Heaven. A true Lent could teach us to reject the thinking of the worldly minded: **“Hey—why only Peter, James and John, how about the rest of the apostles? Jesus you are being unfair!!”**

Why did the Lord bring only those three to behold his Divinity in full glory? Only God knows and in the end that should be enough for all of us. Amen.

**- Father Nick Pavia**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph Catholic School

"The Student Council 'strikes again!' This past week our Science Lab was filled with donations of dog and cat food, toys, blankets, leashes, beds, blankets and treats to be donated to the Shelton Animal Shelter. What makes it an interesting story is that three young 'delegates' from the Third Grade, Madeline Carter, Shelby Plotkin and Molly Keane presented the idea to the Student Council at their meeting just before vacation and the idea was approved. The girls made posters which were displayed around the building and our wonderful students and parents responded with their usual generosity. Through the activities of the Student Council, happily directed by Mrs. Glorioso, our young people learn the joy of helping others and becoming responsible citizens.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2010/2011 school year. If you have never visited the school and would like to come in and see what we're all about, please feel free to do so and Mrs. Wolfe or myself will be happy to answer any questions or take you on a tour. If you've been here before, stop in and see our improvements!

Love and prayers,
Arlene Clancy"

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25 - Week Club Raffle

Congratulations to Beth Plavcan, the winner of week 19'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.

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.

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2010

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

The next Evening of Reflection sponsored by the Evangelization Committee is Monday, March 1 in the Church at 7 p.m. Rev. Robert Kinnally, the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Bridgeport, will give a talk about the "year for priests." The final Evening of Reflection will be Monday, March 8 and 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Bi-lingual Stations of the Cross (English & 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

- 28 R.C.I.A. (10 a.m., Religious Ed. meeting room).
Pre-Baptism class (12:30 p.m., Rel. Ed. mtg. rm.).
Junior Youth Group (6 p.m., Pastoral Center mtg. rm.).
1 Lenten Evening of Reflection (7 p.m., Church).
Prayer Cenacle (7-8 p.m., Church).
Scripture Study (7 p.m., Rel. Ed. mtg. rm.).
2 Eucharistic Adoration (12 noon - 7 p.m., Chapel).
3 Rosary Society (6:30 p.m., Rel. Ed. mtg. rm.).
Choir Rehearsal (7 p.m., Church).
4 T.O.P.S. (6 p.m., Pastoral Center meeting room).
Miraculous Medal Novena (7 p.m., Church).
Fr. Nick's Bible Study (7:30 p.m., Pastoral Ctr.).
5 Eucharistic Adoration (12 noon - 7 p.m., Chapel).
Lenten Fish Fry (4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Church Hall).
Men's Club (7 p.m., Upper Room).
Stations of the Cross (7:30 p.m., Church).
6 Sons of St. Joseph (6:30 a.m., 30 Fairmont).
Irish Night (7 p.m., School Gym).
Spanish Charismatic Mtg. (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

February 28: No meeting.

**IRISH NIGHT**

St. Joseph's Youth Group is hosting its annual *Irish Night* on *Saturday, March 6* in the School Gym. Music will be provided by *Joe Heeran & Music in the Glen* from 7 - 11 p.m. Tickets are \$23 each and include dinner, music, dancing and set ups (cups and ice – bring your own beverages). Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend February 27/28. Tickets will **not** be sold at the door! Questions can be e-mailed to [sjyg@snet.net](mailto:sjyg@snet.net) or call 203-727-3616.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**

*“Kids Caring for Kids”*

The Junior Youth Group will meet *Sunday, February 28* at 6 p.m. in the Pastoral Center meeting room. We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the local food banks so remember to bring these items to the meeting and any item you may want to donate to the incentive rewards box. *Come and bring a friend!*

Reminder: on *all Fridays of Lent*, all Catholics 14 years and older are to *abstain from meat*.

**ROSARY SOCIETY**

St. Joseph Rosary Society will meet *Wednesday, March 3* at 6:30 p.m. in the Religious Ed meeting room. The meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary, followed by a business meeting. Plans for the Spring Tea in April will be confirmed and participation in the Relay For Life and the Annual Bakeless Bake Sale will be discussed. All members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Questions, call Nancy Minotti (203-929-4184), Helen Lull (203-922-8206), or Betty Pagano (203-924-0077).

**2011 MASS BOOK**

The 2011 Mass book will be available in the Pastoral Center meeting room on *Friday, March 5 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.* for anyone wishing to schedule a Mass. Mass offerings are \$10. *Up to five weekend Masses and unlimited weekday Masses may be scheduled during the first 30 days.* Those who cannot come in person on March 5 (or to the Parish Office during the week afterwards) can request Masses by mail. Mail requests must be accompanied by the Mass offering and will be put into the Mass book after first-day Mass intentions are completed. Mass bookings *cannot* be taken over the phone. If you are booking Masses in person on March 5, please have specific dates and times ready so as to expedite the Mass booking process. Thank you for your cooperation!!

**2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**



*“Living Our Faith”*

*Catholic Charities' Morning Glory breakfast program provides a nutritious breakfast for the hungry and homeless in the Danbury area. Breakfast is served Monday through Friday from 6:30 - 9 a.m. by a travelling van. Jeff, who benefits from this program, is a gentleman in his 40's who was diagnosed with chronic mental illness. Due to the challenges of treatment, he is without an income, insurance or services. He utilizes the Morning Glory breakfast program and receives a healthy, nutritious meal to assist him and get through the day. In addition, he also receives socks, underwear and toiletry items to care for his basic needs. In Jeff's world, Catholic Charities is one of the safest places he can go where he knows he will be treated with dignity and respect. Your gifts to the Annual Bishop's Appeal help support this vital ministry through Catholic Charities. Thank you for your support.*

The *2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal* has begun in our parish and throughout our Diocese. We have the opportunity to help those being served through our many diocesan programs. Our parish goal is \$90,000. Please participate in the Appeal to the best of your ability. *Thank you for your support of the various programs made possible by the Bishop's Appeal!*

**CONVIVIO CATHOLIC YOUTH CONGRESS**

Convivio, a conference for high school-aged teens is being held *March 12-14* at Sacred Heart University. The weekend consists of talks, small group discussions, games, confession, Mass, and eating (of course!). Cost is \$35 which 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 are also needed. For more info, please see either Father Nick or Msgr. Chris.

**COLLECTION REPORT**

*February 20 - 21, 2010*

Offertory (incl. 463 env.):	\$11,378.38
EFT offertory (incl. 44 env.)	<u>3,460.36</u>
Total:	\$14,838.74

*Ash Wednesday collection (incl. 134 env.): \$2,219.89*

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

