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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Apr 14, 5:00 pm (English)

+ Marjorie Coughlin, 12 ann), r/b Joan and Bob Kenefick.

Sunday, Apr 15, 9:00 am (English)

70th birthday of Father Kennedy

Sunday, Apr 15, 12 noon, (Spanish)

Monday, Apr 16, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Apr 17, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Apr 18, 5:00 pm

Thursday, Apr 19, 5:00 pm

+ Betty Tichy, r/b the family

Friday, Apr 20, NO MASS

Saturday, Apr 21, 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday, Apr 22, 9:00 am (English)

Sunday, Apr 22, 12 noon, (Spanish)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2018

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Apr 08, 2018 = \$3,159.00

Apr 09, 2017 = \$3,539.00

YTD (Year to Date)

2017/18 = \$148,978.00

2016/17 = \$136,731.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION

IS FOR FUEL.

REST IN PEACE

Billy Kowalski & Sherry Kellish -
Clines

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in thanksgiving by
Lois Smith

ATTENDANCE FOR

Apr 7 & 8, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm = 85

Sun. 9:00 am = 77

Sun. 12 noon = 130

TOTAL = 292

HEALING PRAYERS FOR: Kathy Kowalski, Helen LoGuidice Bousquet, Ethan Heng, Robert Rau, Rick Csuhta, Lydia Perez, Jack Romegialli, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Judith Lessane, Barbara Palanzo, Florida Gallagher..

MILITARY WHIST DATE

Wednesday, April 18,
doors open at 5:30 pm.



**WEEKLY
CEREAL &
CAN GOODS
REPORT**
61 lbs. & \$0.00

HINKA'S CUPBOARD

The next date to serve the needy is Thursday, April 26, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

If you are coming to our Military Whist party, please bring a non-perishable item for Hinka's Cupboard and receive a free door prize ticket!

Carla's Pasta in South Windsor has signed on as a sponsor!

NB: We are still a cereal parish for Amazing Grace. There is no reason we cannot support both Hinka's Cupboard and Amazing Grace. The

BIBLE STUDY (English)

No Bible Study for the next two weeks.

MILITARY WHIST

Just a reminder that our Military Whist Card Party is all set for this Wednesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. The entrance to the card party will be through the side door only. If you reserved a table, your tickets have been set aside for you; please go to the reserved ticket table and pay for your tickets there.

Reminder: Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for Hinka's Cupboard and receive an extra door prize ticket. All donations of raffle and door prizes, sandwiches, baked goods, etc. should be brought to the Parish Center before 4:00 p.m.

Setup of the hall will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, followed up by final setup of the food and prizes at 4:30 p.m. We already have 50 individuals who have reserved seats so it appears we will have a very good turnout. Thank you to everyone who has and will be contributing to this event.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HERE AT ST. FRANCIS

Adoration is held every 2nd Sunday between masses.

**Adoration/Holy hour every Thursday in April, 11 am – 5 pm.

** Sister Gloria leads this and it is mostly in Spanish.

TAXES AND BIRTHDAYS

As you probably know I am turning 70 this Sunday, the infamous tax day. I know many of our parishioners would love to be 70 again. Don't worry, I am catching up to you! I must say I feel pretty well, all things considered.

I am very pleased that we have a very happy and active parish, even though we are certainly not a wealthy parish as far as money goes. Being a bilingual parish has its own set of challenges, but I honestly think we are doing pretty well.

On Sunday afternoon, April 22, after the Spanish Mass, I am going to Fishers Island, New York, for a private retreat until Friday, April 27. I got permission from Fr. Mark O'Donnell, the pastor of St. Joseph and St. Mary parishes in New London and also the small parish on Fisher's Island, NY. He is a long-time priest friend. I will have the whole place to myself and there is also a 9-hole golf course there. What a divine coincidence!

Thank you for your continued prayers and help. As you know after having been your pastor for a little over three years, I need all the prayers I can get!

DEPOSIT DATES EXTENDED

Saratoga races & city tour - \$20 deposit now due by May 1st - Event date: August 27-28

Cost: \$298.00 pp double/triple; \$378.00 for single
Insurance available - Jesus - at Sight & Sound
Lancaster County & Longwood Gardens

DIOCESE OF NORWICH OUTREACH TO HAITI ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti annual Charity Gala, Saturday, April 28, at A Villa Louisa, Bolton CT. RSVP on-line www.outreachtohaiti.org. or call Outreach to Haiti 860 800 3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's long-standing mission in Haiti: nutrition & feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, and education program..... The evening features Dr. Jacquet, Outreach Clinic Director, a silent auction, cocktails and dinner. The price is \$100. Thank you for your support!

