

"To Everything There Is A Season..."

"...and a time for every purpose under heaven..."

"...a time to heal..."

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...a time to die...

†Eva Trapp

"...and a time of peace..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Let us continue to pray for our Service Men and Women

Time, Talent and Treasure

— *Stewardship as Our Way of Life*

Sunday Offering last week \$8,023.50

National Combined Collection \$2,445.00

Thank you for placing God first!

The Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of

Lorraine Perlot by Herman Perlot

The Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of

Connie Gardner by the Family

The Saint Joseph Candle

For Vocations



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.

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Music for this weekend

Entrance -Come, Worship the Lord, Missal 314

Offertory -Sing A New Song, Missal 584

Communion -How Great Thou Art, Missal 416

Recessional -We Are Called, Missal 602

20 Week Club Winners

#217 M/M Richard Garvais

#96 Glenna Barsaleau

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The immigration issue is, undoubtedly, one of the most important social issues facing our country today. It affects not only a few states along the boarder or the big cities, but it impacts virtually every community in our nation, including the parishes of our own Diocese of Norwich. In the last twenty to thirty years both our country and our Church have experienced an unprecedented wave of immigration. How that phenomenon is handled will determine what kind of nation-and church-we will be in this twenty-first century. As Congress readies itself to take up the debate on immigration reform, I urge you to join with Catholics and other people of good faith across this nation to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who continue to live in the shadows, many of whom have been in this country for several years and are productive members of their civic and church communities.

A simple way to offer this support is by participating in the national postcard campaign, an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration. The Justice for Immigrants Campaign of the USCCB is making available postcards to parishes as a tool to build support for immigration reform. The goal of initiative is to enhance the ability of the church community to advocate for immigration reform and to encourage our Federal officials to enact reform legislation as soon as possible.

In 2007, legislation failed because opponents contacted their legislators ten times more than proponents. In order for us to win passage of this legislation, proponents, including the Catholic community, must do a better job of generating grass roots support. The purpose of the postcards is to provide a flood of support to the offices of our senators and representatives nationwide, to encourage them to work for comprehensive immigration reform. Since debate on this issue could be considered in Congress as early as February 2010, the next few weeks are crucial. To that end, I have designated February 6-7, 2010 as "sign-up week-end" for those wishing to participate in this campaign. (St. Edward Parish will do this next weekend January 30-31.)

The present immigration system is severely broken and must be repaired. How that is done will make all the difference for the future of this country and the Church. Mass deportations or enforcement-only policies clearly contradict the teachings of our Lord himself, as they violate the integrity of our people and if this nation. Comprehensive immigration reform, one that looks at all aspects of the issue and strives to respond from a perspective of faith, is the only reform worthy of this great nation. The contributions of immigrants are what have made America what it is today. To abandon this legacy could change the character of our nation and dim our prospects for the future. The challenge before this country is to preserve America's position as a beacon of hope and freedom to those in need. The challenge before each of us as people of faith, as Catholic Christians, is to see the immigrant through the eyes of faith and so make reality in our lives the explicit teaching of Christ himself: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me". (MT 25:35) Jesus identified himself personally with the alien and challenged His followers to see Him in the stranger.

Our faith obliges us to meet that challenge. May God bless each of you in this New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ
+Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich

On Sunday, February 7, 2010, the 13th Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 2:00p.m., Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Reverend Thomas Rosica, CSB, C.E.O., Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, Ontario Canada. All are invited to participate in the Mass.

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." - Nehemiah 8:10 Ezra's instruction to the people show us God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. However, He expects us to share our blessings with those who are in need.

11TH Annual Winter Wine & Cheese and Art Auction

Save Saturday, February 6th, 2010 for the 11th Annual Winter Wine & Cheese and Art Auction. Plans are currently underway for this great event that helps to support St. Edward School and offer a wonderful evening of great food, wonderful company, and the culmination of Catholic Schools Week. If you are interested in joining us please clip this out to reserve your space. Tickets will be \$25.00 each and include a luscious buffet of food and deserts. This event is a Parish wide event and we look forward to seeing you there!

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Please sit me with _____

MASS INTENTIONS

MEETINGS, EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Saturday, January 23
 4:00 PM †RICHARD F. INTROVIGNE
 by his Godchild Erin Beth Grzysiewicz

Sunday, January 24
 7:30 AM †DONALD KLINE
 by Linda & Tom Callahan
 9:00 AM †ANNA HURCHALA by the Family
 11:15 AM †MARC HENRI (ANNIV)
 by Jeanne & Roger Bouthillier

Monday, January 25
 7:30 AM †CONNIE GARDNER by the Family

Tuesday, January 26
 7:30 AM INTENTION OF LIVING AND
 DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Wednesday, January 27
 7:30 AM †FRANCIS (Zip) BARSALÉAU
 by Raymond & Virginia Kuehl

Thursday, January 28
 7:30 AM †CONRAD & NORMAN CHENARD
 by the Chenard Family

Friday, January 29
 7:30 AM †ROSE & FRANK FILIP
 by Sandra & Family

Saturday, January 30
 4:00 PM †DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
 JOSEPH JULIAN FAMILY
 by the Family

Sunday, January 31
 7:30 AM †FLORENCE ROSE by her Daughter
 9:00 AM †DORA FONTANELLA KELLNER
 by her Sisters & Brother
 11:15 AM †DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
 WORKS FAMILY by Linda Works

Last weekend the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away, extra envelopes are available at the front entrance. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the Parish. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

Brother Knights!

Our February 2nd Dinner Meeting will have a Polish theme: Home made galumpkies! Come and break bread with your fellow Knights. Know anyone interested in joining? Bring them along.

Sunday, January 24

Coffee & Donuts will be served in hall after 9:00am Mass
 9:00-10:00AM &
 10:00-11:00AM Religious Education (School)
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class (School)
 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 26

6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, January 27

6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)

Thursday, January 28

12:00-7:30PM Adoration (Church)

Sunday, January 31

Coffee & Donuts will be served in hall after 9:00am Mass
 9:00-10:00AM &
 10:00-11:00AM Religious Education (School)
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class (School)
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Retrouvaille of Connecticut

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again-then the Retrouvaille program can help. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut will take place January 29 through 31, 2010. Although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, couples from all or no faith traditions are welcome to attend. Also, there are no group discussions or coerced sharing times. For more information, please call our confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or e-mail us at 3001@retrouvaille.org. Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence.

Haiti Relief

If you wish to make a donation toward the Relief Mission effort in Haiti, there will be a second collection at mass this weekend. If you want to help at a later date, simply place your donation in an envelope marked For Haiti, and we will forward all your gifts.