

## readings for the week

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28  
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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.

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.

## life in the spirit seminar

A one-day Life in the Spirit Seminar will be given at Saint Mary Church, Coventry on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> with registration at 8:30am and the seminar from 9am to 3:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Please bring a bag lunch – beverages will be provided. For more information, please call Spiritual Renewal at 860-887-0702.

## 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.

## world-wide marriage encounter

In this busy world, couples often don't take time for themselves. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a perfect opportunity for a couple to dedicate a weekend just to themselves – a time to concentrate on deepening their marital relationship in an atmosphere of privacy and trust. Whether you have been married 3 years or 33 years make your good marriage even better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming weekends are September 19-21 and November 7-9.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Joe & Jane Staszowski at 860-644-7260 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## pro-life mass

Each first Saturday of the Month, a Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich at 8:30am. There will be a different celebrant each month. Each Mass will be followed by a recitation of a group Rosary and a breakfast reception.

Please participate in this prayerful acknowledgement of the sanctity of human life. Our prayer at these liturgies is directed to end abortion and develop reverence and dignity for all human life in every stage of its existence. Mark your calendars for September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6.

## 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.

## novena

Saint Jude Novena – Wednesday, August 27 and every Wednesday for 9 consecutive weeks at 7pm, Saint Joseph Church, 33 West Street, Rockville.

## fall book discussions

Tuesdays at 3pm in Rockville Public Library's Peck Room, 52 Union Street, Rockville. September 9: *The Circus Fire* by Stewart O'Nan, led by Donna Enman. October 14: *In Country* by Bobbie Ann Mason, led by Diane Werdell. November 18: *Across a Hundred Mountains* by Reyna Grande, led by Nancy Brochu.

## mass for those dedicated to education

Sunday, September 7, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. For all teachers and support staff, public and parochial, active and retired, all faiths. Reception follows – all are welcome.

## scripture study

Saint Joseph Church in Rockville is offering Scripture Study on the Gospel of Saint Luke in September. There are two different sessions available; Tuesdays beginning September 2 at 10am, and Sundays beginning September 7 at 2pm. Register by calling 871-1635.

## 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>.

## 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.

## stewardship

... their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be acceptable on my altar,  
for my house shall be called  
a house of prayer for all peoples.  
*Isaiah 56:7*

It used to be *expected* that Offerings to God would be burnt when they were given. The offerings were to be given completely. Once given, they now belong to God; no longer to the giver.

What would you feel if you saw your offering burned after the collection at Mass? Think about the other gifts you give in other circumstances: when you have given a gift, do you still have strings and expectations attached to your gifts, or are you able to truly give with no strings or expectations attached? This is not easy to do, but it's expected nonetheless.

### August 7 - 13, 2008

Income	\$ 6,683.33
Expenses ( <i>includes salaries, payroll taxes, pensions, and repairs to men's room and parking lot</i> )	\$ 7,402.70
Net Income	(\$ 819.37)

### Compare to last year:

### August 4 - 10, 2007

Income	\$ 6,839.09
Expenses	\$ 3,574.76
Net Income	\$ 3,264.33

## 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.

## 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	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>For Elisa</i></b> , requested by Pat, Sue & Grace Settembrino
10:30am	<b>Mass: <i>Georgette Dufresne</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Caregivers
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS <b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00pm	JOHN EUDES, PRIEST <b>Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	BERNARD, ABBOTT & DOCTOR <b>Mass: <i>Fr. George Parker</i></b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4:40-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	PIUS X, POPE <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass: <i>Fr. Oliver Renaud</i></b> <b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 5:00pm	QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <b>Mass: <i>Fr. Rapolas Krauskas</i></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Priscilla Walker</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Nancy Cianci</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Catechetical Team
10:30am	<b>Mass: <i>Lu Scarlato</i></b> , requested by Helen & Gordon McHugh

## 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>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.STMAURICEKOFCC.ORG](http://WWW.STMAURICEKOFCC.ORG)

