

readings for the week

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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

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.

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.

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.

a concert

The Notre Dame Church Choir in Durham will be performing a concert in the Church on Sunday, August 17 at 7pm. The free concert, directed by Ron Soja, includes gospel and contemporary Christian music. Friends and family are welcomed to attend.

stewardship

... those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified." - Romans 8:28

As Catholics, we rightfully have a problem with a society that aborts its children. If God has predestined his children for greatness, who are we to eliminate them for our convenience?

But we sometimes forget that we, too, were predestined for greatness. How are you doing with that? Do you have a handle on what God has predestined you to do? Should God be pretty happy with our efforts so far? How well are you "stewarding" the gift of Life that God has given to you?

July 16-23, 2008

Income:	\$ 4,464.63
Ordinary Expenses	<u>\$ 3,200.39</u>
Net Income	\$ 1,264.24

Compare to last year:

July 14-20, 2007

Income:	\$ 4,036.75
Ordinary Expenses (including salary & mortgage)	<u>\$ 5,775.05</u>
Net Income	(\$ 1,738.30)

40 · days · for · life

Please call Fr. Tony (860-643-4466) to sign up for one hour of prayer to be held at 12 Case Street in Norwich on Thursday, October 30. **Sacred Heart Church** will be covering all 24 hours from 12:00am (midnight) October 30 to 12:00am (midnight) October 31.

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

thank you!

We would like to extend our deepest and sincerest thanks to Bob Pugliese for all the work he does for our parish by taking pictures of our sacramental and social celebrations. This year he was especially busy taking pictures of Mark McMullin as he was received into the church at the Easter Vigil, our candidates as they celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, our young children as they received Holy Communion for the first time, and our 50th Anniversary picnic and banquet. His gift of time and talent has enabled us to preserve many precious memories. Thank you, Bob, for your service to our parish!

A note of thanks is also extended to Rich Bernabucci for filling in for Bob when he was unable to be present for some of our celebrations.

st. maurice – sacred heart pastoral councils meeting

JULY 15, 2008 - PRESENT: Fr. Stan, I. Kwiatkowski, K. Perlitz, B. Sposito, E. Aufman, L. Wiley, B. & P. Rouleau, D. Betti, C. Luchini, R. Lemaire, B. Benevides, K. Bergin, P. Cinea, T. Manning, C. & S. Scorso, R. Bernabuci, L. Deraleau, A. Chin, J. Crane, S. Dosouto, E. Golnik, R. Ladd, L. Paro, M. Powell, S. Rice, M. Simcoe, M. Staggenborg, D. Valli, B. Gonsalves, C. Gagnon

The meeting opened with scripture reading, reflection, sharing and prayer.

1. **SURVEY:** Ernie presented a *PowerPoint* summary of the survey responses compiled by himself and Tom. The 499 responses indicated that both parishes would prefer a Sunday mid morning Mass with St. Maurice preferring an earlier midmorning and Sacred Heart a later mid morning. Both would like to have a Saturday Vigil Mass. There was not a wide spread interest in a Sunday evening Mass.

2. **MASS SCHEDULE:** Father Stan addressed the need to develop and implement a Mass schedule for four weekend Masses between both parishes as Father Tony will most likely not be at St. Maurice for any extended time. Keeping in mind that there needs to be a two hour span between Masses, the following possible times for Sunday were presented and discussed by council members: 8:15am – 10:15am, 8:30am – 10:30am, 8:45am – 10:45am, and 9am – 11am. Those present agreed that 8:45am Sunday Mass at St. Maurice and 10:45 Mass at Sacred Heart seemed workable. The Saturday vigil Mass was more difficult to discern as the timeframe was very much shortened to a two hour time span of between 4pm and 6pm. After moderate discussion, the times agreed to were a 4pm Saturday vigil Mass at St. Maurice and a 5:45pm vigil Mass at Sacred Heart. The revised Mass schedule will become effective the weekend of August 30th and 31st.

3. **WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:** For the present, St. Maurice weekday Mass schedule will be Monday – Friday at 9am when Fr. Tony is the celebrant and Tuesday – Friday at 9am when Fr. Stan is the celebrant. Each will alternate parishes every two weeks. Sacred Heart weekday Mass schedule will remain the same. Summer: Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm and Wednesday & Friday at 9am. Winter: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am and Thursday at 7pm. Adoration at each parish will remain the same. Confessions at Sacred Heart will remain the same and at St. Maurice confessions will be heard before Mass. The upcoming August holy day Masses will be at 9am and 7pm on the day at both parishes.

4. **SHARING OF INFORMATION:** Both parish bulletins will be available at each parish. In addition St. Maurice's bulletin will be available along with Sacred Heart's on the Sacred Heart web site; www.sacredheartchurch.net.

5. **INDIVIDUAL PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:** Sacred Heart, 3rd Wednesday of the month. There are no meetings during July and August or during advent and lent. The next Sacred Heart council meeting will be September 17th at 7pm. St. Maurice, 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be September 23rd at 7:15pm. Combined council meetings are yet to be determined.

6. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: SACRED HEART – WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 17 – 7PM. ST. MAURICE – TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23 – 7:15PM.**

The meeting closed with prayer.

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

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

It's Back-to-School Time

We're collecting Composition Notebooks,
Pens with **BLACK INK ONLY**, Pencils, Pencil
Sharpeners and Erasers for the kids in Haiti.

