

Welcome!

If you are new to the community, Welcome! We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of our life together. Please take a moment to fill out a registration card – they are in the foyers of the Chapel and Aquinas Center – and introduce yourself to one of the priests, the members of the Parish Council, or the Liturgical Ministers. If you are not registered, it is more difficult to provide documentation such as a certificate for sponsoring a child for Baptism or Confirmation, or to arrange for a wedding here. So, please register.

Remember In Your Prayers

In your prayers, please remember: Grace Allaire, William Bannon, Audrey Barberet, Denise Beaudoin, Bill Bierce, Charles Boivin, Joan Campbell, Greg Cariglia, Patrick Corrigan, May & Guy Crasto, Caitlyn Daley, Stephanie Davis, Jeannette Desmarais, Jane Diaz, Jeanette Doiron, Carol Doyle, Celia Doyle, Emily Dudzic, Barbara Dziedzic, Mary Ertel, Tom Estes, Erica Fitzin, Larry Flynn, John Grunigen, Jeanne Heckerd, Michelle Heimall, Gail Hunter, John Jackman, Raymond Keaveney, H. J. Keenan, Mary King, Alcide Lange, Anne Lange, Christine Lee, Jeanne Lucci, Linda Malloy, Phillip Mercier, Daniel Morytko, Bob Murphy, Anna Nestor, Jay Nichols, Jean Puma, the Roghani family, Sofio Salemi, Michael Sangree, William Servedio, Frances Sikand, Carol Jean Smith, J.R. Trauger, Mary Trauger, Evelyn Vegiard, Frank Velky, Janice Walencewicz, Joshua Walsh, Loraine West, Marvin Wild, Vivian Wild, and all those who are ill. Please let us know of any member of the parish who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or who might enjoy a home visit.

Emergency Contact Number

Should someone be in need of an emergency anointing while the office is closed, please call 860-336-9179. If the emergency is at the hospital/emergency room, please have the hospital call us at this number.

Church Support

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Weekly goal for Ordinary, Last weekend's actual collection for Ordinary, Goal for year to date Ordinary, Actual Year to date Ordinary, Actual year to date, Weekly Goal for Upkeep, Goal for year to date Upkeep, Actual year to date Upkeep, and Actual Year to date deficit.

*The above year to date figures are reflective of our severe budget cuts made as of July 1, 2011.

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You Are Invited!

The Knights of Columbus are cordially inviting the members of St Thomas Aquinas to an almost free spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 18, at 6:15 p.m. This is our way of saying "Thank You" for your support of our parish events: by supporting our pancake breakfasts, buying raffle tickets, Christmas trees, Yule logs, and making our "A Cappella" concert truly a success. The monies raised from these events help the Knights in their charitable outreach. The cost of the meal will be \$2.00 per person and the meal includes a salad, spaghetti with a meat sauce, desserts and drinks plus much more. So save the date. Abbondanza!

Gregorian Chant Vespers

The Gregorian Chant group will meet on Mondays, 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel Basement to read through the music for the Vespers, and at 8:30 p.m. we will move to the Chapel to sing through the service. Anyone is welcome to join us, either to sing or listen. Contact Jane Frogley at jfrogley@att.net for more information.

Knights of Columbus Pill Bottle Collection

The Knights of Columbus are still collecting used, label-less* medicine bottles for use in Haiti. There is a collection box for recycling these "pill" bottles in the Aquinas Center. *Please try to mark the name with an indelible marker or remove it all together.

A Way To Help Our School in Haiti

The doughnut ladies do not ask a set price for coffee/doughnuts, but they would like to remind everybody that any donations you make that are over and above their expenses go to support Ecole Agape, our school in Haiti.

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Immaculata Retreats 2012

Jesus of Scripture:

Beginning on Wednesday, February 22, and continuing through March 28, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., this five-session course on the images of Jesus in the Gospels will be facilitated by Father John Hanley, OMI. This videotape course with discussion and questions will be presented by the noted American Catholic Scripture scholar, Father Donald Senior, CP. Topics covered include: Jesus, the Healer, the Teacher, the Prophet, the Christ, and the Passion, Death and Resurrection. A free-will offering of \$10 per session or \$45 for the five sessions is requested. Register by calling Immaculata at (860) 423-8484.

Lenten Retreat:

The Oblate Preaching Team will present its Lenten Retreat for Men and Women from March 8-11, 2012. The theme for the retreat is "Speak, Lord, I am Ready to Listen." The Lord speaks to us in powerful ways each and every day but do we listen? The donation for the retreat is \$190.00 per person. Register by calling Immaculata at (860) 423-8484.



Sunday Evening TLC Pasta Supper

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FOCUS Student Leadership Summit



Bishop Michael Cote, Fr. John Antonelle, Fr. Galvin and the FOCUS team at the 2012 FOCUS Student Leadership Summit.

Our Parish Library Needs Your Help

New and gently used spiritual or religious books are welcomed as gifts to our parish library. Please put them in the book return box in the library. The library's loan period is a very generous three months and all are welcome and encouraged to use the library. However, please remember to return the books as well. Thank you! Any questions contact Kathy McKee, Parish Librarian at 860-423-0743 or kmckee@snet.net.



With Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Tammy Halle on the death of her Mother, Beverly Merchant, on January 14, in Florida. Please keep Tammy and her family in your prayers.

