

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

YOU ARE INVITED

TO

SUNDAY BRUNCHCOURTESY OF YOUR
HAITI MINISTRY*THIS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 25**AFTER THE 10:45 MASS*

PLEASE COME!

LETTER FROM BISHOP COTE

Please be sure to read the letter from Bishop Cote – it's printed in the Saint Maurice insert in this bulletin.

HELPING HAITI'S PEOPLE

Our Haiti Ministry **needs these school supplies** to finish the school kits to send to Haiti in March for the next school year:

Erasers
 Pencil Sharpeners
Gallon-sized Zip-Lock Bags

The school supplies are needed for the Faith Formation classes. **The school supplies are least expensive at the "Dollar Stores."**

PLEASE NOTE

Rella will not be in the office on Thursday, January 29, 2009 in order to attend a Diocesan Advisory Ministry Evaluation Committee meeting. The Parish Offices will open 12:30pm on this day.

YOUTH GROUP AT CORNERSTONE

Some members of the Youth Group will be preparing and serving lunch at Cornerstone on Saturday, January 31. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:50am.

ATTENTION: SUNDAY EVENING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes grades 6 through Confirmation Preparation and Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, February 1st in order to allow our catechists and students the opportunity to participate in the various SuperBowl© activities that will be happening. We will meet again next Sunday, February 8th at the regularly scheduled time.

YOUTH GROUP AT ROSE COMMONS

The Youth Group will be hosting a Valentine Party for the residents of Rose Commons on Saturday, February 7th. We will meet in the parish center kitchen at 3:45pm in order to take care of last minute preparations. We will be serving dinner at Rose Commons at 5pm. This will be followed by Bingo. Questions? Please contact Rella.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENTS MEETING

The first parents meeting for the parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms. Letters have been sent either by e-mail or USPS to these parents. If you have not received a letter, or if you have any questions, please contact Rella at 875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS MEETING

The first parents meeting for the parents of children preparing for First Communion will be held on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00pm in the Parish Library. Letters have been sent either by e-mail or USPS to these parents. If you have not received a letter, or if you have any questions, please contact Rella at 875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

FRESH PRODUCE

For those in need of fresh produce – the Cornerstone Foundation, in collaboration with Foodshare, has provided space behind the Cornerstone Community Center off of Cottage Street for the Foodshare truck to come twice a month to provide you with a variety of nutritious food. Deliveries are every other Thursday from 11-11:30am.

The next delivery is February 5th. Questions? Call the Cornerstone soup kitchen at (860) 871-1823

Please join us in a celebration of Life

Who's life?

Celeste Milkie



Why: It's her 90th birthday !

*When: February 8, 2009
at noon, following the 10:45 Mass*

Where: Sacred Heart Church

A memory book will be created for Celeste.
Please bring any pictures you are willing to donate.
(Be sure to put a description of the event and names of people on the back of the picture)

Cake, drinks and light refreshments
No gifts, please

POPE TO OBAMA:

REDISCOVER US SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

VATICAN CITY, JAN. 20, 2009 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI sent a telegram to the new president of the United States, Barack Obama, expressing wishes for the nation to rediscover its heritage of spiritual values and ethical principles. The Pope sent good wishes to the 44th U.S. president on the occasion of Obama's inauguration today, with an "assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you unfailing wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high responsibilities."

The English text of the telegram, personally signed by the Holy Father, was released by the Vatican today.

He wrote: "Under your leadership may the American people continue to find in their impressive religious and political heritage the spiritual values and ethical principles needed to cooperate in the building of a truly just and free society, marked by respect for the dignity, equality and rights of each of its members, especially the poor, the outcast and those who have no voice."

The Pontiff expressed the hope that "[a]t a time when so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world yearn for liberation from the scourge of poverty, hunger and violence, I pray that you will be confirmed in your resolve to promote understanding, cooperation and peace among the nations, so that all may share in the banquet of life which God wills to set for the whole human family."

He concluded by invoking blessings of "joy and peace" upon the president's family and the American people.

The full text of the telegram is as follows:

*The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.*

On the occasion of your inauguration as the Forty-fourth president of the United States of America I offer cordial good wishes, together with the assurance of my prayers that the Almighty God will grant you unfailing wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high responsibilities.

Under your leadership may the American people continue to find in their impressive religious and political heritage the spiritual values and ethical principles needed to cooperate in the building of a truly just and free society, marked by respect for the dignity, equality and rights of each of its members, especially the poor, the outcast and those who have no voice.

