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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Mar 10, 5:00 pm (English)

+ Father Richard Archambault

Sunday, Mar 11, 9:00 am (English)

+ Emma Stielau r/b Peter Stielau

Sunday, Mar 11, 12 noon, (Spanish)

Monday, Mar 12, 2018, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Mar 13, 5:00 pm.

+ James Czepiel (7th ann)

r/b Carole Czepiel

Wednesday, Mar 14, 5:00 pm

+ Charlotte Traposso, r/b family

Thursday, Mar 15, 5:00 pm

Friday, Mar 16, 6:00 pm, BILINGUAL

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, Mar 17, 5:00 pm (English)

+ Frances Geroux (15<sup>th</sup> ann)

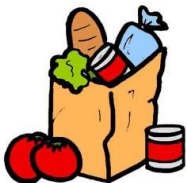
r/b Bob & Joan Kenefick

Sunday, Mar 18, 9:00 am (English)

Sunday, Mar 18, 12 noon, (Spanish)

## BIBLE STUDY (English)

Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.



**WEEKLY  
CEREAL &  
CAN GOODS  
REPORT**  
25 lbs. & \$5.00



## RICE BOWLS

can be returned on Palm Sunday or sooner if they are full.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11 2018

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mar 4, 2018 = \$3,806.00

Mar 6, 2017 = \$4,472.00

**YTD (Year to Date)**

2017/18 = \$129,317.00

2016/17 = \$113, 850.00

## THERE IS ONLY ONE COLLECTION

**THIS WEEKEND**

## REST IN PEACE

Reverend Richard Archambault, Director of Project Northeast and Chaplain to the Sisters at Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam.

## 2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC

## APPEAL

The theme of this year's campaign is

**"STANDING TOGETHER TO BUILD THE  
FUTURE"**

This week we have the in-pew solicitation. We should have all received literature in the mail. The ACA is vital to helping so many people in our Diocese. We are going through some very difficult financial times and asking for money is not a popular thing to do. However, the ACA helps a lot of people that really need it. Please be generous.

## HINKA'S CUPBOARD

**THANK YOU** for the clothing drive! Jim and I brought 50+ bags and we will receive a check for \$120 for Hinka's Cupboard. Well done! Our next pantry date is March 29th.

If you would like to donate, we could use tuna pasta sauce.

In another note, I will be running the Easter Egg Hunt after the 9 am mass. I am in need of candy to put in the eggs. I will set up a bin in church to collect donations. Thanks! Nettie S.



## ATTENDANCE FOR

Mar 3 & 4, 2018

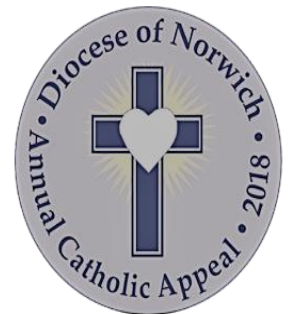
Sat. 5:00 pm = 69

Sun. 9:00 am = 98

Sun. 12 noon = 150

**TOTAL = 317**

**HEALING PRAYERS FOR:** Billy & Kathy Kowalski, Helen LoGuidice Bousquet, Ethan Heng, Robert Rau, Rick Csuhata, Lydia Perez, Jack Romegialli, Bob Olson, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf.



DONATE NOW

Our parish goal this year is \$23,753.00. Last year we raised \$23,255.00.

## EDWARDS TWINS TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Don't miss this opportunity to see this unique impersonation act by the Number One impersonators, The World Famous Edwards Twins. Payment in full must be made by April 15th. The total cost is \$78 for the show and meal at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Transportation is on your own. The balance due for those who have made their \$28 deposit is \$50. Registration forms available at the church entrances. Any questions, contact Sue Gombotz, (860) 346-1870.

## MILITARY WHIST MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

Our St. Francis' Military Whist Card Party is April 18.

However, a great deal of preparation goes into having this; and we need the support of our parish to make this a Special Event. Traditional Military Whist Parties provide a light meal, door prizes, raffle prizes—and require a large number of volunteers. Therefore, we would like to meet and organize our event. The men of our parish are invited as well as the women to this event. The details for the meeting are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m. (prior to the Bible Study)

Place: Fox Parish Center

Donations: Door Prizes & Raffle Prizes Needed (or if you prefer a Monetary Donation)

Topics for Discussion: Menu & Volunteers

Volunteers Needed to:

Help Set Up the Hall

Sell Tickets at the Door

Sell Regular Raffle Tickets

Sell 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Donate two dozen finger sandwiches

Donate desserts

Tend to the Food/Dessert / Beverage Stations

Give out Raffle & Door Prizes

Please let me know if you will be attending this meeting, or if you are unable to attend and want to help out. Thank You. ☺ Sue (860) 346-1870 or [sgombotz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgombotz@sbcglobal.net).

After the meeting there will be a demonstration for anyone interested in learning to play whist.

