



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:00 a.m. Ted Kuziak
(req. by the Family)
12:05 p.m. Richard F. Kandro: Eighth Anniversary
(req. by the Kandro Family)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 7:00 a.m. George Sember
(req. by Ann Sember & Family)
12:05 p.m. Louis Tonucci, Sr. & Louis Tonucci, Jr.
(req. by Bernadette Tonucci)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 7:00 a.m. for the faculty and students of St. Joseph School
12:05 p.m. Stephen Kosturko
(req. by the Family)
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:00 a.m. Jessica Kulikowski
(req. by the Perry Hill School Cafeteria Staff)
12:05 p.m. a special intention for Annie Horrocks
(req. by the Swiatek Family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 7:00 a.m. Sr. Alice Keating: Birthday Anniversary
(req. by John & Helen Lull)
9:00 a.m. School Mass: James Clancy & baby Ellyot
(req. by Arlene Clancy & Family)
12:05 p.m. William Connors
(req. by Muriel Monahan & Family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Pasquale Siraco, Jr.
(req. by Frances Russo)
5:30 p.m. Ann DelMastro Lepkowski
(req. by Tony & Rose DelMastro)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:30 a.m. Ronald Dziekan
(req. by the Connolly Family)
9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
10:30 a.m. Ilario & Caterina Sanzo
(req. by the Sanzo Family)
12:00 noon por un aumento de las vocaciones
sacerdotales y religiosas
12:15 p.m. Ronald J. Setkoski, Sr.
(req. by Jose & Socorro Lugo)
5:00 p.m. Toby Bertanza
(req. by Jennie Bertanza)

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NICK

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Mark: 1:22.

This week is Catholic Schools Week across this great country of ours, and when given an opportunity to see and hear everything good going on in our Catholic schools you – too – would be astonished.

I am a very proud graduate of Sacred Heart parochial school in Stamford and looking back at those years, I know I am a better person for having experienced solid Catholic Christian education. Through eight years my classmates and I learned the tenets of the faith as well as the times tables and how to write legibly in script. Some lessons we learned from books and other lessons were gained by the sometimes difficult tests of honesty, discipline and growing up. It is only by looking back I realize that God's all powerful Grace was working through it all. I not only survived eight years of Catholic education but, in fact, because of the experiences I am able to navigate through the often turbulent seas of falsehood today.

For over eighty years the students of our beloved Saint Joseph School have been taught not only the beauty of diversity, but also the appreciation of the unity of being one Body, one Spirit in Christ. Our students are taught all the beauty of science, mathematics, literature, music, art, sports, public speaking and leadership – but under the awesome authority of the Lord. Our students at their own individual and unique pace learn who Jesus is and how to follow Him throughout their life on this earth. I am a product of both Catholic and public education systems but like our Senior Youth Group's motto, I am **"Catholic to the Core"**! Would I be getting myself into trouble if I claim that especially today, a child needs a solid well-rounded education? By well-rounded I mean first and foremost that all wisdom and knowledge comes from God. It was only because I had my faith and was going to Mass every Sunday that I was able to endure and stay on the right path.

In "Our Christian Heritage" by James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, published in 1889, are the following words:

"Men may wage against us the most unrelenting persecutions. They may rob us of our civil and religious liberty. They may force us to prostrate ourselves before their idol, but they cannot compel us to worship it...no surrender!"

As long as we all have life and breathe let us celebrate proudly – our Catholic faith! Amen.

- Father Nick Pavia

SCHOOL NEWS

**St. Joseph
Catholic
School**

St. Joseph School fact of the week: while the school principal is directly responsible for curriculum, programs and personnel, reporting to the Superintendent of Schools, the School Advisory Board assists and guides with strategic planning, finance, facilities, marketing and development activities.

**OPEN HOUSE AND SOCIAL SUNDAY
THIS WEEKEND!**

Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 29 through Friday, February 3 and will begin with a special **Open House and Social Sunday on Sunday, January 29 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.**, hosted by the Home-School Association. All are invited to stop by the school for a tour conducted by our wonderful students and for some refreshments and fellowship!

