

readings for the week

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/
 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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 from 1:00pm until 4:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Wednesday 9:30am to 4:30pm, Friday 9:30am to 3:00pm. The Tuesday daily Mass will generally be in the evening, but you should check the bulletin each week for the exact schedule as there are exceptions.

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>

SACRED HEART CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 25, 2008

PRESENT: R. Bernabucci, A. Chin, J. Crane, S. Dosouto, Fr. Stan, E. Golnik, M. Kurban, R. Ladd, D. Maxa, L. Paro, S. Rice, M. Simcoe, D. Valli, B. Gonsalves. ABSENT: L. Deraleau, C. Duhamel, P. Michaud, M. Powell, M. Staggenborg, C. White, J. Higgins, C. Gagnon.

The meeting opened with reading, reflection and prayer.

1. MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2008: Accepted as written.

2. 50TH ANNIVERSARY:

a. Banquet: There are 202 returns for the banquet. Name cards will be available for marking individual places. Maneeley's will open at 12:30pm with the banquet beginning at 1pm. Beverages and a cash bar will be available before the banquet. Rella developed and printed an event program listing the menu and speakers. A copy was distributed for review. Each guest will receive a program along with a remembrance book mark. Thank you Rella for a well thought out and pleasing program!

b. Original Mission Church Cross: The outside building cross from the Sacred Heart Mission Church has been located and refurbished to its original copper tone. It will be on display during the banquet.

c. June Picnic: The June picnic was a great success! Close to 200 parishioners and guests participated. The weather was perfect, the food varied and delicious, and the sense of community evident. The children had an especially good time enjoying all of the activities and prizes won. Many were seen taking part in the dunk tank with the adults enjoying the "show". Thank you to all who helped make it a success from planning, to contributing, to participating, to clean up.

d. Christmas Presentation: The deposit has been mailed for 3 1/2 Days of Christmas. The presentation is scheduled for 12/28/08.

3. COMBINED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Minutes were distributed and reviewed without comment. The next combined council meeting will be Tuesday, July 15th at 7:15pm at Sacred Heart.

4. MASS SCHEDULE SURVEY: Ernie shared preliminary results from the Sacred Heart Mass survey. When the St. Maurice survey data is compiled, both will be presented in one report and discussed at the next combined meeting.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: Matt Powell has agreed to serve another year. A warm welcome to the new members; Betty Gonsalves, Jim Higgins, and Cindee Gagnon.

6. NEXT AGENDA: Banquet report, Budget 2008-2009, Communication review & recommendations, Mass schedule review.

7. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: **WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 – 7PM – LIBRARY**

8. NEXT SCHEDULED COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: **TUESDAY – JULY – 15, 2008 – 7:15PM – SACRED HEART**

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Arleen Chin

who was saint maurice?

Saint Maurice (also Moritz, Morris, or Mauritius) was the leader of the legendary Roman Theban Legion in the 3rd century, and one of the favorite and most widely venerated saints of that group. He was the patron saint of several professions, locales, and kingdoms. He was also a highly revered saint in the Coptic Orthodox Church, as St. Maurice was an Egyptian Copt.

According to the hagiographical material the legion, entirely composed of Christians, had been called from Thebes in Egypt to Gaul to assist Maximian to defeat a revolt by the Bagaudæ. However, when Maximian ordered them to harass some local Christians, they refused and Maximian ordered the unit punished. Every tenth soldier was killed, a military punishment known as decimation. More orders followed, they still refused, due in part to encouragement from Maurice, and a second decimation was ordered. In response to their refusal to use violence against fellow Christians, Maximian ordered all the remaining members of the 6,600 unit executed. The place in Switzerland where this occurred, known as Agaunum, is now Saint Maurice-en-Valais, site of the Abbey of Saint Maurice-en-Valais.