EDWARDS TWINS

BALANCE DUE BY APRIL 15

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.

IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP

On Friday, April 20, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, our parish will sponsor a workshop by United Action of Connecticut (UACT) called "Know Your Rights/Emergency Preparation Immigration Workshop."

The workshop will focus on what to do if you (an undocumented person) are faced with an emergency situation, distribute materials for emergency preparedness and immigration lawyer attorney Dana Bucin, a parishioner of St. Francis, will be present to answer questions.

For more information please call Jose Diaz at 678-480-9586 or Mark Kosnoff at 203-494-8526.

If you know someone who is undocumented, please tell them about this workshop.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending a Beginning Experience weekend May 4-6 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$265, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. For more information call Maureen at 860-285-8685 or Victoria at 860-993-2384, or visit www.beginningexperience.org.

THURSDAY OF RUMBA THERAPY!

Come and enjoy 60 minutes of fun!

Have fun, explore and dance listening to the music that will make you vibrate with emotion.

Salsa, Techno, Merengue, Cumbia, Samba, Bachata, or Afro-Caribbean rhythms, offer alternatives for expression and inspiration. In this fun class you will practice dance routines focused on the development of flexibility, rhythm, coordination, while strengthening your cardio-respiratory system. Challenge the routine of giving your mind and body time, developing new skills and filling yourself with well-being. You do not need previous experience

Ages: 16 years and older.

First session: April 5, 12, 19, 26. May 3 and 10

Time: 6: 00-7: 00pm

Six weeks: \$ 25 per person.

Goals: Provide a space for the development of creativity and well-being.

Build self-confidence. Provide different alternatives for expression, inspiration and socialization. Facilitate enrichment programs for the community. Promote and disseminate the culture of the movement.

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.

YARD GOATS BASEBALL

Good Afternoon Paola,
Pleasure speaking to you today, as per our conversation, my name is Shawn Perry and on behalf of the Hartford Yard Goats I want to personally invite you and your community at St. Francis to be a part of Faith & Family Day this season at Dunkin' Donuts Park! As discussed, Faith & Family Day is a special event where we celebrate the religious communities of our region with special activities and promotions at the ballpark. The event includes an On-Field Ceremony Celebrating Community Leadership as well as Special Performances by Faith Groups. Due to popular demand we will be hosting Faith & Family Day multiple times this season, including; Saturday, May 5th, Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to learn more as these dates are filling up fast and we always offer special rates to religious communities during all of our 70 Home Games! Kind Regards, Shawn

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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/>.

IMMIGRATION: A VERY DIVISIVE ISSUE

I realize that this is not a very uncomfortable reality for many of our parishioners. We do not want to be known as law breakers, but we also have to defend the defenseless. The vast majority of undocumented people are law abiding, unless you consider just being here without the proper papers a crime, hence they are law breakers. Many of the undocumented have been here for decades, working hard and paying taxes. Their children are American citizens because they were born here. Our parish has many undocumented parishioners who come to church every Sunday.

The upcoming immigration workshop on April 20, is to help the undocumented in a variety of ways. All members of our parish are invited. Dana Bucin, an immigrant from Rumania herself, is an immigration lawyer and an expert on our current immigration situation. She gives the FACTS about immigration laws and exposes the myths and lies that circulate due to the anti-immigrant lobbies and special interests.

As you may or may not know, the United States would be a no growth country if it were not for immigrants. As our country gets older, who is going to do the work? Who is going to take care of us in our old age? These are very important questions for a number of first world countries. Workers have to come from somewhere. And since we Americans are having so few children, where will the workers come from?

Pope Francis has spoken often about immigration. Here is one of his quotes;

“Migrants and refugees can experience, along with difficulties, new, welcoming relationships which enable them to enrich their new countries with their professional skills, their social and cultural heritage, and not infrequently, their witness of faith, which can bring a new energy and life to communities of ancient and Christian tradition, and invite others to encounter Christ and to come to know the Church.”

Pope Francis
Message for the 2013 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, October 12, 2012