**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY**

- 5:00 p.m. Clayton Skaggs request of Helena M. Skaggs  
 Martha Marshall request of Louise & Ernest Stokes
- 7:30 a.m. Olga Guglielmino request of Samuel Guglielmino and Michael & Joanne Williams
- 9:15 a.m. Patricia Walsh request of Ruth Mensing
- 11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

**MONDAY** – Aug 18

- 9:00 a.m. Harold Houle request of Viola Sobol

**FRIDAY** Aug. 22

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

- 5:00 p.m. Viola & Tony Sobol, 61<sup>st</sup> on the occasion of their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- 7:30 a.m. Phyllis McQuade
- 9:15 a.m. Franklin Delany

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING**

Last week's collection was \$ 4,579

Last year's collection was \$ 4,092

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; Teaspoons, odd pieces will be fine; flour; sugar; suregel; cinnamon; molasses; Crisco. Items can be left at the back of the church. in front of the choir. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY** – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time-  
 Fr. Stan Celebrant / Ushers Group IV / Rosary after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

**Fr. David Wilkie, C.P.** will speak at all Masses On behalf of the Passionist Missionaries of Papua, N.G. Mission CO-OP appeal. Please be generous.

**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.

**FRIDAY** – Masses at 9:00 a.m.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY** – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary

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

Readings for next Sunday – Is 22:19-23/Rom

11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

5:00 p.m. Maria Cinea

7:30 a.m. Neil Roback, Ashley Heavens

9:15 a.m. Ryan & Benjamin Van Dine, Kevin Dean

11:00 a.m. Danielle & Brianna Kerr

**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

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH** is gearing up for another year. At the present time it is scheduled for the first Sunday in October at 10 A.M. More details to follow in the couple of weeks.

**GoF Heads up!**

A registration pizza and ice cream event is in the works for September 7<sup>th</sup> late afternoon. Again, more detail will be following shortly.

**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.**

### **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

### **UP COMING SEMINAR AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 2008-08-08**

Dear Fathers, and interested parishioners,

You are cordially invited to receive an exceptional diocesan-wide training with lunch to minister to souls seeking healing from abortion. Bishop Cote plans to join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral on September 16<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Theresa Burke, the founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry that provides the tools for healing after an abortion.

This seminar will address:

9:00 to 10:00 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder  
 10:10 to 11:20 Traumatic Re-enactment  
 11:30 to 12:30 Men and Pregnancy Termination  
 1:30 to 2:30 Research on Pregnancy Loss  
 2:30 to 3:30 Caring for Special Wounds  
 3:40 to 5:00 Healing the Wounded Spirit

The seminar will include Pastoral vs Clinical Models of Healing; utilizing the Grief Process, Rituals and Sensory Based Treatment.

Seminar – Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 9AM -5PM at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT.

Please advise Michael Petrides (860) 889-8346 ext 284 or [petrides@ccfsn.org](mailto:petrides@ccfsn.org) if you will be attending so that seating and lunch arrangements can be made.

### **SCRIPTURAL COMMENTS**

Today's readings are about outsiders and insiders, "them" and "us." The question of who "belongs" among the ranks of God's chosen people is a recurring theme throughout Scripture. It takes some interesting twists today. In the first reading, Isaiah challenges those who might like to claim salvation for Israel alone. "Foreigners" will also be acceptable to God if they follow the Law. God's house is "a house of prayer for all people." The second reading leaves us in no doubt that salvation is for everyone – Jew and Gentile alike. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, assures us that God will have mercy on all. It is Jesus, in today's Gospel reading, who surprises us at first. When a Gentile woman, a Canaanite, asks him to heal her daughter, he answers rather harshly – he was only sent to the house of Israel; he can't give children's food to dogs! This faith-filled outsider speaks of her knowledge of the Creator – even dogs get some scraps. Surely there is love enough for everyone.

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** What do you think would be Jesus' reaction to *your* faith-life?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** Who do you see as the "foreigners" in your faith community?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** In what ways does God show mercy to you?