At a time when so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world yearn for liberation from the scourge of poverty, hunger and violence, I pray that you will be confirmed in your resolve to promote understanding, cooperation and peace among the nations, so that all may share in the banquet of life which God wills to set for the whole human family (cf. Isaiah 25:6-7). Upon you and your family, and upon all the American people, I willingly invoke the Lord's blessings of joy and peace.

CATHOLIC AWARENESS DAY

SAVE THE DATE! 10th Annual Catholic Awareness Day sponsored by the Connecticut Catholic Conference is Monday, February 9, 2009 at the State Capitol in Hartford from 9am to 1pm.

This is the day to learn and understand the Catholic viewpoint on important issues facing our State, learn about the legislative process and plan to meet with your State legislators.

Attend one or more of the following workshops:

- Immigration
- Life Issues
- Health Care Reform
- Parochial School Challenges

Pastors have been encouraged to send groups of parishioners. Please see your pastor if you are interested in attending with a group from your church. Want to meet your legislator? Plan ahead and make an appointment!

Senate: Democrats:1-800-842-1420 / Republicans:1-800-842-1421
House Democrats: 1-800-842-1902 / Republicans:1-800-842-1423

For more information, contact the Connecticut Catholic Conference at 860-524-7882 or visit our website at: www.ctcatholic.org

VOLUNTEER AND CHANGE THE WORLD

InterCommunity Mental Health Group, 281 Main Street, East Hartford is looking for community volunteers who are interested in participating in a valuable mentoring opportunity. The Friend to Friend Program matches an individual living with a mental illness to a community volunteer with the goal of decreasing the isolation and loneliness that they may be experiencing. This program helps those participants reconnect to society as they receive peer support and gain confidence to continue with the next steps in their ongoing recovery. A weekly stipend is offered to both participants helping to defray the cost of shared activities. For more information, please contact Kristen at 860-748-2088, 860-291-1342 or F2Friend@hotmail.com

MUSIC & WINE

Sunday, February 1, 3pm: **A Concert of Firsts with Champagne Reception** – The Worthington Trio will bring their exquisite sound to the peaceful surroundings at Holy Family Retreat Center. Music, food and champagne from regions around the world will be enjoyed together. \$40.

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

Saint James School and Pre-Kindergarten will be open from 8:30 – 11am on Tuesday, January 27. Come and join us for an introduction to the school (presentations at 9 & 10am) with a tour to follow. Saint James School offers Pre-Kindergarten for 3-5 year olds, full-day and half-day Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. Snow date is Wednesday, January 28 at the same times.

JANUARY 25, 2009

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

SATURDAY 5:45pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FT) Mass: <i>Stella Golnik</i> , requested by Paul & Carol Perodeau, - <i>and</i> - <i>George Pinzel</i> , requested by Art & Pauline Casey
SUNDAY 10:45am	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FT) Mass: <i>Al Bousquet</i> , requested by Sally Bousquet, - <i>and</i> - <i>Anne White Haynes</i> , requested by the family
MONDAY 9:00am	TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am	ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN Liturgy of the Word with Communion
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR Liturgy of the Word with Communion
THURSDAY 7:00pm 7:45pm	Liturgy of the Word with Communion Intercessory Prayer
FRIDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
SATURDAY 5:45pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FT) Mass: <i>Stella Golnik</i> , requested by Donna Valli, - <i>and</i> - <i>George Pinzel</i> , requested by Richard & Rella Bernabucci
SUNDAY 10:45am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FT) Mass: <i>Steven Michael Brown</i> , requested by his family, - <i>and</i> - <i>Connie Glennon</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family, Sacred Heart Ushers, and The Caregivers

MEETINGS

SATURDAY 7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms
SUNDAY 9:15am 11:45am 6:30pm 7:45pm	Fellowship before and after Mass Faith Formation , Gr. 1-5 Brunch , courtesy of Haiti Ministry Faith Formation , Gr. 6 – Conf Prep Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY 4:00pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation , Gr. 1-3, 5 Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am 8:00pm	Bible Study , South Community Rooms Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Rooms
SATURDAY 7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms
SUNDAY 9:15am NO NO	Fellowship before and after Mass Faith Formation , Gr. 1-5 Faith Formation , Gr. 6 – Conf Prep Youth Group

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday Jan. 24,

4:00 p.m Vigil Mass: **Robert Gallant**, 15th Anniversary request of the family and for **Jeannette Violette**, request of her daughter Linda Lachapelle and family

Sunday, Jan. 25,

8:45 a.m. Mass: **Mae Mancino** , request of Lynn Mancino and for **Thomas W. Rea**, request of the Rea family

