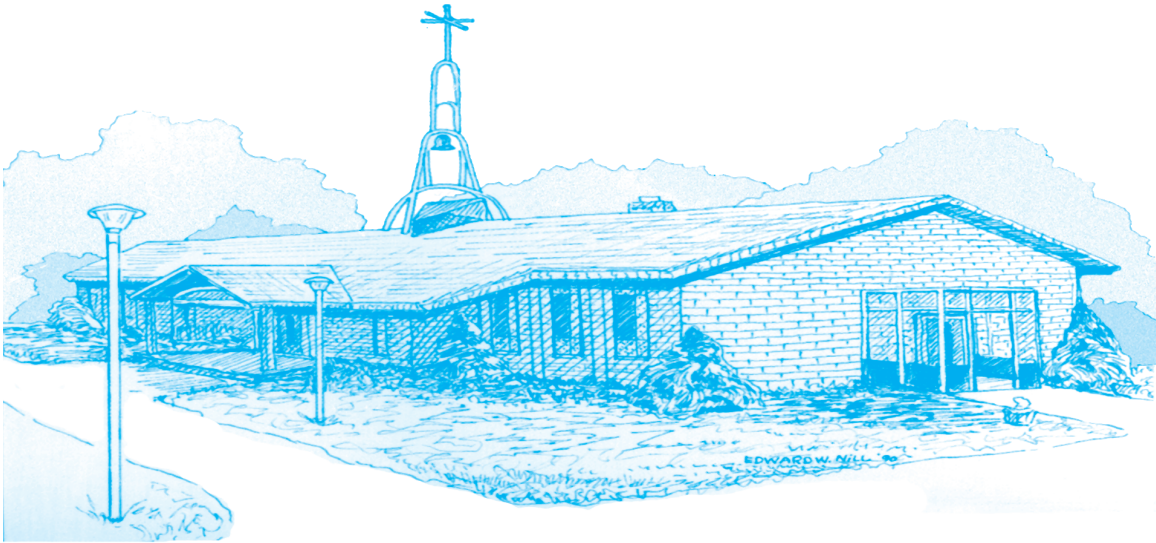


St. Augustine's Church



144 Westminster Road, Canterbury, CT 06331-1417

Telephone:

Rectory: 860-546-6074
CCD: 860-546-6225
Fax: 860-556-9044

Online:

www.staugustine-canterbury.org
e-mail: staugus@ct.metrocast.net

Weekend Masses:

Vigil Mass --5:30 pm
Sunday Mass --9:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Tues. & Thurs --6:30 pm.

CCD Schedule: Sundays

K - 4 -- after 9 am mass - 11:30 am
5 - 10 -- 6 - 7:30 pm

Fr. Arul Rajan Peter, Administrator

arulpeter@ct.metrocast.net

Deacon Timothy Marshall

Deacontimmarshall@sbcglobal.net

Cynthia Richardson, Secretary

staugustine_secretary@yahoo.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

--Sundays 8:15 - 8:45 am

Baptism:

By individual arrangement at
pre-Baptism interview.
Please phone for an appointment

Marriage:

Arrange at least 6 months ahead

*Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened,
and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26

5:30pm Raymond Wisniewski 31st Anniversary
By: His wife Lorraine M. Wisniewski

Sunday, December 27

9:00am Charles Eastbund
By: Roy & Betty Piper

Monday, December 28

No Mass

Tuesday, December 29

6:30PM For Our Parish

Wednesday, December 30

7:30 AM St John, Plainfield

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 31 Solemnity of Mary

Vigil Mass

5:30 PM For our parish

Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM For our parish

Saturday, January 2

5:30pm Ida Bernat by the Pipers

Sunday, January 3

9:00am Baron Bray by daughter

St. John's weekend masses:

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	7:00AM and 10:30AM

MINISTERS

January 2 & 3

Altar Servers:

5:30 PM

9:00 AM

Lectors:

5:30 PM Sarah Glennon

9:00 AM Steve Curtis

Eucharistic Ministers:

Counters: Barbara & Tom

Coffee Volunteer
 Connie Barry and Angie Falzarano



Weekly Offertory:
 In the next bulletin

FROM YOUR PRIEST

Holy Family is given as a model to every family.

Pope Leo XIII in 1893 instituted this feast on the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany.

*Mary said, 'May it be done according to your word'.
 Joseph did whatever the angel told him to do so.
 Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of my Father".*

*God's will is the center and core of this family.
 God established this family to provide the proper environment for his Son who would do His will.*

*How nice if our families could follow this model –
 to provide space for the will of God and
 right environment for the growth of our children!*

May God's will be done in our families!