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Fr. John and the FOCUS members at the Washington D.C.,
March for Life, on January 23, 2012.



Fr. John and FOCUS team at the
2012 FOCUS Student Leadership Summit this January.

No Freeze Shelter Needs Help

Recognizing our covenant and a need to help our neighbors during this cold time of year, St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel and St. Mark's are joining together to collect items for the Windham Area No Freeze Hospitality Center. There is information posted in the Chapel and the Center. The Hospitality Center needs hats, gloves, scarves, socks, paper towels, toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, decaf coffee, cleaning supplies and volunteers. Bins will set out to collect items. Please consider making a donation to help a neighbor in need. If you would like more information, please call 450-1436.

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'For the Love Of a Child' The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti 2012 Annual Gala

The Diocese of Norwich has been supporting needy children in Haiti for the past 25 years. Outreach to Haiti currently supports two orphanages, sponsors over 300 student tuitions, facilitates medical outreach and nutrition programs, and operates a primary care clinic in Port-au-Prince. Because of Outreach's presence, many Haitian children have access to an education, a warm meal to eat, and are able to receive the medical care they deserve.

Join us in support of needy children in Haiti at The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti's 2012 annual *For the Love of a Child gala*, Saturday, April 21, at The Clinton Country Club, Clinton CT. Tickets are \$150 each, \$75 of which is tax deductible. We welcome parishioners from throughout the diocese to take part in celebrating, honoring, and supporting the most vulnerable of our Haitian sisters and brothers. For more information please contact Anna DeBiasi at 860.848.2237 (x206) or anna@outreachtohaiti.org.

Thoughts for Sharing

The Covenant Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry are in desperate need of cereal, tuna, and one-can meals such as ravioli, beef stew, and salad dressing. Also, clean reusable containers and plastic grocery bags would be greatly appreciated. Please leave donations in the collection containers in the Aquinas Center next to the kitchen door. Many thanks for your commitment to this ministry.

Faith Sharing Group

The Faith Sharing group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 in the Library. We are currently using the material from "Breaking Open the Word" which is a reflection on the scriptures. This process is modeled after small Christian communities of Central and Latin America where ordinary people gather to share their insights on the message of Jesus in the Gospels. In addition we are reading and discussing two books, *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr and *In Search Of Belief* by Joan Chittister. Our meetings are open to all and very welcoming. It is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith and to deepen our relationship with God and with each other.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4,

5:00 p.m. + Verna Elizabeth Lund, *req. by Lee Keating*

Sunday, February 5,

8:15 a.m. + Lucia Grassi, *req. by Gregory Turner*

10:15 a.m. + Bev Palmer, *req. by Joan & Dave Doiron*

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, February 6,

12:20 p.m. + Rev. Robert W. Cronin, *req. by Fr. John*

Tuesday, February 7,

12:20 p.m. + Departed Souls of the members of the Sisters of
The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 8,

12:20 p.m. + Shirley LaRocque

Thursday, February 9,

12:20 p.m. + Rev. Thomas Plathottam, *CST req. by Fr. John*

Friday, February 10,

12:20 p.m. + Richard Bigge, *req. by Sharon Bigge*

Saturday, February 11,

5:00 p.m. + Mary L. Chamberlain

Sunday, February 12,

8:15 a.m. People of the Parish

10:15 a.m. + Bev Palmer, *req. by Mike & Anita Powers*

7:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Jellen family, *req. by Bob*

Parish Calendar Continued

Feb 10 – ICF, 5:30 p.m., Chapel Basement

Feb 11/12 – Appalachia Mission Trip Fundraising Bake Sale after all the

Masses

Feb 12 – Pastoral Council, 11:15 a.m., Library

Feb 12 – AA, 12:00 p.m., Basement

Feb 12 – Religious Education, grades 7-10, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Center

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The Rosary

Come join us for a moment with God and pray the Rosary with us each Monday, at 12:50 p.m., in the Chapel, after the 12:20 p.m. Mass and Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

Sanctuary Lamp

February 5-11, 2012

In Memory

Joseph Foran Sr.

Req. by Anonymous



Sanctuary Light Sponsorship

If you would like the sanctuary light to burn in memory of a loved one or for a special intention you can sponsor the light for a week. The requested donation is \$15 and envelopes are available in the sanctuary area.

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Feb 4 – TLC, MCNR, 1:30 p.m., Off Campus

Feb 5 – Haiti Committee, 11:30 a.m., Library

Feb 5 – AA, 12:00 p.m., Basement

Feb 5 – Religious Education, grades 7-10, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Center

Feb 6 – RCIA, 2:30 p.m., Library

Feb 6 – Chant, 8:00 p.m., Chapel Basement/Chapel

Feb 7 – AA, 1:30 p.m., Chapel Basement

Feb 7 – TLC Team Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Library

Feb 7 – Religious Education Grade K-6, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Center

Feb 7 – Choir, 8:00 p.m., Basement

Feb 8 – CEUI Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Chapel Basement

Feb 8 – A.A., 5:30 p.m., Basement

Feb 8 – Dance, 7:00 p.m., Chapel Basement

Feb 8 – Faith Sharing, 7:00 p.m., Library

Feb 9 – Union Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Library

Feb 9 – Holy Hour at 8:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 9:00 p.m., Chapel

Feb 10 – Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Library

Feb 10 – Appalachia Mission Trip Fundraising Baking, 11:00 a.m.,
Kitchen

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45