*There will be back-to-school sales soon.
Please keep an eye out for these items so
that we can help the children in Haiti.*

college seniors, college grads, and beyond

An internationally popular Catholic program called "Theology on Tap" will meet at the Marlborough Tavern, in Marlborough CT (at "4 corners" in Marlborough on Rt. 66) Wed. August 13, 7pm-9pm Loyola college graduate Blair Puscas and his dad, Deacon Michael Puscas will facilitate the summer series for "21 and over" young adults. Participants will gather, order food/drinks if they wish, and proceed to delve into current topics that challenge faith in the contemporary world. "Theology on Tap" (TOT) is for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married. The series is designed to help young adults make connections between their Catholic faith and everyday life through presentations & entering into conversations with peers. For further information contact Blair Puscas bapuscas@loyola.edu

give blood – the need is constant

Monday, August 18 – 12:15 to 5:15pm at Shaws Supermarket, 50 Windsorville Road, Rockville

Tuesday, August 26 – 12:30-5:45pm at Rockville General Hospital, 31 Union Street, Rockville

To make an appointment to save lives, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GiveLife

* 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

JULY 27, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>John Scarlato</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Vivian Castonguay</i> , requested by Sandy Rice
10:30am	Mass: <i>Georgette Dufresne</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
MONDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY → <u>7:00pm</u>	MARTHA Mass: <i>Lu Scarlato, 1st Anniversary</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Catechists
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR Mass: <i>Giuseppe & Maria Cuda & Tomasina Cuda</i> , requested by Frank & Maria Neri
THURSDAY 4:30-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: <i>Thomas Meskill</i> , requested by Paul & Carol Perodeau Intercessory Prayer
FIRST FRIDAY 9:00am 10am-5pm 5:00pm	ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Close of Adoration
SATURDAY 5:00pm	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Germain "Gerry" Delage, 1st Anniversary</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Lucy Adams</i> , requested by Ann Noel & Jean Merz Mass: <i>Joseph White</i> , requested by his 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 8:00pm	Bible Study , South Community Rooms Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	Former Youth Group Members at Gay City State Park Fellowship after Mass

**WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Paul Gidius, Sr. request of Richard, Gail and Terri Gidius.

7:30 a.m. Olga Gugliemino request of Samuel Gugliemino and Michael & Joanne Williams.

9:15 a.m. Marion and Bill Miller request of Kathleen Rouvina.

11:00 a.m. Ivan Dube request of Solange Fournier.

FRIDAY - August 1st.

9:00 a.m. Special Intention request of Linda Armstrong

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Irene Gousy

7:30 a.m. John Ciscon

9:15 a.m. Special Intention

11:00a.m. Joseph Secchiarli

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ushers Group II / 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 – Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary

Time / Ushers Group III / Rosary after 7:30 Mass.

Readings for next Sunday – Is 55:1-3 / Rom 8:35, 37-39 / Mt 14:13-21.

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

5:00 p.m. Josh Meyers, Kyle Toce

7:30 a.m. Kathy Leiner

9:15 a.m. Angelica Czercowy, Miranda VanAllen

11:00 a.m. Allison Vigue, Caitlin O'Connor

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$4,166

Last year's collection was \$4,148

Projected amount needed \$4,204

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

“The children, Samantha and John had a lemonade stand, but were accepting donations. In a two hour period they collected \$37.50. At the start of the sale they decided that all the money they made would go to St. Anthony's. We are very proud of their unselfishness and generosity. They know that this money will go to help other children and families less fortunate than themselves. Thank you so much for Bible School. Your teachings don't fall on...deaf ears.”

(Bulletin – St. Anthony of Padua, Port Reading, NJ)

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.

TRIP TO HAITI

Fr. Stan has had scheduled a trip to Haiti from January 28 to February 6, 2009. If anyone wishes to go please contact Fr. Stan or let Theresa know. We will be going to Port-au-Prince and Jeremie and visit Madam Paula Thybulle and her orphanage which you support through our tithing the tithe.

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.

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.

NOTICE - Fr. Tony DiMarco will be offering daily Masses on a regular bases Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.. Mass intensions 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.

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.

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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 Service. Catholic Charities' expertise in Parish Social Ministry is also shared in this very special opportunity to serve the diocese.

Salaried, 35 hrs/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.

LITURGY

What would you ask for if you were Solomon in today's first reading? God offered him anything he wanted and he asked for an understanding heart that would be able to distinguish right from wrong. And what would you do if you were the person who found a treasure in a field or the merchant who found a pearl of great price? Would you sell everything you have just to get that one treasure? Of course, there's a reason today's first reading and Gospel passage are linked together in this liturgy. The question of the day is: *What do you value the most?* We know the "right" answer isn't a material one. We know the real treasures are spiritual ones. But would we give up everything else to gain spiritual treasure? Would we ask for them first? Do we ask for them at all?

EAST CATHOLIC NEWS

East Catholic High School will be holding a community event. The East Catholic High School Fall Festival, on Saturday, October 4th beginning at 11:00 a.m. This event will include food, entertainment, arts & crafts and games the whole family will enjoy! This event will take place rain or shine. Also there will be a Cow-Chip Raffle with \$10,000 in cash prizes being awarded that day. Tickets for this raffle will be on sale soon. At this time we are looking for arts and crafts vendors. Booth space will be available at a nominal fee to sell homemade crafts and accessories at this event.

For a vendor application or additional information, please call (860) 649-5336 ext. 234.

THE BLARNEY STONES

Irish Music Band – An eclectic group.

An Irish Music Concert

July 26, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the lawn of St. Matthew's Rectory on Rte 74 in Tolland. A nominal fee of \$5 per person or \$20 per family of 5 for concert. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, beverages and your friends. Little Mark's Big BBQ will offer any BBQ plate for \$5. Menu choices include ribs, pulled chicken, pulled pork and beef brisket. A fun filled night of Irish Music and humor you just can't miss!!