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR HINKA'S CUPBOARD TO THE MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY AND RECEIVE AN EXTRA DOOR PRIZE TICKET



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**REMINDER:** If the weather is bad and you do not feel safe coming to church, stay home! Your personal safety is the most important thing.

## UPCOMING BUS TRIPS & DINNER SHOW

Please note that there are flyers at the entrances of the church for our three scheduled bus trips and the Edward Twins dinner show at the Aqua Turf.

The \$28 deposit for the Edward Twins is due now.

The Saratoga Race Course and tour of Saratoga Springs' \$20 deposit is due by April 1.

"Jesus" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA's & Longwood Gardens' \$100 deposit is due by April 6.

**THE BUS TRIP** to Fenway Park has been  canceled  due to lack of interest.

The good news is that we have added the Newport Playhouse for Wednesday, November 28. The Playhouse's play will be "Doublewide Texas Christmas" It is a hilarious, fast-paced comedy. The cost is \$100 which includes the Great Buffet (Hot & Cold Entrees, Desserts and Beverage), the Play, and lastly a Cabaret Show.

If you have any questions concerning these trips, please contact Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870 or email her at [sgombotz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgombotz@sbcglobal.net).

## FROM FATHER KENNEDY

My trip to Ireland is all set. June 3 – June 12, 2018. Cost \$3,499.00 leaving and returning to JFK. If you are interested, please give me a call at 860-334-8925.

## GIFT PROGRAM

Next Sunday, March 18

## Lenten reflection by Fr. John Gallagher, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Middletown.

Lent IV Laetare! Traditionally this is known as "Laetare" (Rejoice) Sunday", a point in the Lenten Season which marks our joy in the fact that we are that much closer to the renewal of our Baptism and the celebration of that of the elect. The name of the day comes from the Latin translation of the first words of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem," it urges us, "Be glad for her, you who love her, rejoice with her, you who mourned for her!" The rose colored vestments that are sometimes worn are a sign of the changes that are awaiting after the celebration of the Passion and death of the Lord.

Easter is fast approaching! the day of our salvation! How are your Lenten practices going? It's not too late to start. We are told in the Gospel that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". That love is for all of us, even those of us who got off to a late or rocky start. It's never too late to turn to the Lord. May your Lent be fruitful and grace-filled!

## **United Action Connecticut - Our Mission -**

Strengthening communities by bringing people and congregations together to foster initiatives for improving lives through social justice work - this is the mission and purpose of United Action Connecticut. United Action is an interfaith, multi-racial, multi-lingual organization crossing political, economic and urban/suburban boundaries. We hope that you will join us in our pursuits to advance civil rights for immigrants, improve health care access, build awareness for mental illness, and to lobby for key legislation in these areas. - Our parish belongs to this fine organization and if you would like to get more involved, please contact me.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE IS NOT AN OPTION FOR CATHOLICS – IT IS BASIC GOSPEL 101**

### **KEEP IN CONTACT**

If you know a parishioner who is now unable to attend mass for whatever reason, please call the office so we can send them a bulletin and bring them Holy Communion.

### **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

**QUESTION:** Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

**ANSWER:** The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini pilgrimage and following in the footsteps of Jesus. This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

**GIFT PROGRAM - GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER** is a monthly bi-lingual religious education program which brings together children, parents and grandparents to learn about their faith and grow together as a family. The class meets from October to May between the 9:00 am and 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, beginning with light refreshments at 10:00 am in the parish hall, with instruction running from 10:20 am - 11:50 am. This is a great opportunity to learn about the church and the teachings of Jesus in an engaging and interactive way. It also provides the opportunity for families who attend the different masses in the parish to get to know each other. The program is open to all, not just those preparing for sacraments, and not just active parish members. Please spread the word so this can be a successful and rewarding program. Please join us on the following dates: Sunday, March 18 Sunday, April 8 Sunday, May 6.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT and Nov 2-4, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at [860-315-2127](tel:860-315-2127) or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

### **MARCH FOR MERCY WELCOMING FAMILIES**

Join us for the March for Mercy at St. Joseph's in Willimantic for the March for Mercy on March 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am – 2 pm. Families are welcome to join us as we strengthen our Love for God and his people through overcoming discrimination and racism. Families will learn about the topic of love and inclusivity, march through Willimantic with promoting God's Love for all, and rally with national speaker Vince Nims. Please register in advance, the cost is \$10 per person and \$25 for a family of 3 or more. Registrations can be received by calling [\(860\)848-2237](tel:860-848-2237) ex. 305 or email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)

### **ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN HIS HOLY SHROUD**

Save the Date: Friday, April 13, 2018

St. Pius X is sponsoring an Encounter with Jesus Christ through His Holy Shroud. Presented by Donald Nobs, known as the Apostle of the Holy Shroud. Don will reveal in detail the Passion, Suffering and Resurrection of Our Lord through the mysteries of the Shroud. An opportunity you will NOT want to miss as Don leads us into the Love of Our Lord. Doors open at 6:30 pm.