

ST JOHN, OLD SAYBROOK

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



Readings for the Week of February 17, 2008

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 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: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

MEETING



MONTHLY MEETINGS
 7:00pm-1st Monday –Ladies Guild
 7:00pm-4th Monday-Parish Council
 6:30pm –Every Wed. – Adult Choir
 8:00pm 2nd Wed-K of C- 3rd Degree
 8:00pm 4th Wed-K of C- 4th Degree
 10:15-11:30am Every Sat. Youth Choir

One of the Ministries of Faith Hope & Love Prayer Group is intercessory Prayer. If you need prayer call Elaine Alfano 388-2307.



Saturday 4:00pm	February 16 Giuseppe & Angelina Coviello r/b their granddaughter
Sunday 7:30am 9:15am 11:00am	February 17 Heidi Bulgini r/b her family People of the Parish Richard Gozzo r/b his family
Monday 7:15am 12:00pm	February 18 James Comerford r/b is wife
Tuesday 7:15am 12:00pm	February 19 Patrick Green r/b a friend
Wednesday 7:15am	February 20 Margaret B. Downey r/b her husband
12:00pm Thursday 7:15am	February 21 John Costello r/b Judy & Charlie Norz
12:00pm Friday 7:15am 12:00pm	February 22 People of the Parish
7:00pm Saturday 7:30am 4:00pm	Stations of the Cross February 23 Louis B. Baldoni r/b his family Salvatore Lozito r/b George & Christine Gwizd
Sunday 7:30am 9:15am 11:00am	February 24 Frances Dammiller r/b Pat & Walter Osborne Joseph & Stella Kita & Gerald Heller r/b their family People of the Parish

A Prayer Team is available in the Church to pray with anyone desiring prayer on all Sundays after the 11am Mass and all Mondays between 1 and 2pm If these hours are not convenient appointments may be made by calling the rectory 388-3787.

A Note From: The Child Advocate

One Hundred letters have been sent to Parishioners of St. John who need to complete the Armatus modules online. This represents the volunteers who have been Virtus Trained, and completed ALL the paperwork. There are only 22 Parishioners who need to be processed. The Diocese Office of Safe Environment has informed me that Our Armatus Database was incomplete. This is what prompted the letter to our many volunteers. The Online Training is meant to be a self paced tutorial reviewing things learned from the Virtus Training. Currently, there are 7 modules that represent approximately two hours of time to complete. These represent over three years of modules. Once completed approximately one or two modules per year will be expected. I know you all volunteer your time immensely, and this asks more of you, still it is a small price to pay, and a comfort that you were part of the solution in protecting God's Children. In this Season of Lent, let us pick up this Cross, and Bare this small burden. I Thank all of you for your dedication, and commend you for your service.

For more information, please contact Sherri Potter @ 395 0692.

Youth Masses

Looking for Youths interested as Lectors, Gift Bearers, or Offertory at the Following Youth Masses:

March 9, 2008 9:15am Girl Scout Sunday

March 16, 2008 9:15am Palm Sunday

March 23, 2008 9:15am Easter Sunday

*Refreshments will be served after the Mass.
All Welcome.*

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St Paul's Lutheran Church Friday February 22 1-5:45pm. Donors are asked to please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE. The Red Cross is experiencing shortages of O negative blood. 50% of hospital orders are being filled.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - February 29-March 2: a retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone (woman or man) hurting inside after abortion. For more information, please call Mary at 203-882-1326 or email her at mmhdfc@sbcglobal.net. You may also visit us at www.rachelsvineyard.org or call the national hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

Eucharistic



Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration: We are in desperate need of people to sign up for every hour due to illness and parishioners going to Florida. We also need substitutes. Please answer Jesus' call 388-9905

25th Annual Xavier High School
Antiques and Collectibles Show
Sunday March 2, 2008
9am to 4pm
Admission \$5.00
Over 50 dealers participating

Birthright Needs a Special Someone, You
Our Birthright office is staffed entirely by volunteers trained and dedicated to helping pregnant women in crisis. Some opportunities for volunteers include: managing the office, sorting clothing, making layettes, clerical work and friendship counseling. Are you looking for community involvement? Can you make a commitment to make a positive difference to your neighbors in need? If so join us.

