


"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"—he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home."
- Mk 2:9-11

O Jesus,
You place on my forehead the sign of your saving Cross:
"Turn from sin and be faithful to the gospel."
How can I turn from sin unless I turn to you?



Readings for the Week of February 19, 2012
 Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12
 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Rite of Election: On February 26th at 3 pm, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell will preside over the Archdiocesan ceremony at the Cathedral. We pray for guidance and strength for the RCIA members preparing to join the Catholic Church. Thank you to Sr. Janice Kidney, R.S.M., Judith Stonger and Leah Stroman who faithfully work with and prepare the Cathedral's RCIA members.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18, 2012
 9:00 Enid DeSouza †
 4:00 Rev. John J. Bennett †

Sunday, February 19, 2012
 8:30 Anthony Mignone
 11:00 Peggy Wrice †

Monday, February 20, 2012
 9:00 For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
 7:30 Special Intention
 12:10 Daniel McNamara †

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
 7:30 Special Intention
 12:10 Special Intention

Thursday, February 23, 2012
 7:30 Special Intention
 12:10 Mary Ellen O'Connor †

Friday, February 24, 2012
 7:30 Special Intention
 12:10 Colleen Caruso †

Saturday, February 25, 2012
 9:00 Colleen Caruso †
 4:00 Rev. John Kim †

Sunday, February 26, 2012
 8:30 Colleen Caruso †
 11:00 Mary & William Frazier †

Announcements

Sunday, February 19th
 Cathedral Choir Rehearsal 9-10:50 am
 Religious Ed Class 9:30-10:45 am
 RCIA Program (in Rectory) 9:30 am
 Baptisms: Keyon Jn Marie, Brendan Ross Sills & Michael Pambari Yorgoro 12 pm

Monday, February 20th
President's Day
 9 am Mass only today
 Rectory Office closed

Tuesday, February 21st
 Malta House of Care Van 4-7 pm
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am-12 pm

Wednesday, February 22nd
Ash Wednesday
 Mobile Foodshare Truck 11:30 am-12:15 pm
 12:10 Mass with Cathedral Choir
 Food Pantry Bagging 1-3 pm
 Food Pantry Bagging 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, February 23rd
 Food Pantry Distribution 9-11
 Cathedral Choir Rehearsal 7-9 pm

Friday, February 24th
 Organ Recital: Diego Innocenzi 8 pm


Sunday, February 26th
First Sunday of Lent
 Cathedral Choir Rehearsal 9-10:50 am
 Religious Ed Class 9:30-10:45 am
 RCIA Program (in Rectory) 9:30 am
 Festival Dubois Concert 10 am
 Rite of Election 3 pm

 Please turn off your cell phones during all Masses & events!

 Please bring your empty drink bottles & cans that are redeemable in CT to the Cathedral.

Dean of Academic Life Opening: The Hartford Archdiocese is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Dean of Academic Life at St. Paul Catholic High School, a coeducational secondary school in Bristol. The application deadline is March 1st. For more information, please call the Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools Maria Maynard at 860-242-4362 or email mmaynard@adh-ccs.org.

The Cathedral will hold **Stations of the Cross** at 7 pm on the following Fridays of Lent: March 2nd, 23rd & 30th.




Monthly Parish Support
 Our Parish goal for offertory (regular & monthly collections) during January was \$17,765. The actual giving was \$17,367. Thank you for your continued support of the Cathedral Parish.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 For couples struggling with infertility: That the Lord will bless them with children, whether by natural means or adoption. We pray to the Lord.

Festival Dubois: The 2012 Sacred Sounds Music Series will host two concerts at the Cathedral that honor the life and music of composer Théodore Dubois. On Friday, February 24th at 8 pm, *Dubois à L'Orgue* will feature Diego Innocenzi performing music of Dubois and his contemporaries: Saint-Saëns, Franck and Batiste. On Sunday, February 26th at 10 am prior to the 11 am Mass, *La Voix du Dubois* will feature the Cathedral Choir, Organist Ezequiel Menéndez and Diego Innocenzi performing French sacred music by Dubois.



Word of Life: The Church's position on the matter of abortion is unambiguous. The child in his or her mother's womb is a human life which must be protected. Abortion, which is the destruction of an innocent unborn child, is contrary to God's will, for the value and dignity of human life must be protected from conception to natural death. The Church... must be committed to offering help and support to women and couples tempted to seek an abortion, while remaining close to those who have had this tragic experience and helping them to grow in respect for life. She acknowledges the courage of governments that have legislated against the culture of death— of which abortion is a dramatic expression— in favour of the culture of life.
 ~Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation *Africae Munus* (70), November 19, 2011

Parish Mission Talks
 On the following Mondays during Lent, please join us at 7 pm at the Cathedral.

February 27th-*Awake My Soul: A Lenten Journey to Joy* by Deacon James Sullivan

March 5th-*Lent is a Time for Listening: This is My Beloved Son, Listen to Him* by Rev. Jeffrey V. Romans

March 19th-*Mary and Joseph, Our Lenten Guides* by Bishop Christie A. Macaluso

March 26th-*Mary at the Moment of Truth and at the Foot of the Cross* by Rev. Dennis J. Vincenzo


The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow.

For more details, please contact the Rectory Office at 860-249-8431.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
 ~Matthew 7:7-11

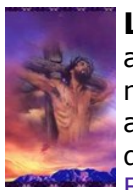


East Catholic HS Entrance Exam: On Tuesday, February 21st at 9 am, eighth graders will be given the exam at the school. Preregistration is recommended. The processing fee is \$25. For more details, please call their Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 456.

St. Francis Membership Drive
 Help the Auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center continue to make a difference by joining their proud tradition. For more details, please call 860-714-4558.

Parish Social Ministry Retreat: On Saturday, March 10th from 9 am-2 pm, Social Justice Ministry members are invited to "Justice for People and Planet" at the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent in West Hartford. Space is limited. To register, please call 203-777-7279.

Lenten Regulations include fast and abstinence for those whose health permits. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. **Fasting** means to refrain from eating food between meals and to eat only one full meal with the other two being lighter meals. It is required of those who are age 18 to 59 on the days noted above. Liquids are permitted between meals. **Abstinence** means to refrain from eating meat. It is required of those 14 years of age and older on the days listed above.



The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS) is hosting the **Archbishop's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast** on Friday, March 16th from 7:30 to 9 am at the CT Convention Center in Hartford. You don't have to be Irish to come for great food and Irish-themed entertainment by students! The guest speaker will be award-winning author Rev. James Martin, S.J. Proceeds provide scholarships and support for the Catholic schools in the Hartford Archdiocese. For more details on sponsorship opportunities, advertising in the program or to purchase tickets, please call Cynthia Basil Howard at 860-761-7499 or email Shirley Ziolkowski at szolkowski@facshartford.org.