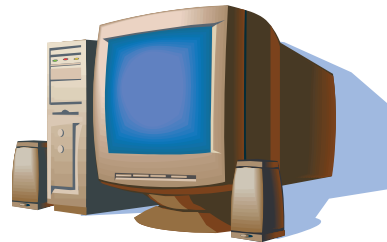


Prayer Shawl Ministry

St John & St Augustine Joint Ministry

The weekly workshops are held from 10am-12pm at St Augustine every Wednesday. Everyone welcome!

For more information on Parish Events Please go to www.staugustine-canterbury.org



Next CCD Classes will be January 10, 2010
 2nd graders need their baptismal certificates, or year of baptism if baptized at St. Augustine's before January 20.

FROM THE DIOCESE

November 22, 2009 – January 3, 2010 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: Saturdays Jan. 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 2010 Time: 9:30a.m.-11:45a.m. Location: St. John’s 22 Maple Ave. Uncasville, CT 06382 Cost: \$45.00 per couple for class materials

Reaching for a lifeline for your troubled marriage? Are you feeling lost, alone, hurt, angry or frustrated? Retrouvaille is that lifeline. Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped and given tools to heal, re-establish communication and gain new insight into themselves as individuals and as a couple. A series of 8 presentations offered within three months **follows the weekend phase. Couples come to Retrouvaille, which is Catholic in origin but open to all from any background and age, with a sincere desire to build a stable, loving marriage. For information or to sign up for the next weekend in CT on January 29, 2010 call Bill and Terri Mason 203-879-3842 or email:3001@retrouvaille.org, Website: www.retrouvaille.org.**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, God’s love embraces our world. The birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem brings us joy as God is seen in human form. We remember the events that took place in the stable in Bethlehem and the joy of that holy night as the shepherds find Mary and Joseph and the Baby lying in the manger. With the angels, who heralded the newborn Savior’s birth, we join in giving glory to God by lifting up our hearts in praise of God and by living His peace on earth and sharing good-will and love with others.

In a few short sentences, we can summarize the greatest event known to humankind, the birth of Jesus Christ. But understanding the meaning of His birth is more challenging.

Jesus’ birth heralds the promise of true peace and the hope that His coming instills in all who believe in His Name. God’s gift of His Son to the world is meant for all people of every age. When the Savior is born, the world begins anew. All creation welcomes Him and rejoices at the enormity of this event. (cf. Romans 8:19) On Christmas Day, through the inspired words of the Apostle John, the whole Church proclaims, “We saw His glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

As His disciples, you and I appreciate the meaning of His birth. Yet the message and meaning of Christ’s birth often remain hidden because we fail to share with others what God

has done for us in Jesus Christ, and, what we, like Jesus, must do for others.

Each Sunday, at Mass, we welcome Jesus anew and we profess in faith His coming into our world: “For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” (Profession of Faith) The Solemnity of Jesus’ Nativity celebrates this truth of our Faith and calls us to welcome Jesus into our lives. When we embrace the meaning and spirit of Christmas, we allow Him to become flesh in our acts of service, in our words of forgiveness and compassion, and in our praise and worship of God the Father.

Christmas is God’s invitation to us to make a place in our hearts, in our homes, and in our families, to make room for His Son, Jesus Christ, and to live the message of His peace, His justice, and His love.

How? We make room for Him by recognizing Him where He abides: “I was hungry, you gave me food. I was thirsty, you gave me drink. A stranger, you welcomed me. Naked, you clothed me. Ill, you comforted me. In prison, you came to visit me.” (cf. Matthew 25: 42-45)

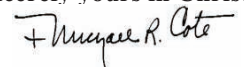
This Christmas, will we welcome Christ into our lives? Will we allow the birth of divine love to conquer the selfishness that hides His love, the pride that refuses His peace, and the indifference that ignores His Presence? In a world where war and terror, suffering and need are real, through the Word made Flesh we receive the strength to witness to the God who changes us and our world by the gift of His own life and who loves us so much that He gave us His only begotten Son.

This Christmas, the babe in swaddling clothes seeks room in our lives and in the cradle of our hearts. Now it is our turn to herald this awesome event so that people of our day will know what God has done for us. In the infant born of Mary, God’s promise is fulfilled and God breaks into our lives as He awaits the birth of divine love in our hearts. The child born to us in Bethlehem waits to be born in our compassion, our reverence, our love for others, and most of all, in our worship, in our praise and thanksgiving to God our Almighty Father.

