

readings for the week

Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/
 Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
 Mt 16:13-19
 Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

attention: parishioners

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attention: parents

With the warm summer weather arriving, the walking/bicycle trails are becoming very busy. Many of the people using the trails also use our restrooms on Sunday morning. In order to keep our children safe, we remind the parents to please go with their children to the restrooms. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

summer hours

For the summer, your parish offices will be opening at 1:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Tuesday daily Mass will generally be in the evening, but you should check the bulletin each week for the exact schedule.

mass of healing & hope

Spiritual Renewal Services will have a Mass of Healing & Hope at **St. Lake Church, Ellington**, on Sunday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m. Fr. 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 each individual.

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

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

* Note: Some groups meeting at Sacred Heart including but not limited to *The Red Cross, Vernon Jr. Women's Club, Brownies, Cubs, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* and *Narcotics Anonymous* are not part of and not acting on behalf of the Parish or the Diocese

8th Annual

St. Maurice Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Tallwood Country Club
 Hebron, Connecticut

Saturday, July 19

*** Scramble format with shotgun start at 1pm**

*** \$100 per golfer entry fee includes:**
*greens fees, cart, lunch, dinner,
 giveaways and awards!*

For **information:** email golf@StMauriceKofC.org

For **golfer registration:** contact Lee Snuffer, (860) 647-7363,
Lee.Snuffer@StMauriceKofC.org

To **help sponsor:** contact Dave Delorme, (860) 643-2738,
Dave.Delorme@StMauriceKofC.org

Proceeds benefit

***St. Maurice KofC council #6199
 charitable activities; including***

***WAIM, MACC, MARC, local scholarships
 and other worthwhile organizations!***

More info online at: <http://www.StMauriceKofC.org/golf>

22nd annual rummage sale

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Baltic will hold its 22nd Annual Rummage Sale on Thursday, July 24th from 5pm - 8pm (Early Bird Shopping \$10 Admission), Friday July 25th from 9am -7:30pm (Free Admission) and Saturday July 26th from 9am - 2pm (Free Admission) and Friday, August 1st from 4pm - 7pm and Saturday August 2nd from 9am -12noon. Donations of furniture, household items, clothing, etc. will be gratefully accepted through July 20th. Please call St. Mary Rectory at (860) 822-6378 to arrange for pick-up of larger items.

SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

ST. MAURICE – SACRED HEART COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCILS MEETING JUNE 17, 2008

PRESENT: Fr. Stan, Eleanor Aufman, Karen Bergin, Linda Wiley, Barbara Sposito, Kathleen Perlitz, Bonnie Benevides, Ray Lemaire, Sharon Scorso, Peg Rouleau, Bob Rouleau, Paul Brown, Irene Kwiatkowski, Patti Cinea, Thomas A. Manning, Arleen Chin, Donna Valli, Ruth Ladd, Betty Gonsalves, Ernie Golnik, Don Maxa, Lionel Paro, Rella Bernabucci, Sandy Rice, Mary Ann Simcoe, Larry Deraleau, Maureen Staggborg, Mike Kurban, Matt Powell, Jim Higgins, John Crane, Sergio Dosouto. ABSENT: Carol Duhamel, Patricia Michaud, Carol White.

The meeting opened with a few brief introductory comments, introductions, and prayer led by Father Stan. Father Stan presided over the joint meeting of St. Maurice and Sacred Heart parish councils.

1. TWO QUESTIONS: Father Stan presented two questions for reflection and comments.

- What is your greatest concern as the process of yoking goes forward?
- What do you see as the advantages of yoking?

2. RESPONSES TO QUESTION A: What is your greatest concern as the process of yoking goes forward?

Mass times - Holy Week/Christmas services - social concerns and events built around the Mass schedule - travel distances between the two parishes - finances from attendance drop off - decreased availability of the pastor - loss of members - loss of parish identity - effect on parish activities - maintaining separate parish identity while still coming together - burden upon one pastor covering two parishes - failure to take advantage of the opportunity for more parishioner involvement in nonordained functions in order to maintain the same level of parish activity - parishes not become confrontational allowing animosity to come between the two parishes - is the job too much for one pastor? - parishes will be able to have joint meetings to work out details of yoking while still maintaining their own individuality - parishioners will leave but that it be seen as a personal choice and not a reflection of parish structure - not as many problems as we think - good way to come together as Catholics - each parish has gifts that can complement each other - we can learn from each other and help each other while maintaining our individuality - impact on faith formation and the youth group schedule which is developed around the Mass schedule - the reality that both parishes will have a decreased Mass schedule - St. Maurice is still healing from the precipitous loss of their pastor - will we have a priest we can develop a relationship with? - that the staff at each parish remain as it currently is.

