

sacred heart - st. maurice yoking news

One of the tasks given by Bishop Cote to me as pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Maurice is to set up a new weekend Mass schedule.

With the Bishop’s directive in mind, I have met with the parishioners of both parishes and have met individually and jointly with the Pastoral/Parish Councils of Sacred Heart and St. Maurice. At the first joint meeting, the Councils decided to survey both parishes and to reconvene to go over the results of the survey. That survey was conducted during the weekend of June 21st & 22nd.

This past Tuesday, July 15th, the two pastoral councils held a joint meeting with me at which time the new Mass schedule was agreed upon. It should be noted that the Councils were informed that Bishop Cote reminded me that Fr. Tony DiMarco will be here for only a short period of time. Delaying the implementation of a new Mass schedule would only result in undue stress when the time comes for Fr. Tony to go to a new assignment.

Therefore, after collaborative efforts of the Pastoral/Parish Councils of Sacred Heart and St. Maurice, I announce that the new weekend Mass schedule will go into effect the weekend of August 30 & 31, 2008. The new Mass schedule is as follows:

SACRED HEART CHURCH (550 HARTFORD TPKE., VERNON)
 Vigil Mass - Saturday at 5:45pm
 Sunday Mass - Sunday at 10:45am

SAINT MAURICE CHURCH (32 HEBRON RD., BOLTON)
 Vigil Mass - Saturday at 4:00pm
 Sunday Mass - Sunday at 8:45am

I am sincerely grateful to the members of both Councils for their efforts on a very difficult task. As time goes on, there will be other joint meetings of the Councils. Hopefully, we will all be able to work together as members of the Body of Christ for the good of both parishes.

It is my hope that the parishioners of Sacred Heart will remain faithful to Sacred Heart. If you find that on any particular Saturday/Sunday you are unable to attend Mass at Sacred Heart because of the Mass times, please attend Mass at St. Maurice at either of the Mass times listed. If you place your Sacred Heart envelopes in the collection basket at St. Maurice, they will be delivered to Sacred Heart; just as St. Maurice envelopes which are placed in Sacred Heart’s basket will be delivered to St. Maurice.

I am scheduled to celebrate Mass at St. Maurice this weekend and next weekend. I know that you will have many questions and concerns and I will answer them as soon as I can. In the meantime, please pray for me and all the parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Maurice as we continue the yoking process. Be assured of my prayers for all members of both parishes.

Prayerfully in Christ,



readings for the week

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/
 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
 Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/
 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

stewardship

*“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man
 who sowed good seed in his field...
 He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,
 the field is the world,
 the good seed the children of the kingdom.”*

Matthew 13:24, 37-38

Another week, another agricultural analogy.

As it turns out, this suburban parish in this modern age could relate quite well to the metaphor. We have a group of parishioners who toil each week in the gardens and grasses of Sacred Heart. What they do beautifies the parish grounds - and that is certainly important - but there’s something more to be seen in their persistent effort. The way that these folks plant, and water, and prune, and transplant and mow and cut down is just as useful a faith-analogy for us today as the one Jesus used two thousand years ago. Anything that grows will grow better when well-tended and cared for. And someone really needs to be attentive to the garden to remove whatever is choking the life out of the flowers.

So what are the flowers in your life? What are the weeds that are choking their growth? How are you cultivating and caring for your flowers? How are you cultivating and caring for your faith? How are you cultivating and caring for the things that are the most important to you? How are you passing your “gardening” wisdom on to the next generation?

The answers you give to these questions as individuals and as a parish will illuminate what is most valuable to you - your answers reveal *your values*.

July 9-15, 2008

Income:	\$ 5,731.20
Ordinary Expenses - <i>including lay payroll</i>	<u>\$ 6,674.41</u>
Net Income	(\$ 943.21)

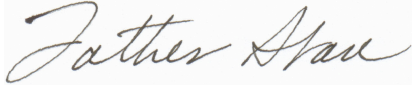
Compare to last year:

July 7-13, 2007

Income:	\$ 4,641.00
Ordinary Expenses	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Net Income	\$ 3,641.00

thank you

I would like to thank all those who helped, in any way, to restore and improve the appearance of the grounds and plantings this spring. It is a fitting contribution to our 50th celebration.



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.

youth group at six flags

This Sunday, July 20th, some members of the Youth Group will be spending the day at Six Flags in Agawam, MA. Attendees are reminded that we will be leaving the church parking lot around 12:00 noon. Don't forget your permission forms and your half of the entrance fee!

attention: former youth group members

Formers members of the Youth Group (college age) have received notification of a gathering on Sunday, August 3 at Gay City State Park. Please RSVP to Rella (875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net) by July 29th so that we will be able to plan the menu for our picnic.

attention: communion ministers

Memo to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who bring Eucharist to the hospital, nursing home or Shut-ins:

The elapsed time between picking up the Eucharist and bringing it to the person should be as short as possible. *It should not be kept in your possession for an extended period of time, either overnight or from week-to-week.* Hosts remaining should be returned to the tabernacle or consumed by the EMHC. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

position available

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is seeking an Office of Family Life Coordinator to facilitate programs and train volunteers to assist parishes in promoting sound family values and skills, Services Include Diocesan .Marriage Preparation Marriage Support, Theology of the Body for Teens (True Love Waits) and Post Abortion Reconciliation and Counseling Services. Catholic Charities' expertise in Parish Social Ministry is also shared In this very special opportunity to serve the diocese.

