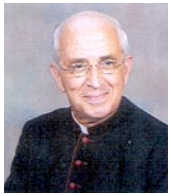


## From the desk of Monsignor Bride



We have begun the season of Lent. It is going to pass quickly. Since it is a grace given to each of us from the Lord, it is important that we carefully examine ourselves and try to ensure that we have our own personal program for this Lent-2010. Perhaps the

content of this column will assist you.

WHAT IS MY INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM FOR LENT?

- 1) Will my Lenten Program include daily Mass? Mass is the heart of prayer. There are special benefits at Mass. We hear the Word of God. It is God who speaks to us in a special way - every day in Lent. We renew the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross on our altar each day. Our Altar adornments during Lent accent the Meaning of Christ's sacrificial death for each of us and our participation in that death and Resurrection. What a magnificent program this is for us.
1. Does my Lenten program include Stations of the Cross? This has traditionally been a real ingredient in a Lenten Program. Today about 25 people come to stations. The Church should be full. There are so many needs in our world which involve suffering and pain. Come to Stations each Friday night. Walk the way of the Cross with Jesus and unite the suffering of our world with his for strength and healing.
2. Does my Lenten Program include fasting and abstaining? We are required not to eat meat on every Friday. That is a day of Abstinence. But how about volunteering for fasting. We need to give as many of the pleasures of eating as a sacrifice during the Lenten time. This is one way we can deny ourselves; increase our self-control which is so absolutely necessary in the Lenten program.
3. Does my Lenten Program include Operation Rice Bowl, by means of which I give something from myself to help others? This is how we reach out from ourselves to others.

Each of us needs a Lenten Program. Each of us needs to draw closer to the Lord. LENT IS THE TIME. Lent is NOW.

*Monsignor Bride*

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten Almsgiving Church Program. Special boxes are in the rear of the Church. Into the box insert your daily contribution for the poor among us. This is a most important program for it helps us to focus during Lent on the poor and needy, on other people rather than ourselves. The money goes to the Catholic Relief Services for the poor of the world – literally!!!!

**THE ADULT SCRIPTURE CLASS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 AT 7:00 PM. WE CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF SAINT JOHN'S GOSPEL AND THIS WEEK WE REVIEW THE PASSAGE ON THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.**

**Welcome to the Family of God  
On February 20, 2010,  
Hunter Rosario Supersano was baptized at  
Christ the King Church and became a child of  
God. We congratulate his parents, Marc &  
Heather and his godparents, Mike & Nicole**

## ST. PATRICK'S SUPPER

Our annual Saint Patrick's Corn Beef Dinner will take place on Saturday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 P.M. Mass in our Lady of Good Counsel Hall. Cost is \$15.00 per person and \$5.00 per child. Optional children's menu – pizza or hot dog.

There will be sign-up sheets available for helpers for this occasion after all Masses this weekend. We are looking for:

- ♣ Sat. AM Kitchen Help (9-11)
- ♣ Servers
- ♣ Clean-up committee
- ♣ Bakers for Irish Soda Bread (call Eunice-434-9366)

### Parish Support

**The Stewardship offering for  
Sunday, February 21, 2010**

**\$9,713.00**

**Ash Wednesday**

**\$708.00**

**Thank you!**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE  
PRAYED EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT  
7:00 P.M.**



*Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Saturday, Feb. 27 -Vigil – Second Sunday of Lent**

10:30 am – First Penance

5:00 pm YSusan Odlum & Alicia Scully Derosier r/b Tin Roses

Y Ellen Ann Toffolon r/b husband, Siro

Y Thomas Hine r/b Shedlosky family

#### **Sunday, Feb. 28– Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Y Laura Dauk r/b Nicholas & Julia Hahn

10:30 am Y Joan Operhall r/b family

Y Doris Montefiore (5yr Anniversary) r/b Peter & Karen Oliver

Y Isolde Dobrin r/b Matthew, Alex &

Rosemary Strekel

Y Ann Prior r/b Gaffey Family

#### **Monday, March 1 – Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am For the parishioners of Christ the King

#### **Tuesday, March 2 – Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Morning Mass Group – *"Thank you for all your prayers"* r/b Ortoleva Family