3. RESPONSES TO QUESTION B: What do you see as the advantages of yoking?

Opportunity to take initiatives for socializations and evangelization - enhanced ministries through sharing - having a priest for celebration of the Eucharist - open horizons not seen before through sharing - lean on one another - increased youth programs - learning how another parish operates and learning from one another - complement each other - increased opportunities for socialization and participation - will learn from each other and increase horizons not thought of - learning about parish programs and coming together as family - youth coming together and sharing - looking beyond ourselves - better understanding of ourselves through sharing with others - acceptance of the things you cannot

change and growing through the things that you can change - regular spiritual leader for direction and guidance - opportunity to be positive about change and be a people of faith - opportunity to grow in ways unimaginable - change can be positive and an opportunity for growth - greater opportunities for activity participation with both parishes - more functions to choose from - more people to meet - more friendships to forge - looking to work together with greater excitement and flexibility of schedule - youth group opportunities - opportunity to focus on otherness rather than on loss - sharing of ideas - getting to know another segment of God's children - opportunity not to get stuck in a rut - time to be creative - opens up opportunities and allows for a refocusing - more people, more ideas will make us stronger - change is inevitable, a time to embrace it - neither parish is closing - Mass is what you bring to it and not about what you miss - change is difficult, only the dead don't change - open hearts and minds - no winners or losers - no anger or resentments - we are the Body of Christ even with our difficulties - parish councils will set the tone for this process - think positive.

4. MASS SCHEDULE SURVEY: Council members were requested to consider possible survey questions for Mass schedules at each parish. What do you think is the earliest and the latest Sunday Mass people would attend? Response: 7am - 12noon with 9am-11am being ideal for families with small children. What would be the earliest and latest Mass schedule for Saturday afternoon with the earliest Mass being at 4pm? Response: 4pm - 6pm. If there was a Sunday afternoon/evening Mass, what time would most people attend? Response: 4pm - 7:30pm.

Brief discussion and sharing followed on the various options for Sunday Mass and the special vigils of Easter and Christmas. The framework within which both parishes are working with are four total Masses for weekend Masses. Suggested options included: A 9am Sunday Mass at one parish with an 11am Sunday Mass at the other parish with a 5pm Saturday Mass at one parish and a 5pm Sunday Mass at the other parish. Or, a 9am Sunday Mass at one parish and an 11am Sunday Mass at the other parish with a 4pm Saturday at one parish and a 6pm Saturday at the other parish. At this time it was the thinking of the members there is more flexibility and time to consider the weekday Masses for each parish. Brief discussion of the issues followed. Tom distributed a survey draft for weekend Masses. The draft was reviewed in keeping with member discussion and modified. It was approved for distribution the weekend of June 21-22 for parishioner input. The importance of parishioner input was stressed so that a viable schedule can be developed.

5. NEXT COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING: It was agreed that another combined meeting would be beneficial. **The next meeting will be at Sacred Heart - Tuesday - July 15th - 7:15pm - Fellowship Room.**

The meeting closed with the *Serenity Prayer* -

*"God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change ----
The Courage to change the things I can ----
And the Wisdom to know the difference."*

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cinea, St. Maurice
Arleen Chin, Sacred Heart

JUNE 29, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES Mass: <i>Genevieve Sullivan</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES Mass: <i>Ann Martin</i> , requested by RCIA Team Mass: The 50th Anniversary of the Parish
MONDAY 9:00am	PROTOMARTYRS OF ROME Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 7:00pm	BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST Mass: <i>Placido & Maria Minissale</i> , requested by Frank & Maria Neri
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
THURSDAY NOTE: <u>9:00am</u> NO 7:45pm	THOMAS, APOSTLE Mass: <i>Maria Antonietta Davia</i> , requested by Maria Davia Sacrament of Reconciliation Intercessory Prayer
FIRST FRIDAY NOTE:	INDEPENDENCE DAY / ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL NO Services today
SATURDAY 5:00pm	ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST / FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Helen Nasin</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Nancy Cianci</i> , requested by Paul & Carol Perodeau Mass: <i>Vivian Castonguay, 1st Anniversary</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 1:00pm	Fellowship after Mass Anniversary Banquet at Maneeley's
MONDAY	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY 8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am 8:00pm	Bible Study , South Community Rooms Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
FRIDAY	Offices Closed
SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	Fellowship after Mass

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WWW.STMAURICEKOCF.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. George Tellier request of Raymond Lemaire.
 7:30 a.m. Russell Moonan request of Jen & Phil Daly.
 9:15 a.m. Gloria Verilli request of Doris and David
 Luetjen and Family.
 11:00 a.m. Ivan Dube request of Solange Fournier.

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Billie Luchini 10th Anniversary, request of
 Charles Luchini
 7:30 a.m. Olga Guglielmino
 9:15 a.m. Armand Morin
 11:00a.m. Levi Fournier, 1st. Anniversary

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$4,967

Last year's collection was \$3,495

Projected amount needed \$4,204

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). Thank you for your generosity.

