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Mass:

Mon. -Fri.:

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Sat. Vigil: 5:00PM

**Sunday: 8:00AM
& 10:30AM**

Adoration:

M-F: 6:30-7:30AM

**Reconciliation :
(Confession)**

**Saturday: 4:00pm -
4:30pm and *anytime* by
appointment.**

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FIRST WEEK OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 20

5:00pm Jane M. Rubelmann r/b granddaughter & family
Thomas and Carmen Baldi r/b their daughter Sharon

SUNDAY Feb. 21 FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

8:00am Kathleen Shine r/b a friend
10:30am Richard Teahan r/b Pete and Betty Gallagher

Mon. Feb. 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00am Jephson O'Connell

Tues. Feb. 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am Conrad Brault r/b his wife Judy

Wed. Feb. 24

8:00am Catherine and Agnes Martin

Thur. Feb. 25

8:00am Parishioners of Christ the King

6:00pm Parishioners of Christ the King

Fri. Feb. 26

8:00am Jean-Jacques Meissner r/b Bob & Sue Staab

Sat. Feb. 27

5:00pm Linda Manjoney r/b Al & Mary Ann Taday
Elizabeth K. Planeta r/b James & Nancy Birge
Mattie Van Gorden r/b Karen & Warren Kopec

SUNDAY Feb. 28 SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

8:00am Nell O'Donoghue r/b Michael & Mary Lou Rice
10:30am Sybil Gonyo r/b Adam & Margaret Kuhn

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**COME TO SUNDAY or SATURDAY
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(Public WEEKEND Masses began on July 4, 2020
SAT: 5pm, SUN: 8am & 10:30am

...OR WEEKDAY MASS
(began June 8, 2020) M-F: 8AM

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote,
Bishop of Norwich, has dispensed of the
Sunday Mass obligation.

As of Nov. 6, limitations on religious worship are now 25% building capacity or 100 people as amended by CT's Governor. We comply with state orders by social distancing, every other pew is taped and unused; masks are to be worn by attendees and hand sanitizer used at the entrance. norwichdiocese.org.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitoes, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Lent Through The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Lenten Mission

Streaming on
Sun., Feb. 21, 7-8PM
on You Tube
Presented by
Deacon Ben LoCasto.



It has been said that if all the Bibles in the world and all the words of God suddenly disappeared, and if only one piece of Scripture remained, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, this parable would be enough of the Gospel to guide Christians in the Way of Christ. Please join us to more deeply explore the meaning of Lent by reflecting on the Parable the Lost Son, the Jealous Older Brother, and the Merciful Father. Go to Youtube to watch. Premiers Sunday, Feb. 21 at 7pm: [youtube.com/watch?v=6qVmJWLvYZ0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qVmJWLvYZ0&feature=youtu.be)

Thank you for your past support of the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, providing funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2021 ACA, One Faith, One Family, we thank God for the strength and love we've received from Him during this past year. Relying on ONE FAITH, we have uplifted our brothers and sisters in ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 13/14, 2021. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it. **Launch Weekend: March 6/7.**



Please join us VIRTUALLY
Saturday, March 13, 2021, from 9 AM to noon,
for the **Spring Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference**. Joining us will be keynote speaker, author, storyteller, and retreat leader, **Julianne Stanz**. Julianne has authored the book Developing Disciples for Christ, is the Director of Parish Life and Evangelization for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and is a consultant for the USCCB committee on Catechesis and Evangelization. Cost is \$10, to register online go to www.norwichdiocese.org or contact The Office of Faith Events: 860-848-2237, manicholas@norwichdiocese.net
***Virtual Basket Raffle to benefit the 2021 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference. **Raffle is open to all from Feb. 13 - March 14, winners will be notified March 15. Chance are \$1.** Simply use the following link below to participate <https://go.rallyup.com/baskets> or send a check with your basket choices by **March 5th** to: Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360, attention: Marianne ***

