

Our New Weekend Mass Schedule

SACRED HEART CHURCH
 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 has received 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 and reschedule your Mass Intention.

readings for the week

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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** are held on **Sundays** (Elementary grades) from **9:15-10:30am** and at **6:30pm** (Middle School and High School grades).
- **Classes** are also held on **Wednesdays** (Elementary grades) from **4:00-5:15pm**.
- If your child is in elementary grades, 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.

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

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.

attention: youth group peers

A Youth Group Peer is a person who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and is still in high school or who has graduated from high school and is still involved with the Youth Group as an Adult Advisor. A meeting of all those who meet the requirements of "Youth Group Peer" will be held in the Fellowship Rooms today, Sunday, September 14 at 7pm. This is a "getting-back-together" meeting as well as a planning meeting. Please make every attempt to be present. Pizza and soda will be served.

catechist orientation

Catechist orientation will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 7pm in the Fellowship Rooms. All those who have volunteered to be catechists for Faith Formation for the coming year are asked to attend. Your class lists, catechist manuals, faith formation calendar, and update about the requirements from the Office for Safe Environment will be presented. If you cannot attend, please contact Rella at the office (875-4563) or by e-mail (rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

please note

Rella will be attending a steering committee meeting on Friday, September 19 for the 2009 New England Convocation for Catechetical Leadership. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on this day.

mass of healing and hope

Spiritual Renewal Services will have a Mass of Healing and Hope at Sacred Heart Church, Groton, on Sunday, October 5th at 2pm. Father Ray Introvigne will be the main celebrant and Mrs. Judith Hughes will lead the healing prayer.

Please join us for a prayerful, joyful and peaceful celebration and healing service.

For more information, please call the Spiritual Renewal Center at 860-887-0702.

the great themes of the old testament

A reflection on the major themes woven throughout the Bible provides a key for unlocking the door to a better understanding of the Biblical tradition as it applies to our individual faith journeys. The topics of the sessions are: *Experiencing a personal relationship with God, Relying on God alone and trusting in his power to save, Responding to God with fidelity and love, and Wrestling with the mystery of suffering.*

Co-sponsored by the Offices of Emmaus Spiritual Life Services, Faith Formation, and Evangelization. Presenter: Sister Agnes Therrien, S.S.Ch. September 23 & 30 and October 7 & 14 from 7 to 8:30pm at Saint Mary Parish, Putnam. Donation for the series is \$20.

To register by **September 16** or for information, please call the Office of Evangelization and the Catechumenate, 860-848-2237 x317.

rockville library & the vernon arts commission present

“Charles Ethan Porter: His Life and Times” Saturday, September 20 at 2pm. Town Council Chamber, Third Floor, Town Hall, 14 Park Place, Rockville.

Speaker: Rhea Sutter, local artist and docent, New Britain Museum of American Art. For information, please call 875-5892 x24. This event is presented in conjunction with the town of Vernon’s bicentennial celebration.

position vacancy

Part-time Development Associate, Diocese of Norwich. Job description available on request. Deadline for application is September 17, 2008. Send letter of application, resume, references and salary expectations to: Diocese of Norwich, Development Associate Search Committee, 197 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360 or email Thomas.obrien@norwichdiocese.net

married couples retreat

September 26-28 - “We Are Called: Finding Your Life’s Purpose” – An excellent opportunity to spend some quality time together. Retreat begins on Friday evening with a buffet dinner from 6-8pm and ends on Sunday around noon. Retreat offering: \$400 per couple. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford. 860-521-0440

discernment evening for single women

Single Catholic women with an interest in vowed religious life, ages 21-45, are invited for prayer, simple supper and sharing on the topic “What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” The gathering is sponsored by the Connecticut Vocation Council of Women Religious and will be held from 6 to 8:30pm the 4th Monday of the month at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Provincial House, 27 Park Road, West Hartford, CT. To attend, contact Sr. Elaine Betoncourt CSJ via email at elainebetoncourt@hotmail.com or by phone at 860-586-8637

autumn hours

Our office and daily Mass schedules have changed slightly with the seasons. The daily Mass on Tuesday will be at 9am. Our office hours are generally Tuesday – Friday 9:30am to 5pm, closed on Monday.

stewardship

“We are disgusted with this wretched food!”
Numbers 21:5

Think about all that you have received from God... Is it right to give Him thanks and praise, or a stern talking-to?

September 4 - 11, 2008

Income:	\$5,070.00
Expenses (including lay salaries)	<u>\$4,078.76</u>
Net income	\$ 991.24

Compare to last year:
September 2 - 8, 2007

Income:	\$5,760.94
Expenses (including Pastor’s salary)	<u>\$4,708.01</u>
Net income	\$1,052.93

Shopping for Haiti

We’re now collecting

*** Soap ***

and

Quart-sized

and Sandwich-sized

*** Ziplock Bags ***

(any brand, as long as they have the ziplock-thingy)

“Tropical Storm Fay made a westward track through the center of Haiti on Aug. 16. Hurricane Gustav slammed into the southern shore on Aug. 26. Tropical Storm Hanna dumped torrential rain on the northern part of the country Sept. 3, and as relief workers were readying to respond, Hurricane Ike sat off the northern shores, adding to the torrents of flooding and mudslides Saturday night and Sunday morning that prevented emergency workers from reaching the scene...”