So reads the earliest account of their martyrdom, according to the public letter Eucherius, bishop of Lyon (c. 434–450), addressed to his fellow bishop Salvius. Alternate versions have the legion refusing Maximian's orders only after discovering a town they had just destroyed had been inhabited by innocent Christians, or that the emperor had them executed when they refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods.

Saint Maurice became a patron saint of the Holy Roman Emperors. In 926, Henry I (919–936) even ceded the present Swiss canton of Aargau to the abbey at Agaunum in return for Maurice's lance, sword and spurs. The sword and spurs of Saint Maurice was part of the regalia used at coronations of the Austro-Hungarian Emperors until 1916, and among the most important insignia of the imperial throne. In addition, some of the emperors were anointed before the Altar of Saint Maurice at St. Peter's Basilica. In 929 Henry I the Fowler held a royal court gathering (Reichsversammlung) at Magdeburg. At the same time the Mauritius Kloster in honor of Maurice was founded. In 961, Otto I was building and enriching the cathedral at Magdeburg, which he intended for his own tomb. To that end, in the year 961 of the Incarnation and in the twenty-fifth year of his reign, in the presence of all of the nobility, on the vigil of Christmas, the body of St. Maurice was conveyed to him at Regensburg along with the bodies of some of the saint's companions and portions of other saints. Having been sent to Magdeburg, these relics were received with great honour by a gathering of the entire populace of the city and of their fellow countrymen. They are still venerated there, to the salvation of the homeland.

Maurice is traditionally depicted in full armor, in Italy emblazoned with a red cross. In folk culture he has become connected with the legend of the Spear of Destiny, which he is supposed to have carried into battle; his name is engraved on the Holy Lance of Vienna, one of several relics claimed as the spear that pierced Jesus' side on the cross. Saint Maurice gives his name to the town St. Moritz as well as to numerous places called Saint-Maurice in French speaking countries. The Indian Ocean island state of

Mauritius was named after Maurice of Nassau, a member of the House of Orange, and not directly after St. Mauritius himself.

Over 650 religious foundations dedicated to Saint Maurice can be found in France and other European countries. In Switzerland alone, 7 churches or altars in Aargau, 6 in the Canton of Lucerne, 4 in the Canton of Solothurn, and 1 in Appenzell Innerrhoden can be found. In fact, his feast day in a cantonal holiday in Appenzell Innerrhoden. Particularly notable among these are the Church and Abbey of Saint-Maurice-en-Valais, the Church of Saint Moritz in the Engadin, and the Monastery Chapel of Einsiedeln Abbey, where his name continues to be greatly revered. Several chivalric orders were established in his honor as well, including the Order of the Golden Fleece and the Order of Saint Maurice. Additionally, fifty-two towns and villages in France have been named in his honor.

Maurice is also the patron saint of a Roman Catholic parish and church in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, and including part of the town of Arabi in St. Bernard parish.. The church was constructed in 1856, making it one of the oldest currently used churches in the area. The church was devastated by the winds and flood waters of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005; the copper plated steeple was totally blown of the building. Masses resumed at the building in 2006, it is currently again an active church.

On July 19th 1941 Pope Pius XII declared Saint Maurice to be patron Saint of the Italian Army's Alpini Mountain Infantry Corps. The Alpini Corps celebrates Saints Maurices feast every year since then.

The oldest available image of Saint Maurice at the Cathedral of Magdeburg which began construction in 937 A.D. depicts Maurice as an African. It is this image that's displayed next to the grave of Otto I, Holy Roman Emperor. The Cathedral of Magdeburg is the first and oldest standing temple honoring the life of St. Maurice.

St. Maurice is sometimes represented as a black Moor, which is actually the meaning of his name. According to Jean Devisse, a historian, it was not until 1240 that St. Maurice appeared as a black man; prior to that, Devisse says he had been depicted as a white man. There are no known images that support Devisse's claim, but because of this discrepancy, Maurice is depicted as possessing characteristics of both ethnic groups.