Operation Rice Bowl

Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life



Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

Lenten Observances

- **Confessions:** every Saturday at 4:00pm and by appointment.
- **Stations of the Cross:** every Friday at 7:00pm
- **Come to Mass:** M-F at 8:00am, Thursdays at 6pm, Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 8 and 10:30am.
- **Adoration:** Daily M-F at 6:30-7:30am
- **Almsgiving:** take a **CRS Rice Bowl** from the narthex
- **Devotionals:**
 - ~ **The Little Black Book** - take one from the narthex
 - ~ Daily **Lenten Reflections** from Augustine Institute sign up at formed.org/lent
 - ~ Daily, **Fr. Rocky's Lenten Lesson on the Mass;** sign up at relevantradio.com
 - ~ Daily **Video Reflections** with Best Lent Ever; sign up at dynamiccatholic.com
- **Bible Reading:** Podcasts/Reading list: **The Bible in a Year** with Fr. Mike Schmitz; sign up at ascensionpress.com

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9 /1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6 /Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: EstC:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10





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Lenten Message, 2021

“And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.” Matthew 6:18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

In the Gospel reading offered for our reflection each Ash Wednesday, the Lord instructs His disciples that when we pray, fast, and perform works of charity, we are not to do so in a public manner that would draw attention to ourselves or with the praise and admiration of others. Instead, we are instructed to give “in secret”, to go to our “inner room” to pray, and to give no outward indication that we are fasting. The Lord is cautioning His disciples to be on guard against behaving like hypocrites who do these things in an overtly public manner that they may appear, in the estimation of others, to be holy and righteous. By contrast, the Lord correctly reminds us that these spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are done, not for us, but in supplication and praise to Almighty God as well as for the good of our neighbors that we are called to serve. So it is that the Lord promises that we will be rewarded for our efforts in these areas, not by the world, but by the “Father who sees what is hidden.”

As we begin another Lent, particularly after a year that has been very difficult for so many, it is important for us to remember that nothing escapes the loving gaze of our Heavenly Father. The physical separation necessitated by the ongoing pandemic has resulted in many changes to the way we live our lives of prayer and the manner in which we practice our Catholic faith. Due to the restrictions placed on public worship gatherings, and the fear experienced by many in the face of this pandemic, members of the faithful have been unable to attend Mass in person and receive our Lord in Holy Communion. This has constituted a great spiritual sacrifice for many. Similarly, we have been unable to celebrate the major feast of our faith as we normally would with family and friends. In addition, many in the health care field and front-line workers have made great personal sacrifices in service to others. These challenges, difficulties, and sacrifices, along with many others, have been borne by individuals, largely in secret. It seems, therefore, that the Lord wants to reassure us that the sacrifices and suffering of this past year have not gone unnoticed by our heavenly Father who will reward our fidelity.

There is also, however, a continued challenge contained in these timely words of our Lord: we must never grow complacent with regard to the development of our spiritual lives, no matter the challenges and the external circumstances or limitations we face. It is likely that we will continue to be called upon to sacrifice and to endure comparable challenges for the foreseeable future. Recognizing this reality, we must resist the temptation to close in on ourselves or to despair. We can and should be confident that God is inviting us, here and now, in the midst of these present circumstances, to embrace the Cross in the quiet depths of our hearts. He is likewise inviting us anew to make use of the spiritual discipline of this Lent together with the tools of prayer, fasting, and works of charity to grow closer to Him and to one another, despite our physical separation. If we persist in this work, we can be assured that the Father, who sees our hidden, will reward us with an abundance of His grace.

May Mary, our mother and model, who stood with great love and fidelity at the foot of the Cross, continue to accompany us through these challenging times as we journey together to the enduring light and hope of Easter.

God bless you and may you have a Holy Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

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 contact the office, 860-434-1669, or ctkoldlyme@aol.com. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371


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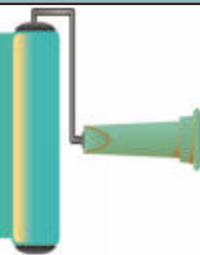
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