Salaried, 35hrs/wk. Full benefits include medical/dental, 403(b), disability and retirement, friendly multi-disciplinary collegial atmosphere, bilingual skills a plus. Please send a resume with cover letter to Catholic Charities Search Committee, 331 Main St. Norwich, 06360-5836. For questions, please call (860) 889-8346, x269.

crafters wanted

The 23 Annual St. Francis of Assisi Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008 on the church grounds in South Windsor. Over 100 Crafters participate yearly and spaces are available for \$35 up to August 31, afterwards \$45. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

St. Francis of Assisi Craft Fair
C/O Ersilia Brandoli
50 Cody Circle
S. Windsor, Ct. 06074

Questions? Call Ersilia Brandoli at 860-528-5209

thank you

Dear Father Szczapa & Parish Family,

Thank you for supporting the poor of Haiti, via the Haitian Health Foundation's Happy House program, in memory of Chuck White. Recently, I had the opportunity to place a plaque on a newly-constructed "Happy House" and take some photographs. I am happy to enclose pictures of the family and their new "Happy House" built through your generosity! A photo was taken of their former house if it was not torn down.

This family was living in a hovel of cardboard and thatch. Your kindness and sharing has allowed us to build a clean, healthy, cement block house with a tin roof, windows, and doors. It is a mansion by comparison.

Thank you again for giving this family a new home and providing them with a healthier, happier future.

With Warm regards,



*Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr., DDS, MS, MPH
President
Haitian Health Foundation*

thank you

Dear Sacred Heart Parish,

My sister, Maryann Tessier, was a loving and compassionate person.

Thank you for the Memorial Mass given in her memory.

Love,

Gloria & Mike Camp

JULY 20, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Joseph Sullivan</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Harry Kehoe</i> , requested by his family Mass: <i>Yvonne Latulippe</i> , requested by her family
MONDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY → <u>7:00pm</u>	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	Mass: <i>Salvatore & Assunta Mille</i> , requested by Frank & Maria Neri
THURSDAY 4:30-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: <i>John & Lu Scarlato</i> , requested by their family Intercessory Prayer
FRIDAY 9:00am	Mass: <i>Gaspere Davia</i> , requested by Maria Davia
SATURDAY 5:00pm	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>John Scarlato</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Vivan Castonguay</i> , requested by Sandy Rice Mass: <i>Georgette Dufresne</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	Fellowship after Mass Youth Group at Six Flags
MONDAY 7:00pm	Offices Closed Vernon Jr. Women . South Community Room
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
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

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE

WWW.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY**

5:00 p.m. Evannie Yarnott request of Irene and Arthur Kehl.
 7:30 a.m. Adam Mancino (3rd Anniversary) request of Lynn Mancino.
 9:15 a.m. Leon and Josephine Szwed request of Lucy Szwed and Family.
 11:00 a.m. Charles and Mary Varrick

TUESDAY – JULY 22nd

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Barbara Sposito requested by Kathy Perlitz.

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Paul Gidius, Sr.
 7:30 a.m. Olga Guglielmino
 9:15 a.m. Marion and Bill Miller
 11:00 a.m. Ivan Dube

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$4,579
 Last year's collection was \$4,004
 Projected amount needed \$4,204

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe).

“Families should involve their children in tithing by teaching them through word and by example the priority of returning to God a portion of the blessing He has given us. Children may do this through tithing their allowances or income from part-time jobs.”

(Bulletin – Immaculate Conception, Port Jervis, NY)

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

Leave in back of church in front of the choir area.

Please help us reach our goal this year.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Ushers Group I / 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 – No Mass

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

NEXT SUNDAY – Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time / Ushers Group II / Rosary after 7:30 Mass.
 Readings for next Sunday – 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8: 28-30 / Mt 13:44-52
 Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:
 5:00 p.m. Maria Cinea
 7:30 a.m. David & Chrissy Bendzinski
 9:15 a.m. Emily Fiano, Patricia Hennessey, Kimberly Newton
 11:00 a.m. Allison Vigue

NOTICE - Fr. Tony DiMarco will be offering daily Masses on a regular bases Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.. Mass intentions can be scheduled now any day of the week except Saturday morning.

Confessions are on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 July 19/20 and 26/27 Sunday Masses at St. Maurice Church will be celebrated by Fr. Szczapa.

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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please call Fr. Tony to sign up for one hour of prayer to be held at 12 Case Street in Norwich on Wednesday, September 24th. St. Maurice will be covering all 24 hours, from 12 midnight Sep. 23rd to 12 midnight on Sep. 24th.

Please participate in this prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SERVICES

Why not give yourself a special weekend with the Lord? Come and join us for this powerful experience with God.

Date: Saturday, July 26th and Sunday, July 27th

**Time: Saturday 9.00am - 4:00pm and
Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm.**

**Place: Spiritual Renewal Center,
11 Bath Street,
Norwich, CT 06360.**

Registration fee: \$20 and pre-registration is required.

For more information call (860) 887-002 or e-mail srs1223@sbcglobal.net.

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