“Preparations for Catholic Schools Week are in full swing. Don’t forget to stop in and visit us on Sunday for our Open House as announced above. Our faculty, staff and students will be happy to show you around and you can see examples of our students’ work. A list of our whole staff, including their degrees and certifications, is available for those who are interested in sending their children to us.

Each week I will be telling you about one of our staff. This week’s choice is a person always willing to do anything asked of her. Perhaps that’s because she graduated from SJS, SJHS and Sacred Heart University, but we think it’s because she really gets “the message.” Congratulations to Jackie Slosser who also sent her three children here and to Catholic high schools and colleges. She very well could be an accountant but prefers to be here where the love grows.

Giuseppe Bordieri, of Prospect, the step-father of Mrs. Antoinette Oldakowski and Mrs. Josephine Huben, other wonderful members of our faculty, passed this past week. The family requested that donations in his memory be made to our school.

Congratulations to Jasmine Thengumthyl, one of our graduates and a Senior at Sacred Heart Academy who was recently inducted into Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society. See you Sunday!

*Love and prayers,
Arlene Clancy”*

Congratulations to Grace Munson, the winner of week 12’s \$50 cash prize in the 25-Week Dinner Club!! It’s not too late to join to be eligible for the **17 more drawings ranging from \$50 to \$500 plus a closing banquet.** For info, call Mary Ann Miller (203-922-1673) or Ginny Harger (203-924-8611).

MEN’S CLUB NEWS

All men of the parish are invited to the **Men’s Club meeting on Friday, February 3 at 7 p.m.** in the Upper Room. Come meet some old friends and make new ones! We are a social club for all men of St. Joseph’s. Enjoy a great dinner and refreshments. We will be discussing the upcoming Annual Ziti Dinner and Bingo Night which will be held Saturday, February 18. The proceeds will be donated to the St. Joseph Capital Improvement Fund. If you have any questions, call Dennis at 203-924-0923.

COME CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE!

All married couples are invited to attend a fun night out on **Saturday, February 11 from 7-11 p.m.** in the Church Hall. A short program to reinforce the positive aspects of your marriage will be followed by music and dancing. Cost per couple is \$10; BYOB; snacks and setups will be provided. To register please contact Jeff and Terry Pearce by calling 203-463-8528 or by sending an email to jtpearce5@hotmail.com.

**PASTOR’S
WISH LIST**



The Parish Finance Council has approved a pilot grant from the Pastore Fund to hire a part-time Advancement/Development Director for St. Joseph School. Parishioners and others, who have development and marketing experience, including expertise in using an alumni database, are invited to submit an application themselves or to serve on the Search Subcommittee. For more info, please contact Mary Ann Miller of the Parish Finance Council at 203-922-1673.

CALENDAR OF SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

- Rosary (11:30 a.m., Monday - Friday, Church).
- 29 R.C.I.A. (10 a.m., Religious Ed. meeting room).
- 31 Eucharistic Adoration (after 12:05 p.m. Mass-7 p.m., Chapel).
- 1 Charismatic Prayer Group (7 p.m., Upper Room).
- Fr. Nick’s Bible Study (7 p.m., Pastoral Center).
- 2 Miraculous Medal Novena (7 p.m., Chapel).
- Hispanic Intercessory group (7 p.m., Upper Room).
- 3 Eucharistic Adoration (after 12:05 p.m. Mass-7 p.m., Chapel).
- 4 Sons of St. Joseph (6:30 a.m., Pastoral Center).
- Hispanic Charismatic group (7 p.m., Upper Room).

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 29 St. Joseph School Open House (9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.).
- Social Sunday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., School Gym).
- Spanish Choir practice (11 a.m., Upper Room).
- Senior Youth Group 6 p.m., Upper Room).
- 1 Choir rehearsal (7:30 p.m., Choir Loft).
- 2 T.O.P.S. (6:30 p.m., Pastoral Center meeting room).
- 3 Hispanic Youth Group (4:30 p.m., Upper Room).
- Men’s Club meeting (6:30 p.m., Upper Room).



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP
Catholic To The Core

All high school age youth are invited to attend SJYG events.
Meetings are 6-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

Sunday, January 29: 5 p.m. *Youth Group Mass* followed by meeting in the Upper Room 6 - 8:30 p.m. Meeting to include: leadership finale, witness talk, planning for February service project, planning for "Invite Night," permission slips for Convivio and other Lenten projects.

CAN-DO COMPANY

"Can-Do Company" is for boys and girls in grades 5-8.
Meetings are 6-8 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. All are welcome!

Sunday, January 29: no meeting.

Sunday, February 5: even though it is Super Bowl Sunday, we will still have a meeting for those who can come.

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND
SPECIAL SOCIAL SUNDAY**

Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 29 through Friday, February 3 and will begin with a special *School Open House* combined with *Social Sunday on Sunday, January 29 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.*, hosted by the Home-School Association. All are invited to stop by the school gym for a tour and refreshments.

ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to serve as *Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament* during our extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and evenings. If you can commit to *one hour*, weekly or bi-weekly on either *Tuesday (especially) or Friday* from about *12:40 - 7 p.m.*, please contact Msgr. Chris or Sister Rita at the Parish Office.

**SENIOR ALTAR SERVER
SPECIAL MEETING**

A planning meeting for all senior altar servers in grades 8 through high school) will be held in February in the Rectory. *All senior altar servers are asked to plan on attending one of the two meetings, EITHER* Saturday, February 4 at 10 a.m. **OR** Sunday, February 12 at 5 p.m. For more information contact Msgr. Chris.



Women's Retreat: April 20 - 22, 2012 at Enders Island, Mystic, Connecticut beginning 5 p.m. on Friday and ending 1 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$170 for the weekend. Deposit is needed to reserve your spot by February 11, 2012. *Contact Linda Gorel at 203-814-0307.*



**"HONOR OUR PAST -
INVEST IN OUR FUTURE"**

2011 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to those who have already made pledges to our Capital Campaign. *After 12 weeks, pledges total \$826,275, 75% of our goal!* The active phase of our campaign concludes at the end of January; if you have not had the opportunity to fill out a pledge card, we invite you to take one from the end of the pew, fill it out and either place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Please note: because of the large demand for "Named Memorial" plaques at the \$5,000 and \$10,000 pledge level, eight more gift opportunities for the Church Hall sanctuary and sacristy have been added to those already announced.

Sincerest thanks to the over 300 parish families who have already pledged to our Church and Hall Renovation Project!!

PLEDGE PAYMENT INFORMATION

Monthly statements were mailed to all who will be making pledge payments on an installment basis. If you have not received a statement, please call Ginny or Sheila at the Parish Office. *Thank you!*

APARTMENT FOR RENT

A cozy, second-floor, one-bedroom apartment with new appliances and affordable gas heat is available for rent in the parish-owned Victorian house at 30 Fairmont Place. To make an appointment to view the apartment, please call our parish plant manager, *Bob Mingrone (1-203-803-5397).*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist at the *monthly Masses and weekly Rosary services* held at Hewitt Rehabilitation and at Apple (Shelton Lakes) Rehabilitation. Please call Helen Lull at the Pastoral Office (203-924-7885) on Monday or Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon for more info. *Thank you!*

COLLECTION REPORT

January 21 - 22, 2012

Sunday offertory (299 env.):	\$7,448.90
EFT offertory (53 env.):	1,973.54
Late offertory (20 env.):	666.00
Total:	\$10,088.44
<i>Church in Latin America (90 env.)</i>	<i>\$1,063.04</i>

Thank you for your generosity! For more info about our electronic offertory option, please visit our parish website.