There is evidence to indicate that Maurice was Egyptian. The Coptic Greek name "Maurikios" appears in the papyri and is identical with the later Roman name "Mauritius", according to G. Heuser in his *Personennamen der Kopten*. Other parties have suggested that the name may be derived from the name of Lake Moeris.

In fact, the name is found in epitaphs of the Ptolemaic Egypt and Egyptian Christian periods, and is still used as a personal name in Egypt's Coptic community.

Saint Maurice. (2008, June 24). In Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Retrieved 20:15, June 27, 2008, from http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Saint_Maurice&oldid=221545083

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the work of the church

SATURDAY	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00pm	Mass: <i>Helen Nasin</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	Mass: <i>Nancy Cianci</i> , requested by Paul & Carol Perodeau
10:30am	Mass: Vivian Castonguay, 1st Anniversary , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
MONDAY	
9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY	
7:00pm	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
WEDNESDAY	
11:00am	Mass at Welles Village
THURSDAY	
4:30-6pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00pm	Mass: <i>Deceased Members of the Davia & Labbadia Families</i> , requested by Maria Davia
7:45pm	Intercessory Prayer
FRIDAY	
10:30am	Mass at Vernon Manor
SATURDAY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00pm	Mass: <i>Terry Biega</i> , requested by a friend
SUNDAY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am	Mass: <i>John Marshall</i> , requested by his family
10:30am	Mass: Joseph Horvath , requested by the Kurban Family

meetings

SATURDAY	
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	
	Fellowship after Mass
MONDAY	
	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY	
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	
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	
	Fellowship after Mass

* 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

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WWW.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY

- 5:00 p.m. Billie Luchini 10th Anniversary, request of Charles Luchini.
 7:30 a.m. Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino and Michael & Joanna Williams
 9:15 a.m. Armand Morin 5th Anniversary, request of his Family.
 11:00 a.m. Levi Fournier 1st Anniversary, request of Solange Fournier.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 5:00 p.m. Cornelius Flynn
 7:30 a.m. Olga Guglielmino
 9:15 a.m. Vincenty Szwed
 11:00 a.m. Christopher Boehm 10th Anniversary

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$

Last year's collection was \$

Projected amount needed \$4,204

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

"According to an old saying "The world is divided into givers and takers; the takers eat well and the givers sleep well." Jesus tells us that the Lord gives to the givers and takes from the takers. To all generous givers, our deepest thanks."

(Parish bulletin – St. Augustine, Seymour, CT)

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 – Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Group at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Everyone is invited to join in prayer.

TUESDAY – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

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 – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

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

NEXT SUNDAY – Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Readings for next Sunday – Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt. 13:1-23

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

5:00 p.m. Maria Cinea

7:30 a.m. Henry & Ray Marrion

9:15 a.m. Stephanie Leiner, Michelle Brown

11:00 a.m. Allison Vigue

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

For St. Maurice and Sacred Heart council members

Tuesday, July 15th

at Sacred Heart Church at 7:15 p.m.

All member are urged to attend this important meeting.

NOTICE

Daily Masses have begun again at 9:00 a.m. Monday - Friday.

Confessions are on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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.

ST MAURICE K OF C GOLF SCRAMBLE

This drive for charity will take place 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. Golfer entry fee \$100.

Contact Lee Snuffer 647-7363.

www.stmauricekofc.org/golf

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

PRESENT: Fr. Stan, Eleanor Aufman, Karen Bergin, Linda Wiley, Barbara Sposito, Kathleen Perlitz, Bonnie Benevides, Ray Lemaire, Sharon Scorsio, 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, Relia Bernabucci, Sandy Rice, Mary Ann Simcoe, Larry Deraleau, Maureen Staggenborg, 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.

a. What is your greatest concern as the process of yoking goes forward? b. 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 assets and liabilities that can complement each other – we can learn from each other and help each other while maintaining our individuality – impact on 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 6pm 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.**

Respectfully submitted: Patti Cinea, St. Maurice – Arleen Chin, Sacred Heart