Informative Spring Training Sessions:

Saturday March 1, 2008 10am-noon

Saturday March 8, 2008 10am-noon

Please plan to attend both sessions

Call 860-664-9466 if attending at our new office 150 East Main St Clinton.



Regular weekly collection for the weekend of Feb 9/10 \$5948. Fuel collection \$1583. Thank you for your continued support.

.The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church invite High School girls to our “Come and See” weekend from 4pm on Friday March 7th through 3pm on Sunday March 9 at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic. The weekend includes sharing, working and praying with the Novitiate Sisters. Respond or contact for more information Sister Mary Jacinta 860-822-8241 Or email TJTMVOCSMC@juno.com. We hope to see you there.

St John School News

Save the Date: Saturday March 15th the Annual St John School Auction. 6pm At the Clinton Country Club, live and silent auction.. If you have anything you would like to donate they are looking for “weekend getaways”(could be at your cottage) , catered dinners, bottles of cheer, sporting event tickets, salon services, theater tickets etc. Call Chrissy Frederiks 434-1552 Also looking for ads for the program!

Just returned from Peru

Two St John’s parishioners , Ginny Codeanne and Roz Mayhew, have just returned from a missionary trip to Peru. With Father Michael Sequeira from St. Mary Parish in Clinton. They would like to share a few of their thoughts about the trip with you.

My work in Peru involved working with the children at San Juan de Dios Clinic. The children at the clinic were physically and developmentally challenged. The clinic was home to about 45 boys and girls. They were very happy to see us arrive each day as we helped them with basic life skills as well as walks(in wheel chairs) around the clinic and art and crafts activities. The staff are caring and encouraged our involvement with the children. **Ginny**

My most rewarding experience was working in Buen Pastor, a girl’s orphanage. We gave the girls craft supplies, stuffed animals, candy and snacks. You can’t imagine their faces...They had gifts they could keep for themselves. They wanted hugs and kisses and the one on one affection. With the wonderful technology of digital cameras, they were thrilled to see immediate pictures. The little material things were appreciated but more important—we were appreciated. Everyone has that deep need for love. **Roz**

Peru is a truly majestic country. One feels dwarfed by the incredible Andes and in awe of the surrounding beauty. At the same time you cannot imagine the poverty in evidence amidst the beauty. Everyone, even the youngest children, must work to eat. Yet the Peruvian people appear happy and content with their lifestyle. Seeing all of this opened our eyes to all we take for granted—food, clean water and beautiful homes. It was the opportunity to learn to appreciate what we have, appreciate other people and to love all unconditionally. In a country as beautiful as Peru we meet the poor. We were able to see God himself in the faces of the people. It is an experience we will never forget.

How blessed we are! How can we now change ourselves to help our own people? Thank you God for letting us share this mission trip.

The Third Trip is scheduled for June 19-30. The cost of the trip is \$2,222 and includes everything: airfare, hotel, meals, sight seeing, volunteer work, Spanish lessons, tips and special events. There will be a formation meeting on Tuesday March 4th at 7pm. Please call Father Michael at 669-8512 or email msequeira@snet.net. If you would like to talk to Ginny or Roz, you may call them.

You’re Invited

The St. John’s Ladies Guild will be hosting their annual “Carmen’s Auction” on Monday March 3rd at 7:00 P.M. at the Sheridan Center. Please bring a new or nearly new item to be auctioned and be ready to bid. Hostesses for the evening are: Theresa Watford, June Getchius and Barbara Gardiner (please be at the Sheridan Center by 6:30 to set up for the evening. Thanks to you all.).

Spiritual Renewal Services will have an Evening of Healing and Peace on Monday February 25 at 6:30pm at St Joseph Church North Grosvenordale with Father Ray Introvigne and Judith Hughes. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special prayers and ministry closing with Benediction.

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