

Here is the new weekend Mass schedule which will go into effect **NEXT WEEKEND** 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 St. Maurice Church, Fr. Stan requested permission from the Chancery to celebrate Masses with multiple intentions. Permission was granted with the following conditions:

- 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*

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.

### **readings for the week**

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

### **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>.

### **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.

### **the year of st. paul**

Pope Benedict XVI has announced "The Year of St. Paul" which began on June 28, 2008 and ends June 29, 2009. Pope Benedict has extended an invitation to all to join with "The Apostle of the Gentiles" in the humble and sincere search for the full unity of all the members of the mystical body of Christ.

The Diocese of Norwich through the Offices of Faith Formation and Evangelization offers the following event to all who wish to enter into this year of prayer:

**On Thursday, September 4th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** (63 Old Norwich Road, Quaker Hill) two presentations by Sr. Marie Noel Keller, RSM will be presented. The first one is at 9:30am and is entitled Ten Things to Know and Love About St. Paul. The second presentation is at 7:00pm and is entitled St. Paul on St. Paul.

Registration deadline is September 2, 2008 (There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door). If you are interested in attending one or both of these presentations, please contact Rella for a copy of the registration form.

# **Just a couple of weeks away now...**

**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!**

## stewardship

*I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”  
Matthew 16:19*

Who could ever have imagined the extent with which God would trust us with the totality of His creation? God has *faith* in *us* to do what is right. Who can comprehend such a radical concept?

Perhaps only God.

### August 14 - 21, 2008

Income	\$ 9,697.76
Expenses ( <i>includes Workmen's Comp &amp; Cathedraticum for July 2008</i> )	<u>\$ 8,537.02</u>
Net Income	\$ 1,160.74

Compare to last year:

### August 11 - 17, 2007

Income	\$ 5,632.58
Expenses ( <i>including lay payroll &amp; payroll taxes</i> )	<u>\$ 5,476.50</u>
Net Income	\$ 156.08

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.*

## bishops ask catholics to pray election novena

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites U.S. Catholics to pray before the November election a novena for life, justice, and peace called Novena for Faithful Citizenship. It is a podcast and available for download.

Joan Rosenhauer, Associate Director for the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, said that the special novena is part of "the bishops' campaign to help Catholics develop well-formed consciences for addressing political and social questions." The bishops issued their statement on forming consciences for faithful citizenship in November 2007.

Helen Osman, USCCB Secretary of Communications, expressed hope that the novena could help "Catholics enter into prayerful reflection as they prepare to vote." Seventy-one percent of all visitors to the USCCB's web site download the free podcasts of the daily NAB readings. These same visitors are encouraged to use the novena podcast for prayer. Osman said that the USCCB wants to support Catholics as they weigh pre-election issues and that "providing a prayer resource on the Web can help us focus on our common values and identity as Catholics." The novena emphasizes the dignity of life, justice, and peace.

The Novena for Faithful Citizenship runs for nine days and can be used consecutively, one day each week, for nine days prior to the election, or "in any way that works best for a community or individual," said Rosenhauer.

The novena will be available for download until the election and it can be downloaded online at <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts>. For other Faithful Citizenship resources and materials visit [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)

## the work of the church

<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
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	LOUIS OF FRANCE <b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	MONICA <b>Mass: <i>Onorata Labbadia</i></b> , requested by Maria Davia
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4:30-6pm	AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
7:00pm	<b>Mass: <i>Anna Bart</i></b>
7:45pm	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST <b>Mass: <i>Deceased Members of the Labbadia &amp; Davia Families</i></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> → 5:45pm	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Lu &amp; John Scarlato</i></b> , requested by Carmella & Gilbert Soucy
<b>SUNDAY</b> → 10:45am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Christopher McNally, Jr.</i></b> , requested by the Faith Formation Team & Students; <i>and Lu Scarlato</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

## 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	<b>Bible Study</b> , South Community Rooms
8:00pm	<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.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG](http://WWW.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Viola & Tony Sobol, on the occasion of their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary **CONGRATULATIONS**

7:30 a.m. Phyllis McQuade & Thelma Badger  
 request of Jennifer & Phil Daly

9:15 a.m. Franklin Delany request of Ruth Mensing

11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

#### NEXT SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. Ivan Dube

8:45 a.m. Bill O'Connell & Franklin Delany

#### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 3,917

Last year's collection was \$ 3,979

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). *"But who do you say that I am?" Simon said in reply "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Remember that God's stewardship asks us the same question. How do we reply?

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED man and/or woman, to open our weekly Wednesday Adoration. Must be committed to the worship of the Blessed Sacrament and committed to spending time, from 2:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. every Wednesday afternoon.** (Weather permitting) Two people would be most desirable. Please contact either Theresa 643-4466 or Irene 742-349. The rewards are really out of this world.

**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.

**ATTENTION** The Parish Dinner for Fr. Tony Gruber is tentatively schedule for either Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> or Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

As soon as the date is positive, notice will appear in the bulletin....Please watch for it.

### **THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY** – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Tony Celebrant / Ushers Group II / Rosary after

7:30 a.m. Mass.

**MONDAY** – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY** – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

ADORATION of the EUCHARIST 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Fair Workshop at 9:00 a.m. at the Center.

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

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

Time / Fr. Stan Celebrant / Ushers Group II I /  
 Readings for next Sunday – Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2  
 Mt. 16:21-27 (124)

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

4:00 p.m. Maria Cinea

8:45 a.m. Michelle Brown, Stephanie Leiner,  
 Caitlin O'Connor

### **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.**

**NATIONAL RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM  
FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE MASSES**

Each First Saturday of the month, a Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich at 8:30 A.M. There will be a different celebrant each month. Each Mass will be followed by the 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.

The schedule for the balance of 2008 is as follows: September 6; October 4; November 1; and December 6.

**Scripture Comments: Charting the way**

Readings Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

The readings for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time center upon an important image in Israel's history and in the early church: *the keys*.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah prophesied for a long period time in the southern kingdom of Judah, spanning the reign of three kings. Today's reading comes from the reign of King Hezekiah, king number 3. We hear of the Lord taking authority away from Shebna, a scribe who was the "master of the palace," and giving authority over to Eliahim, placing "the key of the House of David on his shoulder." Because of his loyalty to God, Eliakim now has the authority to "open" and "shut" the House of David. For ancient Israel, the key became a symbol of authority

"The key" is the central image in Matthew's version of the identification of Jesus' authority at Caesarea Philippi. Each of the synoptic Gospels preserve the question that Jesus posed to his disciples at Caesarea Philippi: "Who do you say that I am?" In all three Gospels, Peter answers this question for the other disciples, identifying Jesus as "the Christ." It is only in Matthew's Gospel where an extended reaction by Jesus is offered to Peter's words. In his response, Jesus tells Peter, "I will give you the *keys* of the kingdom, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Question: How do you answer the question, "Who do you say that I am?"

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is planning its Third Annual Golf Tournament, to be held on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam, CT. Most Reverend Bishop Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will be in attendance for the occasion, and the event will begin at 11:00a.m. It will be a scramble format with a shotgun start. The fee is \$160.00 per golfer. It includes a barbeque lunch, 18 holes of golf and an excellent opportunity for a nice round of golf at a premier course while also assisting the works of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese. For additional information and applications, contact:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES at 860-889-8346

Ext. 267