NEXT SUNDAY JAN. 31/Feb. 1, 2009

Saturday, Jan. 31,

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: **Franklin Delany** and **Jennie Cusano, & Frances Ricciardone**

Sunday Feb. 1,

8:45 a.m. Mass: **Antoni & Helena Babiec** and **Helen Menard**

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 3,319.00

Last year's collection was \$ 4,593.00

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*...Mark 1:17 Jesus' call to "Come after me" is a call to all Christians. Jesus asks us all to help Him in His work. By being good stewards, we, too, can help bring others closer to God.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Timothy 1:1-8; Ps. 98; Luke 10:1-9
 Tuesday: Heb. 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mark 3
 Wednesday: Heb. 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mark 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb. 10:19-25; Ps 24; Mark 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb. 10:32-39; Ps 37; Mark 4:26-34
 Saturday: Phil. 4:4-9; Ps.103 ; Mt. 18:1-5
 Next Sunday: Deut. 18:15-20; Ps.95; 1 Cor.7:32-35
 Mark 1:21-28

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY January 24th , 25th , 2009
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Fr. Stan, celebrant/ Ushers Group IV
 Family Dinner after the 4:00 p.m. Mass

PICK UP OF GRINDER ORDERS AFTER MASSES

Monday 1/26; Mass at 9:00 for special intention

Tuesday 1/27; Mass at 9:00 for **Donald Sullivan**,

Request of Mary Ann Murphy

Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 P.M.

Wednesday 1/28; Mass at 9:00 for "Dad" McSherry

Request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

ADORATION from 3:00p.m.until 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 1/29; Mass at 9:00 for **Donald Sullivan**,

Request of Mary Ann Murphy

Friday 1/30; Mass at 9:00 for Special Intention

Saturday 1/31 Confessions: 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

JANUARY 31/ FEBRUARY 1

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 p.m. VIGIL MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Kyle Toce

LECTOR: Dolores Betti

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Vi Sobol,
 Peggy Peruccio, Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, 8:45 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Kimberly Newton

David & Chrissy Bendzinski

LECTOR: Joel Cohan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Robert Rouleau
 Margaret Maneggia, James Boylan

FEBRUARY 1, Meeting of the 2009 Confirmation Candidates prior to the Generations of Faith Meeting.

Generations of Faith Meeting at 10:00 A.M. following a light breakfast.

Statements for contributions to St. Maurice Church For the year 2008 will be mailed to those who requested them in the past. If you need a statement please call the Church office during the regular office hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Your Christmas Bells made a beautiful sound

White Bells

Christmas Baskets filled 30 homes with the wonderful sound of joy.

Food gift certificates to the tune of \$1000 was distributed.

Gifts for 95 people made a joyful noise.

Green Bells

Rang out vouchers of \$985 for teen gifts for WAIM

Red Bells

Sang with 80 gifts for MACC

**Thank you St. Maurice family
You're the best**

Last weekend the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, the Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign and Catholic University of America was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response.

If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away, extra envelopes are available at the Usher's tables.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the Parish. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

K of C Calendar

February

February 8 Pancake Breakfast
February 12 Business Meeting
February 14 Valentine's Dinner
February 22 Coffee Social
February 27 (First Friday in Lent) Fish Dinner

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP NEWS

It's February.....YUP...time to get started on the 2009 Christmas Fair.....

Date.....February 4

Place.....Parish Center

Time.....9:00 A.M.

We can use all of the talented hands that we know are hiding in our Parish.....

A letter from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During the week of January 25-31, 2009, Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated throughout the United States. With great appreciation for the outstanding work that is accomplished by the educators in schools in the Diocese of Norwich, I pray for their continuation and strengthening as a dynamic means of evangelization in our Church; of promoting Jesus Christ as the central focus of children's lives; of offering to families quality education and faith formation for students of the 21st Century.

Recent financial concerns related to the cost of Catholic education and the current national economic crisis are apparent to its supporters. Although our pastors, school administrators, and parent fundraisers maintain relatively low tuition and budgets in comparison with public school per-pupil education cost, it is now a challenge to offer acceptance to all the families that value Catholic education for their children.

Consequently, I strongly encourage participation of all of our parishioners in projects that support the advancement of our Catholic elementary and secondary schools – these range from active alumni associations and scholarships for needy children to the securing of grants, foundation gifts, and capital improvement plans. At the same time, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the countless individuals and organizations that have donated time and energy generously to the continuation of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Norwich.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich