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Please assist the works of Religious Education, Evangelization, Youth and Young Adult activities, Family Life programs and many other services provided by the Diocese. Your gift is important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the ABA.

Our goal this year is to have 100% participation. In order to achieve this target, each one of us is asked to give in accordance with our means.

TAG SALE – SPACE RENTAL

The Youth Group will be participating in the town wide Tag Sale (Saturday, April 25th) once again this year. Our tag sale will be held in the front parking lot of the church. We will be renting space to those who would like to join us in the parking lot. The rental fee is \$15 for 8 feet of space – tables and chairs will be provided free of charge. Please contact Rella (875-4563) or by e-mail (rella@sacredheartchurch.net) if you are interested in renting space.

APRIL 25TH TAG SALE – DONATIONS

As you begin your spring cleaning, please remember that the Youth Group will take clean, usable items for the tag sale. We cannot take clothing items or shoes/boots. Please contact Rella for information about dropping off items you wish to donate. The proceeds from the tag sale will help to defray the cost of the Confirmation Retreat. Thank you.

Attention All Faith Formation Classes & Youth Group

Faith Formation classes and Youth Group scheduled for Sunday, April 19th and Wednesday, April 22nd will not meet because of the Vernon school system's Spring Break. Classes will resume on April 26th and April 29th at their respective times.

Attention Youth Group

Youth Group members will be pricing tag sale items on Friday, April 24th from 3:00-6:00pm. Then on Saturday, April 25th we will be setting up for the tag sale at 7:00am. The Tag Sale will be held from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Help Needed

We need help for the following ministries:

Liturgy of the Word with Children – at the 10:45am Mass on Sundays, one more person is needed to present and reflect the Sunday Scripture readings with the children of the parish. With four people on the team, each member of the team would be scheduled only once a month. Can you spare one Sunday a month to minister to the children of our parish?

Babysitting/Childcare – two more people are needed to offer babysitting/childcare services at the Sunday 10:45am Mass to the young families of our parish. If we could have two more people willing to help at this Mass, you would be assigned to one Mass per month.

Please see Rella for more information.

**A Great Big
Thank You
to those who supported the
Soup & Bread Supper Almsgiving.**

Alms were given for

The Food Bank \$111.00
Helping Hands \$111.00
Mission House in Port-Au-Prince \$124.00

May God bless your generosity 100-fold!

An Evening of Laughter

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut cordially invites you to an Evening of Laughter with Joyce Saltman, stand-up comedienne, appearing on Regis Philbin's morning show, ABC News, Dangerfield's & Good Times, NYC.

Hosted by Community Health Association – Tuesday, May 19, 6:30pm at Maneely's Banquet Facility, 65 Rye Street, South Windsor.

To register for this FREE EVENT, please call Pat at 872-9163 ext. 2302 as seating is limited.

11th Annual "1000 Wheels Day"

Do you have a manual wheelchair not in use? It could make the difference between despair and hope for a person who desperately needs one. On Saturday, May 2nd from 10am to 3pm, Chariots of Hope, an all volunteer organization that collects, repairs and distributes manual wheelchairs to needy individuals will be at the State Police barracks to accept manual wheelchairs and cash donations.

For more information, call Chariots of Hope at 860-242-HOPE (4673) or visit them at www.chariotsofhope.org

Mass of Healing and Hope

Spiritual Renewal Services, a ministry of the Diocese of Norwich, will have a Mass of Healing and Hope at Saint Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland **NEXT SUNDAY**, April 26 at 2pm.

Father Ray Introvigne will be the main celebrant and Mrs. Judith Hughes will lead the healing prayer. Individual prayer teams will be available after the service for individual prayer.

Please join them for a prayerful, joyful and peaceful celebration and healing service.

For more information, please call the Spiritual Renewal Center at 860-887-0702.

An Important Letter from Cornerstone

Dear friends,

I can honestly tell you that I have never seen our pantry or refrigerator as empty as it has been these past few months. Thank you for your continued support and donation of a large variety of food to the Cornerstone soup kitchen.

Because of your generosity we are able to continue our mission of feeding the hungry. We have seen an increase of 23% of those coming to the soup kitchen for their meals. We have no doubt that as the economy gets worse we will see more and more people coming to the kitchen for their meals.

In collaboration with Foodshare, in the parking lot behind the Cornerstone Community Center, 82 families stood in the cold rain waiting for their turn to receive their bags of food. They were happy to do so. When you're hungry you will do anything to provide for your family. We take nothing for granted and we know we could not do what we do without your support.

Thank you for caring and sharing. You have made a difference.

Peace & Blessings,

*Helen Syriac
Executive Director
The Cornerstone Foundation
www.cornerstone-rockville.org*

Free Magazine

For a free issue of the award-winning *The Way of Saint Francis: A Magazine for the Franciscan in Each of Us* please contact The Way of Saint Francis by email at ofmcadev@att.net; by mail at 1500 34th Ave, Oakland, CA 94601; by phone at 916-443-5717 or online at www.thewayofsaintfrancis.org

"Secretaries Week" Mass

Tuesday, April 21 at 12:10pm – Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich. A complementary luncheon will follow the Mass. For reservations or more information, please call 860-887-9294 ext 234.

Polka Dance

Spring Polka Dance to benefit Saint Joseph School in Norwich – Saturday, April 25th at the Moose Hall, 115 Fitchville Road, Bozrah CT. Doors open at 4pm and a Polish dinner buffet with homemade desserts and coffee will be served from 4:30 to 10pm. Dancing from 6 to 10pm to *Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men*. \$25 per person. For tickets and info please call Terry at 860-908-0774.

Our Lady of the Angels (Enfield) Reunion

OLA All Alumni Reunion, June 7th. Send request for info to patty706010@yahoo.com. Pre-registration is required.

APRIL 19, 2009

The Work of the Church

SATURDAY

5:45pm **Mass: *Stella Golnik***, requested by her family

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

10:45am **Mass: *Ed Kayan***, requested by Knights of
Columbus Council 4122 Vernon/Rockville,
-and-
Al Bousquet, requested by Sally Bousquet

MONDAY

9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

TUESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *Gaspere Davia***, requested by Maria
Davia

WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *Rev. Albin Gurklis, MIC***

THURSDAY

NO Sacrament of Reconciliation today

7:00pm **Mass: *Ed Kayan***, requested by Tom & Arlene
Furey

7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel

FRIDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***

SATURDAY

5:45pm **Mass: *Clifford Bouchard, Sr., 25th***
Anniversary requested by Kevin Bouchard
- and - ***Norman LaPorte***, requested by
Stella Sears-Tessier

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45am **Mass: *For Those in Whose Memory Easter***
Flowers Were Donated
-and- ***Muriel & Drew Iadarola***, requested
by Pat Iadarola

Meetings

SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, South Community
Rooms

SUNDAY Fellowship before and after Mass

NO **Faith Formation Grades 1 - Conf Prep or
Youth Group**

WEDNESDAY

NO **Faith Formation**, Gr. 1-3, 5

7:00pm **Pastoral Council**, Library

8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**, South Community
Rooms

THURSDAY

10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms

8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South
Community Rooms

SATURDAY Vernon Tag Sale

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, South Community
Rooms

SUNDAY Fellowship before and after Mass

9:15am **Faith Formation** Grades 1-5

6:30pm **Faith Formation** Grades 6-Conf Prep

7:45pm **Youth Group**

E-Mail: stmauricechurch@sbcglobal.net
 Fr. Stanley Szczapa cell phone 841-0221
WWW.STMAURICEKOFK.ORG

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 18, 2009

4:00 P.M. Mass: Franklin Delany, request of Robert Hopko; and for **Ida Ottone**, request of Virginia Ierardi

Sunday, April 20, 2009

8:45 A.M. Mass: Deceased members of the **Henry Clark family**, request of Margaret Fontanella; and for **Chad Normington**, request of Jennifer & Phil Daly.

Nest Weekend

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Elvira Saglio, and Franklin Delany

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Delman Lebel

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's Easter offertory \$ 4,234

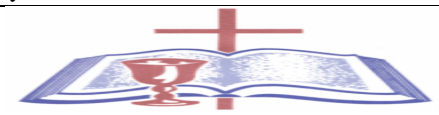
Last year's Easter offertory \$ 6,467

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." Act 4:32

Stewardship calls us to recognize, just as the early Christians did, that none of our possessions is our own. All that we have, our health, our education, our skills, our talents, and our livelihood, are gifts from God. The natural reaction when someone gives you a gift is to want to give something back. What do you give back to God?

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THIS WEEK
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
 Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have
 seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have
 believed." - Jn 20:28-29*

Fr. Tony, celebrant

Ushers Group IV

Pancake Breakfast Sunday

Blood Pressure Screening

Altar Servers Free

Book Sale

Mon. Apr. 20: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Donald Sullivan, request of Ann Reigler

Tue. Apr. 21: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Joseph Spinella

Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 22: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Cray Ross
Christmas Fair Workshop at P. C.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
 SACRAMENT**

3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Thu. Apr. 23: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for
 Fr. Lester Norris

Fri. Apr. 24: NO MASS

Sat. Apr. 25: CONFESSIONS 3:00 P.M. -3:45 P.M.
PIZZA NIGHT AFTER 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

4:00 P.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Kyle & Kaila Toce

LECTOR: Barbara Fiano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Ted Lloyd,
 Georgette Pelletier, Arlene Giglio

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

8:45 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Brendan & Katelyn
 Donahue

LECTOR: Rita Sheetz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Betty Aitkin,
 John Sheetz, Cynthia Fagan

OPERATION RICE BOWL

PLEASE RETURN YOUR "OPERATION RICE BOWL" DONATIONS. LEAVE THEM IN FRONT OF THE CHOIR AREA. THANK YOU.



MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE TO BENEFIT MACC

Yes, its spring and you want to visit the garden centers and maybe buy some plants. BUT DON'T buy your plants there! It's too early anyway. They will just get frostbitten and you will have wasted your money. Wait until MOTHER'S DAY weekend and buy your plants at St. Maurice's annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. The Knights of Columbus, St. Maurice Council 6199, will conduct a plant sale at the Parish Center on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, Mother's Day weekend. Proceeds from this sale will be turned over to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches for use in the homeless shelter. The sale is open to the public, so pass the word to all your friends in the area. Offered for sale will be a variety of potted plants, hanging baskets and flats of both vegetables and flowering annuals. The hours of the sale will be Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Sunday's sale time will be in conjunction with the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, which is free to all mothers. Your MOM enjoys flowering plants and so does your wife, your grandmother, your sister, aunt and neighbor too!

For special orders call: Paul Brown at 646-5745.

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

303 Tunxis Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

Wednesday, May 6 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

MARRIED COUPLES EVENING RETREAT

"Love the One You're With, Re-discovering Acceptance and Connection in Your Marriage"

*Our evening will offer practical exercises to help couples grow in acceptance of each other. We will examine thought patterns and behaviors that block our ability to be compassionate and accept our partner. Retreat offering \$60 per couple. Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org
Or call (860) 521-0440*

2009 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

"I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:5)

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A CELEBRATION FOR YOUR FAMILY

"Tears of Love" Concert with Father Pat

at

St. Bernard Church, Rockville, CT.

Saturday, May 9th from 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Join us for a special concert in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Father Pat of the LaSalette Missionaries, Musician, composer, singer and recording artist. Fr. Pat communicates the last words spoken by Mary at LaSalette France in 1846, when she said "Make it known to all my people." Thousands have experienced the healing touch of this unique ministry. Fr. Pat has released 16 albums and is known for his graceful tenor voice and charismatic concerts which take place around the nation and worldwide.

A Free-will offering will be greatly appreciated to benefit the Make in Known Ministry. For more information go to:

www.saintbernardchurch.org .

CD's by Fr. Pat will be available for sale before and after the concert.



Additional Easter Flower Memorial
M/M Peter Phelon, in memory of Mr. Arthur Flynn Sr.