

**readings for the week**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/  
Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28

Here is the new weekend Mass schedule  
which will go into effect the weekend of  
August 30 & 31, 2008:

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

**Sunday Mass Intentions**

Because of the change in the number of Masses to be celebrated each weekend at Sacred Heart Church and Saint Maurice Church, Father Stan requested permission from the Chancery to celebrate Masses with multiple intentions. The following was received in response to this request:

*Dear Father Szczapa,  
His Excellency, Bishop Cote is pleased to grant permission to schedule and to celebrate two Masses a week at Sacred Heart Church in Vernon and at St. Maurice Church in Bolton with multiple intentions. This permission is contingent upon the fulfillment of the conditions published in the statement of policy, dated February 1999.*

*These conditions are:*

- a. The faithful must knowingly and voluntarily agree to have their intentions combined in a single celebration;*
- b. The date, time, and place of this celebration is to be publicly announced;*
- c. Such celebrations may occur, at most, only twice each week in any church*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Monsignor Robert L. Brown  
Chancellor*

If you have scheduled at Mass during the remainder of 2008 or in 2009, Rella will be contacting you as soon as she can to discuss your Mass Intention.

**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.

**Coming Soon!!!**

**The Coney Island Picnic, usually held in June, will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> this year.**

**Please mark this date on your calendar!**

**More information to follow in the coming weeks.**

**welcome to sacred heart parish!**

The following people have recently joined Sacred Heart parish:

Scott Coles & Maria Ruiz and their children,  
Melanie & Maria

James Higgins

Eric Selinsky

Jennifer Stanton and children,  
Ashley, Emily, Christopher, & Sofia

Colette Thorne

We welcome you to our parish. As we come together to worship and praise God, may God continue to bless us.

## stewardship

*Jesus spoke to them,  
"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

*Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you,  
command me to come to you on the water."*

*He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"*

*Matthew 14:27-30*

Everybody remembers that Jesus walked on the water. Nobody remembers that Peter did, too. Instead, everyone remembers Peter sinking, and that's a shame. Our failures should never define us, and that's no way to judge others, either.

Anyway, if you've followed this column you've noticed that our income is usually fairly steady while expenses vary wildly from week-to-week, and maybe you've wondered about that. That happens because some expenses are paid on a biweekly or monthly schedule (like salaries) while others are paid as they come due (like utilities and supply bills). On the weeks when they all seem to coincide, the figures can look quite scary, but it all evens out over the course of the year.

Some of you have asked for a weekly "goal" amount so that there is a benchmark with which to compare the income. We're working on that – the budget for the next year is nearly complete and once it is we'll be able to divide it by 52 to come up with that "goal" figure.

### July 31-August 6, 2008

Income	\$ 8,161.86
Expenses ( <i>includes pastor's salary and medical insurance</i> )	<u>\$ 7,417.77</u>
Net Income	\$ 744.09

Compare to last year:

### July 28-August 3, 2007

Income	\$ 4,883.43
Expenses ( <i>including lay &amp; pastor's salary and tax liabilities</i> )	<u>\$ 10,037.56</u>
Net Income	( \$ 5,154.13)

## 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.

## ... and all our ministers at mass

Please remember to return your preference sheets **by August 17** so that we can schedule you according to your wishes when the next schedule is made.

## 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.

## faith formation registrations

If your child/teen was a member of the Faith Formation Program last year, you should have received a letter and re-registration form in the mail or by e-mail. If you have not received a letter and registration form, please contact Rella or Sandy as soon as possible.

If your child/teen has never been registered in the Faith Formation Program, the following information is for you:

Classes will be held on Sundays from 9:15-10:30am and on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15pm.

You may select the day that is most convenient for you.

For more information about Sacred Heart's Faith Formation Program or to enroll your child/teen, please contact Rella or Sandy (875-4563) or e-mail Rella at [rella@sacredheartchurch.net](mailto:rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

Classes are scheduled to begin Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## please note

Father Stan and Rella will be attending The New England Adult Education Symposium in Springfield, MA on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Faith Formation Office will be open in the afternoon on these two days.

## orientation to haitian culture and medicine

Saturday, September 6 from 9am to 1pm HERE at Sacred Heart. The presenter, Jocelyne Degouvenain, is a nurse trained in Haiti with experience working in a rural clinic. Anyone with an interest in Haiti or thinking about a medical trip to Haiti in the future (through Haitian Ministries) is welcome to attend. See that flyers in the fellowship rooms or call Maggie Levasseur at 268-4732 for more information. RSVP required by August 29. Seating is limited. Donations will benefit Jocelyne's clinic in Haiti.

## 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.*

## the work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i></b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Christopher McNally, Jr.</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
10:30am	<b>Mass: <i>Lois Martineau</i></b> , requested by her husband, Art
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	CLARE, VIRGIN <b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00pm	<i>TISHA B'AV</i> <b>Mass: <i>Bishop Daniel A. Hart</i></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11:00am	PONTIAN, POPE & MARTYR AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST & MARTYR <b>Mass at Welles Village</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> → <b>9:00am</b> NO 7:45pm	MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR <b>Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i></b> <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> today <b>Intercessory Prayer</b>

<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am 7:00pm	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION <b>Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i></b> <b>Mass: <i>Paul Misselwitz</i></b> , requested by his wife
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<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Gaspere Davia</i></b> , requested by Maria Davia
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Elisa</i></b> , requested by Pat, Sue & Grace Settembrino
10:30am	<b>Mass: <i>Georgette Dufresne</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Caregivers

## meetings

<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , Northeast Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Fellowship after Mass</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00pm	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00am 8:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> , South Community Rooms <b>Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , Northeast Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Fellowship after Mass</b>

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\* 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](http://WWW.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG)

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **SUNDAY**

5:00 p.m. Martial Gousy request of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lemaire.