In the spirit of this holy season, I wish each of you a holy and joyful celebration of Christ’s Birth. May His peace abide with you and all whom you love this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas and a holy and happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ



Bishop of Norwich

CL Services
Cheryl LaFlamme - Miller
 Certified Public Accountant
PHONE: 860-546-9629
CANTERBURY
 • Year round tax needs
 • Accounting & Bookkeeping Services
 • Payroll & financial training

CREATIVE INTERIORS
 FLOORING • WALLPAPER
 BENJAMIN MOORE • PITTSBURGH PAINT
 ROUTE 14, CANTERBURY
 546-1200

DOUGHERTY BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME
 HENRY J. PLANTE
 TIMOTHY R. PLANTE
 DIRECTORS
 595 Norwich RD., Plainfield, CT
564-2373

BETTER Val★U SUPERMARKETS
4 NORTH CANTERBURY RD.
CANTERBURY, CT

Tazmanian Tree Devil LLC
 Licensed Arborist • Edwin P. Adams
 Lic. # S-4715 • Dep. # B-1969
 344 Tarbox Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
 From a branch to a tree

 4 Wheel Drive Bucket Truck
 Now Offering Stump Grinding
 Drop and leave or drop and clean
 Phone: 860-564-1936 • Cell: 860-917-1953
 visit www.tazmaniantreedevil.com

Ed's GARAGE Inc.
 ROUTE 14,
 20 WESTMINSTER ROAD
 CANTERBURY, CT 06331
 (860) 546-9492
HOME HEATING OIL
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

Advertising Sponsors make this bulletin possible
 For Information Call
Gary Perruccio
 1-800-888-4574
 ext. 3345
 email: gperruccio@4LPi.com

PARENT SANITATION
 Prompt Courteous Service to Northeast Connecticut Since 1945
SEPTIC TANK PUMPING
 • COMPLETE SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION
 • LEACH FIELDS • REPAIRS
 • CITY SEWER CONNECTIONS
 • SEWAGE PUMP SYSTEMS • TEST HOLES
 • ROOTER SERVICE • POWER JETTING
 • VIDEO PIPE INSPECTIONS
 FULLY INSURED
 CT LICENSED/RADIO DISPATCHED
860-774-3147 • DAYVILLE


IMMACULATE CONCEPTS HOME REMODELING
 Roofing • Siding • Kitchens Additions
 Bathrooms • Basement Refinishing
SHANE KUZEL
(860) 423-5225

SAND & GRAVEL
CRUSHED STONE
ED'S FLEET DELIVERS THE HEAT! SINCE 1947

Gus' Pub
PP PIZZARAMA
of Plainfield
 5 BABCOCK AVENUE
 PLAINFIELD, CT
564-8887 • 564-2488

Home Computer Help: Is Your Computer Slow?
 Trouble With Internet Connections?
 Spyware? Viruses? Call Fred.
 Because Computers Are Supposed To Be Fun.
860-546-9014
 www.meritman.com

MARTELLO'S We Deliver!
 A \$10.00 minimum purchase on all deliveries
(860) 546-6680
HOURS:
 11:00 am - 9:00 pm Mon. thru Thurs.
 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Fri., Sat. & Sun.
 www.martellospizzeria.com

THE PRIESTS

HARMONY
 A New Album From
The Worldwide Sensations
 As Seen On PBS!
 Available Everywhere Now
 www.ThePriests.com

Looking for this bulletin? Ask, and it will be given to you.
 SeekAndFind.com

Seek AND Find
 Looking for this bulletin? Ask, and it will be given to you.
 SeekAndFind.com

Leonard Zuckerbraun, O.D.
Joel Zuckerbraun, O.D.
OPTOMETRY
 FAMILY PRACTICE
 CONTACT LENSES
 OFFICE HOURS BY APPT.
376-2848
 8 NORTH MAIN STREET
 JEWETT CITY


Find out how far your heart can reach.
 Millions of people overseas depend on you. Give today.
 1-877-help-CRS | www.crs.org

 CRS serves the poor in over 100 countries around the world.

Are You Living Alone?
 What if you fell and could not reach a telephone?

 Referred by doctors, hospitals and social workers.
 Personal Caring Service Since 1980.
 Lifewatch, the Personal Emergency Response System, can get you help with just a press of the lightweight waterproof button!
TOLL FREE 1-800-998-5601
 www.Lifewatch-USA.com
 LIFEWATCH HELPS PEOPLE WHO LIVE ALONE KEEP THEIR INDEPENDENCE.
You're Never Alone With Lifewatch!
 AS SEEN ON TV Nationwide Service. BBB AARP Discounts
LIFEWatch USA
 Personal Caring Service Since 1980
Specials \$12.95 A Month

Connecticut Single Catholics

 CatholicMatch.com/CT

HART'S
 GARDEN CENTER, GIFT SHOP, & FLORIST
 www.hartsgreenhouseflorist.com
3 LOCATIONS:
 Rt. 14, Canterbury • Rt. 6, Brooklyn
 43 Clinton Ave., Norwich
860-546-6541

DID YOU NOTICE ME?
 Your potential customers can notice your ad too!
HIGHLIGHT COLOR
 is now available for your ad!!!
 For Information Please call
1-800-888-4574 Ext. 3351

Canterbury Liquors
 Located on . 14 180 Westminster Rd.
Canterbury, CT • 546~9200
 All Credit Cards • Lotto • Soda • Mixers • Beer
 Alcoholic Beverages