The Presentation of The Lord February 2, 2020



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Sacrament of the **Eucharist:**

Mass: Mon-Fri: 7:30am Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm **Sunday:** 8:00am &

10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm -3:30pm and anytime by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick:

Call the rectory anytime a person is sick and would like anointing or a visit

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434 1660, if you want to learn more about becoming a priest or deacon, or contact Fr. Greg Galvin, Vocations Office: 860 887

Sacrament of **Matrimony:**

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Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony. Please call our parish office.

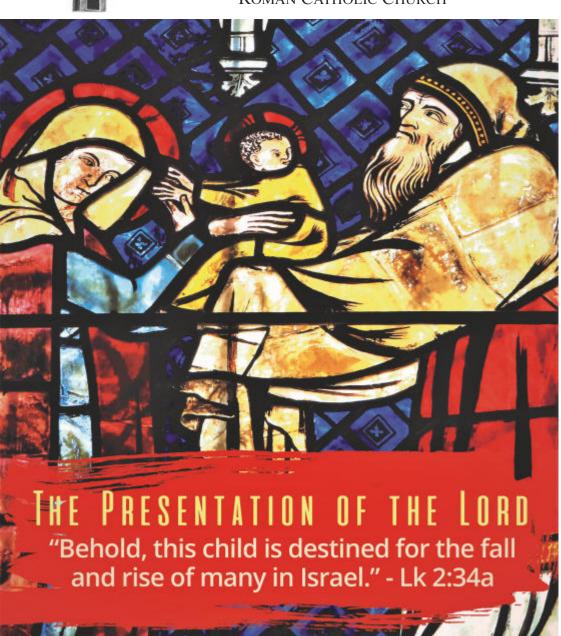
Sacrament of **Confirmation:**

Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in the 10th grade. Adults can join the RCIA.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am& 6:30pm (No evening Mass the day before the Holy Day.) The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

Sexual Misconduct Services: 800-624-7407



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Winter Weather

If there is a school cancellation or delay due to snow, morning Mass will be celebrated at 12:00pm noon.

MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Feb. 1

4:00pm Richard H. Miller r/b Barbara Burns and daughters

SUNDAY February 2 THE PRENTATION OF THE LORD; World Day for Consecrated Life

Jeanne Nagle r/b her son, Fr. Walter 8:00am

10:30am Siro and Ellen Ann Toffolon

Austin Gillis r/b his friends Andy and Adrienne

Mon. Feb. 3 St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop Jeanne Nagle r/b her son, Fr. Walter 7:30am

Tues. Feb. 4

7:30am For the morning mass attendees & their intentions r/b Mark Whalen

Wed. Feb. 5 St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:30am For Joe and Paul on their birthdays r/b Mom & Dad Thurs. Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:30am Bernadette Bauer r/b Paul and Jeanne Carroll Fri. Feb. 7

7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Sat. Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

4:00pm Jephson O'Connell

SUNDAY February 9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Catherine and Agnes Martin 8:00am

10:30am Karl and Hilde Jahn r/b their granddaughter & family

For All Married Couples

The SANCTUARY lamp for this week will be lit for Karl and Hilde Jahn.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven. Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on relevant 550AM radio what we do together, on our common unity,

and on the mystery and person of Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY (Luke 2:22-40)

Today's celebration can be seen as another "epiphany" of sorts, whereby Jesus is recognized as the one who will fulfill the Jewish people's messianic expectations. Jesus is the one who comes to purify and refine humanity and provide us with proper direction and focus. Jesus also presents himself to each one of us. Will we accept him as he is or only as we want or need him to be? The Gospel message is meant to be heard whole and entire. When it

is, it is always a very challenging, table-turning experience that can make even the holiest among us feel a bit uncomfortable. Being purified and refined never comes easy and requires that we give ourselves fully to

God and His design. Are we willing to do so?

Recognize God in Ordinary Moments

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of lifechanging stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10 /Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

[8a]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-

6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 /Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12 /Mk 6:7-13 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51 /Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

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Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/

Mt 5:13-16



New Altar Server Training:

After All Masses THIS Weekend,



Feb. 1 and Feb. 2

Please plan to stay after mass for a brief training session. We need new altar servers at all masses, but especially at the 4pm Vigil Mass. (Children must have received their First Holy Communion.)

New altar servers will fill in a short form indicating mass preferences and contact information.

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday 9:30-11:30am

"Walking With Purpose", a 22 week Bible Study with refreshments & childcare. Grow in faith through fellowship with other women & learn how scripture applies to your everyday life. Contact Suzanne 860-759-6769, Suzanne WWP@gmail.com, or Renee 949-337-3426, ReneePray@hotmail.com



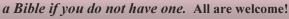
Have you been thinking about praying the Rosary with a committed group praying for peace and other's needs?

Give us a try... we are a small group who meets regularly (**Tuesday @ 4:30pm**). We welcome

more devotion to Our Lady as she urges us to "Pray the Rosary".

The Thursday Bible Study, 9:00 - 10:30am

The regular meeting place will be in the large classroom. Deuteronomy is the subject of this year's study. *Come join us - we can loan you*



A new group, a <u>Small Christian Community</u> has begun meeting at 7pm, Wednesday evenings, at Christ the King Church. Open to *any adults interested in discussing the past Sunday's scriptures* and what effect these readings have on their lives. Any questions please call Peter Kulas at 203-490-7766. Hope to see you there!