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

9:15 a.m. Clark Kurtz request of The Donahue Family.

11:00 a.m. Levi Fournier & Clifford & Mishio request of Solange Fournier.

#### **FRIDAY** - August 15th

9:00 a.m. Joseph Kurys request of Agnes & MaryAnne Murphy.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

5:00 p.m. Clayton Skaggs and Martha Marshall

7:30 a.m. Olga Guglielmino

9:15 a.m. Patricia Walsh

11:00a.m. All Parishioners

#### **GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING**

Last week's collection was \$4,158

Last year's collection was \$4,048

Projected amount needed \$4,204

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

*"After the fire, there was a small whispering sound."  
 1 Kings 19:12*

Remember that God's stewardship call to us is only a quiet whisper in our hearts. If you can't hear that quiet whisper, maybe it is time to turn down some of the worldly noise and demands so that you can spend more quiet time with God.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** – The parish needs a coordinator for Safe Environment program. Every parish is required by the diocese to have a coordinator. Please call the rectory at 643-4466 or talk to Fr. Stan or Tony.

**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.

### **THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY** – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Fr. Stan Celebrant / Ushers Group IV / Rosary after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Fr. Gregory Galvin will speak on vocation.

**MONDAY** – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**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.

Knights of Columbus planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

**FRIDAY** – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED

**VIRGIN MARY** – Holy day of obligation.

**Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

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

Second collection for Mission Co-op Appeal

**NEXT SUNDAY** – Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary

Time / Fr. Stan Celebrant / Ushers Group I / Rosary after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Second collection for Mission Co-op Appeal

Readings for next Sunday – Is 56:1, 6-7 / Rom

11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28

Altar Servers scheduled for Friday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 a.m. Brendan & Katelyn Donahue, Kirsten Cianci

7:00 p.m. David & Chrissy Bendzinski, Ashley Heavens

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m. David & Chrissy Bendzinski

9:15 a.m. Emily Carpenter, Kirsten Cianci

11:00 a.m. Allison Vigue

### **MASS SCHEDULES** **EFFECTIVE AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> – 31<sup>ST</sup>**

St. Maurice Parish - Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil 5:45 p.m.

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

### **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

**MISSION CO-OP APPEAL**

Father David Wilkie, C.P. from Australia, will be visiting our parish next week-end August 16/17 to speak to us about his experiences of missionary life on behalf of the PASSIONIST MISSIONARIES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Passionist Missionaries are to be found all over the world. The Australian Passionists began their missionary work in Papua New Guinea just over 50 years ago.

Papua New Guinea (or PNG) is an independent country immediately to the north of Australia. The population is just under 6 millions and there are over 800 different languages spoken. English is the official language of the Government and in the schools. However, a majority of the people normally speak what is known as Pidgin-English.

Passionist Missionaries minister to two dioceses – Port Moresby, the capital, and Vanimo, at the other end of the country on the border with West Irian which is controlled by Indonesia.

In Vanimo there is a wonderful Center for helping the disabled – adults as well as the many children. This project was the brain-child of a Passionist Brother who worked there for almost 50 years. For many years he ran a cattle and crocodile farm to provide employment and support for the local people. Now at the Center, called in Pidgin-English – SENTA BILONG HELPIM – there are many local volunteers who have been trained to give therapy to the disabled.

There is also a Center for training young men in building skills.

Our Parish will be hosting Father David for our annual missionary appeal and he will be asking you to respond as generously as you can so that you, too, can be an important part of the Church's missionary activity.

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**WHAT IS FAMILY VOCATION DAY?** One may be at your parish soon! FAQ: What is it? How did it begin? Who is it for? If you have access to the internet, go to the Diocesan vocation website, [www.god-calls.org](http://www.god-calls.org), click on the special link to Family Vocation Days and read all about it.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. St. Maurice will be covering all 24 hours, from 12 midnight Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> to 12 midnight on Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**SCRIPTURE / LITURGY – THIS SUNDAY**

Have you ever been so sure about the way something should happen, that you missed it when it actually happened? Have you ever been so positive what your gift would be, that you missed the actual gift you received? All three of today's readings allude to this human tendency. The Lord told Elijah he would be passing by, but he didn't say in what form. So Elijah looked for God in wind, earthquake and fire, as we would also probably do. But---surprise! There was God in "a tiny whispering sound." In the Gospel, Peter thought he could ask Jesus to prove who he was, but the proof Jesus gave was too much for him. He needed faith, not proof, and Jesus made that abundantly clear. Paul is also talking about people missing the message – the Israelites, God's chosen people who were given the law and the prophets and every promise from God, have not recognized the Christ, the Son of God. Stop and think today: Has God stopped by? Has he sent a message?

**PRISON MINISTRY**

The Office of Prison Ministry in the Diocese of Norwich is seeking individuals interested in volunteering for Prison Ministry. There are many ways in which you can share your Gifts: Scripture Study and Sharing; Sacramental Preparation; Prayer Groups; Religious Education; Retreat Days; Small Christian Communities; Music for Liturgies; Visiting Inmates.

A training program, "Gift of Grace" has been developed for those interested in volunteering in prison ministry. The schedule is as follows: Saturday, Aug. 23; Sept. 13; Sept. 20; Sept. 27; Oct. 4, 2008. Retreat scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Enders Island, Mystic, CT.

This program will take place at the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center in Montville. Pre-registration is required. For info call 860-848-2237 X212