"He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' The chains fell from his wrists." Acts 12:7

Just as God miraculously freed Peter from prison, He can free us from the chains that the pursuit of possessions can wrap around us. We just need to strive to live a life of stewardship putting God first in our schedules, in our days and in our budgets.

Christmas Fair News



Christmas Fair Workshop Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center. Everyone is invited to join in making crafts for the 2008 Christmas Fair.

The Fair Group needs:

Cookie cutters
 China cups and saucers
 Soup mugs
 Small fancy boxes (Harry & David Style)
 Baby food jars
 Tea spoons - odd pieces will be fine
 Quart canning jars

Leave in back of church in front of the choir area.
 Please help us reach our goal this year.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – Peter and Paul, Apostles

Ushers Group I / Rosary after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

MONDAY - Prayer Group at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited to join in prayer.

WEDNESDAY – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION of the EUCHARIST 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Fair Workshop at 9:00 a.m. at the Center.

THURSDAY – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY – HAPPY 4th of JULY

SATURDAY – Confessions 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary

Time. / Ushers Group II

Rosary after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Readings for next Sunday – Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be mailed to you ASAP.

NOTICE

Daily Masses will begin again this week at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, and Thursday. No Mass this Friday, July 4th. Schedule for daily Masses after this week will be Monday – Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Confessions will be Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

NOTE FROM FR. STAN

I would like to begin meeting with parishioners in various neighborhoods. Summer seems to be a good time for these meetings. If you would like to host such a meeting please let Theresa know which evenings of the week would be good for you. Retires might wish to look at a day time meeting.

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The parish needs a volunteer to coordinate the diocesan Safe Environment program here at St. Maurice Church. Every parish must have a coordinator for this program so please volunteer by calling the rectory at 643-4466 or let Fr. Stan know. Thank you.

8TH ANNUAL ST. MAURICE K OF C GOLF SCRAMBLE - DRIVE FOR CHARITIES

At Tallwood Country Club, Hebron, CT on Saturday, July 19, 2008. Lunch served at 12:00 noon and shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Full dinner following play. Many prizes will be awarded! Golfer entry fee of \$100 includes greens fee, cart, lunch, and full dinner. Teams are made up of 4 golfers. Singles are encouraged to participate. The scramble format is very forgiving to novice and casual golfers. Proceeds benefit St. Maurice K of C council #6199 charitable activities including WAIM, MACC, MARC, local scholarships and other worthwhile organizations. Golfers and non-golfers alike are cordially invited to support our largest fundraiser of the year.

Contact for player information Lee Snuffer, 30 Fiano Road, Bolton, CT at 860-647-7363.

www.StMauriceKofC.org/golf

DIocese OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN MEXICO

October 15 to 22, 2008

For info or reservations call 860-887-9294 x235

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead a seven day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, San Miguel Del Milagro, Tepeyac Hill, and several other significant holy sites. Price includes local bus to/from Newark airport, departure lunch, all tips, 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, welcome reception, 3 dinners, and also includes \$119 departure tax and \$110 fuel surcharge.

Reservations must be made by July 10, 2008

Cost of Tour: \$1865.00 per person double occupancy
 \$ 300.00 deposit required (\$139.00 optional insurance)
 \$ 300.00 single supplement (limited)

Good News!

June 29, 2008

What do apostles have to offer? Not something built by humans or that typically even makes sense to humans. The apostles' message speaks of a new life with God, but that is very much something given by God, not by the apostles. What does that mean? What does that look like? It is put into human hands. Christ builds his Church out of human stuff.

What do his apostles have to work with? Peter has enthusiasm. He is given the insight to see that Jesus is the Christ. Does Peter know what all that means? What we see of Peter's story shows a mixture of success and failure. Still, he is made an apostle. He is promised he will have responsibilities—and he is promised that the Spirit that led him to recognize Christ will stay with him.

Paul is a fighter. He has tremendous fervor for God—enough to grapple with and try to destroy the upstart group he sees threatening the work of God. At the end of his life, he is used up from battling—but by then he has been fighting to spread the same Gospel, preaching the same Christ that grabbed him and drove him to bring the message to everyone he could find.

We see enough of Peter and Paul in the New Testament to get a sense of what they're like, to sense their energy and their temperaments. They are real, with real ambitions, real ideas, and real emotions. At times they disagree with each other: Paul gets in Peter's face over the question of keeping (or not keeping) the Jewish Law.

The passion that drove each of them was steeped in the passion of Christ. They both ended up in Rome, the center of the known world, where they faced the stark power and authority of human rule. They both died at human hands, witnesses—in Greek, martyrs—foundation stones for a different sort of leading and a different sort of authority.

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