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Children's Choir	Tuesday 6:15pm
Adult Choir	Tuesday 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration	M-F 6:15-7:15am
'God Squad' Prayer Group N	A-F mornings after 7:30am mass
Rosary	Tuesday 4:30 pm
Men's Club	1 st Thursday 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group	1 st Wednesday 7:00pm
Small Christian Community (scriptur	re sharing) Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study (for all)	Thursday 9:00am
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday 9:30am
Parish Pot Luck Supper	last Friday of month 6:00pm
Shoreline Soup Kitchen Sign-up	2nd Sun, even months
Shoreline Soup Kitchen Serve (Sat. breakfa	
N.L. Soup Kitchen Sign-up	1st Sun, odd months
N.L. Soup Kitchen <u>Serve</u> (Sun. Supper)	2nd Sun, odd months

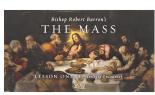
Sanctuary Candle

Beginning this month, the Sanctuary Candle may be reserved on a *weekly* basis in memory of and to honor a loved one.

Suggested donation is \$25.



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www.WordOnFire.org • Mass.WordOnFire.org Tuesdays: 2/18/2020 through 03/31/3020

Morning session: 10-11:45am at St John Sheridan Center.

Evening session: 7-8:45pm at St. Mark's
Information and registration:
Clare Rayder 860-304-4946, or clamaray@gmail.com

Bereavement Ministry:

We gather on the

2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the St. John's rectory.

If you want to be with others who understand feelings of loss, please join us. Contact: Donna MacNeill 860-395-7326.



This Year

Last Year (2019)

Jan.19, 2020 \$ 7,145.56

\$ 6,601.08

Jan. 26, 2020 \$7,424.56

\$ 8,072.08

Thank You for your generosity!

Do you want to register with the parish? Welcome!

Have you changed your address, are you moving out of or into the parish, or would like to receive envelopes? Please call the office, 860-434-1669. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: I McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 0637
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It starts with a good word. (World Day For Consecrated Life) Did you know that a surprising number of sisters, brothers, and priests say that they first considered a vocation to religious life simply because someone—a teacher, friend, or relative suggested it to them? Did someone point out to you early in life that you'd be good at sales or carpentry or design—or whatever it is you now do for a living? Do the same for a young person you know, if you see in them qualities that would suit them to religious life. You might be planting the seed of a future vocation.



Keynote Speaker

Danielle Bean

Author of ...

You Are

Enough: What

Women of the

Bible Teach

You About

Your Mission

and Worth

Welcome women of all ages! Our Tapestry of Faith: Affirming Feminine Gifts and Strengths

^{10th} Annual Norwich Women's Conference Co-sponsored by: Office of Faith Events and Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9 am-3 pm



St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT

Afternoon Workshop **Options** 1- Faith & Family 2- Women of the Bible

3- Prayer Always/ All Ways 4- Mary Not A Gentle Woman 5- Our Sisters' Stories

6- Faith Sharing

Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote - Reconciliation and adoration

Registration Fee: (includes lunch*) By February 21, 2019... \$30 After February 22, 2019 \$40 Students \$20 Religious are free!

Deadline for registration March 13, 2020 No refunds or event transfers Please bring a canned good for those in need! *Gluten Free lunch option will be available* Babes in arms welcome!

February 24- March 2, BUY one ticket get the 2nd HALF PRICE

Register online at www.norwichdiocese.org

Or contact Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360 860-848-2237 ext. 304

See the parish office box in hallway for registration forms.

FAITH SPARKS!

Please look for the Office of Faith Events' new column: "Faith Sparks" in the 4 County Catholic newspaper and online. This past month's column entitled "Pope Francis Calls Us to Bear Witness to Jesus", discusses how to come to learn who God is within the framework of family life. MaryJo McLaughlin of Catholic Family Services writes, "There are many simple and subtle ways to give witness to your faith." To find these tips and read this entire article, visit: NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

Catholic Charities invites you to SAVE THE DATE, APRIL 18, 2020 Come and celebrate 99 years of Providing Help & Creating Hope for our neighbors in need at our Hope Anchors the Soul Gala!



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JOY of LOVE Sat., Feb. 8th

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your spouse?

Next Sunday is World Marriage Day, the perfect time to recognize and affirm the Sacrament of

Marriage! In honor of World Marriage Day, the Diocese is sponsoring a Marriage Enrichment Saturday Feb. 8 at St. Mary Parish Hall, Jewett City, entitled The Joy of Love, based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia.

The Jov of Love and will feature four talks on: Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. This enrichment will reenergize a couple's marriage and deepen their faith through practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life.

> Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Saint Mary Church Hall 34 North Main St., Jewett City, CT 06351

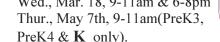
2019 Annual Catholic Appeal



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Open Houses 2020

Wed., Mar. 18, 9-11am & 6-8pm





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- Come visit also on "Walkabout Wednesdays". Parents are invited to visit St. John School on Wednesday mornings from 9-10am to experience a typical day. You will have the opportunity to tour the facilities, peek in on the classrooms, tour the gym, computer lab, science lab, Spanish/music room, library, gymnasium and briefly meet with the Principal. These special tours will be offered on Feb. 5, March 4, 11, April 8, 22, May 6. Registration is required. You are invited to hear about

"Educating the Whole Child" from PreK3 to Grade 8. Registration for 2020/21 academic year will commence in February 2020, after current student enrollment. For more information and to register for open house or "Walkabout Wednesdays", see our website, saintjohnschoolos.org. To arrange private tours or a shadow day for your child, please call the school office (860) 388 0849. All are welcome.

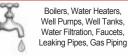
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