#### **Wednesday, March 3 – St. Katherine Drexel**

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

#### **Thursday, March 4 – St. Casimir**

7:30 am Y Jennene McSweegan r/b Joseph & Marilyn Keefe

#### **Friday, March 5 – Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Y Richard T. Cunningham. r/b Meg Cunningham

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday, March 6 -Vigil – Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00 pm YWanda Coen r/b Donald McCue

#### **Sunday, March 7– Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Y John J. Weismiller, Jr. r/b Judy & Joe Kelly

10:30 am Y Joan Operhall r/b family

Y John J. Weismiller, Jr r/b Alex, Matthew, & Rosemary Strekel

Y Deceased members of the Platt & Butler Families r/b Bob & Marylou Platt

### **Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010**

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1

or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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### **Regularly scheduled parish events**

Rosary..... Tuesdays – 7:00pm

Pro-Life Meeting ... 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 9:30am

New Life Meeting... 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 9:00am

Men's Club ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 6:30pm

Bible Study..... Thursdays – 9:00 am

### **Youth Explosion 2010! March 7, 2010, St. Bernard High School, Uncasville.**

Join teens from the Diocese of Norwich and surrounding dioceses for a faith filled High School Youth Rally featuring great music, spirit-filled speakers, and concluding with an awesome concert with Catholic recording artist Matt Maher. The theme of the day is "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Cor. 3:17). Come experience the freedom of the Lord! Rally (teens only) and concert \$25; Concert only (open to all ages): \$15. To register or for more information: [www.youthexplosionct.com](http://www.youthexplosionct.com) or call Jill Patten: 860-460-3947. This event is sponsored by the Office of Faith Events, Diocese of Norwich.

### **BOTTLE AND CAN COLLECTION**

The middle school students are collecting bottles and cans for Haiti. There are bins located in the parish complex for you to drop off your clean donations. Thank you.

**2010 World Combined Collection program**

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the Catholic Relief Services collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Holy Land. Shortly you will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Liturgy next week, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

We have Operation Rice Bowls available in the back of Church.

Every Family should have a bowl and every family member should participate in putting in a daily donation for the poor and needy.

This should be an intimate part of your Lenten Program.

**PLEASE STOP AND PICK UP YOUR RICE BOWL**

AND SPECIAL EXPLANATORY MATERIAL.

This is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and by the Diocese of Norwich.

Please Pray for our Diocesan Seminarians

Christopher Feeney – 4<sup>th</sup> year Theology

Henry Agudelo – 3<sup>rd</sup> year Theology

Jonathan Ficara – Pre-Theology

Ian Bothur – Pre-Theology

Brian Maxwell – Pre-Theology

Please pray for those starting the process of discerning a call to either the diocesan priesthood or religious life.



Vocation Office Contact Information  
860 887-9294 ext. 248

Email: [vocations@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net)

Vocation website: [www.God-calls.org](http://www.God-calls.org)

If you would like to submit an item to the parish bulletin the **deadline is Monday at noon**. You can mail it to:

Christ the King  
1 McCurdy Road  
Old Lyme, CT 06371  
or email to:

[Christtheking37@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Christtheking37@sbcglobal.net)

**Engaged Couples – Marriage Preparation Class**

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” offered by the Office of Family Life/Catholic Charities. To register for the 9 hour class, please call 860-889-8346, ext. 283

Dates April 9,16,23,30, 2010

Location: St. Patrick Cathedral Hall, Norwich

Cost: \$45.00 per couple for class materials

**PARISH BULLETIN TO SHUT-INS**

We send out a number of bulletins each week. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass but would like to receive the parish bulletin, we will send it to them. This is a link to our parish community and helps those who are not present at Mass to feel part of our Community of Faith. Please call the parish office with names and addresses of homebound parishioners.

**Help us keep our records up-to-date!**

Do you need to register with the parish, have you changed your address, will you be moving out of the parish, or would you like to receive envelopes? Please call the Parish office at 860 434-1669.

**Please fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it off at the office or mail to:**

**1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ New registration      \_\_\_\_ Change of address

\_\_\_\_ would like envelopes

\_\_\_\_ moving out of the parish