It’s never too late to make a donation. Please consider using the envelopes on the seats to make a relief donation for the people of Haiti.

the work of the church

SATURDAY → 5:45pm	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Mass: <i>Joseph Beters</i> , requested by Marie Whitham, <i>and</i> <i>Mary Brown</i> , requested by Elaine and Joe Brown
SUNDAY → 10:45am	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Mass: <i>Anna Viscogliosi, 2nd Anniversary</i> , requested by her family
MONDAY 9:00am	OUR LADY OF SORROWS Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY → 9:00am	CORNELIUS, POPE AND MARTYR & CYPRIAN, BISHOP AND MARTYR Mass: <i>Deceased Members of the Labbadia & Davia Families</i> , requested by Maria Davia
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR Mass: <i>Frank Ray</i> , requested by his wife, Ceil
THURSDAY 4:30-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i> Intercessory Prayer
FRIDAY 9:00am	JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
SATURDAY → 5:45pm	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Fr. Gaetano Macri & Fr. Luigi</i> , requested by Frank & Maria Neri
SUNDAY → 10:45am	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: <i>Georgette Dufresne</i> , requested by Ramon Lata, <i>and</i> <i>Nancy Cianci</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Trustees

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms
SUNDAY 7:00pm	Fellowship before and after Mass Youth Group Peers Meeting, South Rooms
MONDAY	Offices Closed
TUESDAY 7:00pm	Catechist Orientation , South Rooms
WEDNESDAY 7:00pm 8:00pm	Pastoral Council , Library 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* , South Rooms
SUNDAY	Fellowship before and 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. MAURICEWWW.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY**

4:00 p.m. Wayne Frube, request of Richard, Gail & Terri Gidius

8:45 a.m. Cele Foley, request of Ruth Mensing
George H. Wilson, request of Suzanne Donahue**NEXT SUNDAY**

4:00 p.m. Gousy & Tellier families

8:45 a.m. Marilyn Wilks; Kathleen Leiner

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Because of the change in the number of Masses to be celebrated each weekend at St. Maurice Church and Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Stan requested permission from the Chancery to celebrate Masses with multiple intentions. Permission was granted with the following conditions:

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

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 4,505

Last year's collection was \$ 4,572

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). *Treasure, Time and Talent are not co-equal Tithing (treasure) is the "glue" that bonds an individual to his parish. This bond increases the likelihood of greater involvement. Ministries (Time and Talent) solidify that bond.*

REHEARSALS FOR THE ADULT CHOIR has resumed and will be held every Tuesday at 7:15. New members are welcomed and encouraged. Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

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.

THIS WEEK**SUNDAY** – Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Fr. Tony celebrant/ Ushers Group I, Coffee Social after the 8:45 am Mass.

MONDAY Sept 15, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am for Ivan Dube**TUESDAY** Sept. 16, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am for Donald Bergin

7:15 Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY Sept 17, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am for

Kathy Leiner

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

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

THURSDAY Sept. 18, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am. For

Kathy Leiner

SATURDAY – Confessions 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.**NEXT SUNDAY** Sept. 20/21, 2008– 25th Sunday in Ordinary

time/ Fr. Stan celebrant / Ushers Group II

Pancake Breakfast; Food Drive; Tootsie Roll Drive

Readings for next Sunday Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

4:00 p.m. Josh Meyers, Kyle Toce

8:45 a.m. Ryan & Benjamin Van Dine, Kevin Dean

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.

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

PASTOR'S WORKERS APPRECIATION DINNER

Corned Beef and cabbage dinner for all workers of the St. Maurice Parish.

Date: Sept. 27, 2008

Time: 5:15 PM

Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

CALENDAR FOR GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Please mark your home calendars!

Oct. 5, 2008

Feb. 1, 2009

Nov 2, 2008

Mar. 1, 2009

Dec. 7, 2008

Apr. 5, 2009

Jan. 4, 2009

May 3, 2009

Generations of Faith is set to begin on the first Sunday in October at 10 A.M. with a light breakfast offered right after Mass.

CONFIRMATION NEWS!!!!

SPECIAL DATES

9/28/08 Making stoles for 2008 candidates following Mass.

10/25/08 Retreat for 2008 candidates ending with Mass and dinner

11/01/08 Morning rehearsal for 2008 candidates.
Confirmation of 2008 candidates at Mass.

11/23/08 Thanksgiving Food Distribution following Mass.

12/21/08 Christmas Food & Gift distribution following Mass.

3/06/09– 3/08/09 Retreat for 2009 candidates with Sacred Heart at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries

3/5/09 Easter Food Distribution following GoF (Generations of Faith)

All other Confirmation formation classes will be held prior to the GoF meetings on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please see schedule for Generations of Faith.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will hold an **Open House on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** for eighth graders and their families. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on **Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.** at East Catholic High School. Call Ms. Gryphon, Admissions, 649-5336 x 238 for information. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. The school web site is www.echs.com.

Today is the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross.

It was in ancient Rome that the cross found early acceptance as an instrument of capital punishment. Although the use of crucifixion was known by both Demosthenes and Plato, it was rarely employed in the East until the Roman Empire expanded its territory throughout the Mediterranean. Crucifixion was used for capital crimes until the first half of the fourth century, when Constantine abolished the practice in the empire “in memory and in honor of the Passion of Jesus Christ” as the church historian Eusebius relates in his *Historia Ecclesiastica*, I, vii.

It is difficult to ascertain the earliest point at which the followers of Christ were using the instrument of death as a symbol of life. But by the first half of the third century Tertullian could publicly designate the Christian body as “crucisreligiosi”, i.e. devotees of the Cross.

When the first images of a crucifix began to appear, the corpus was portrayed as Christus triumphans, the living Christ. Only in the second millennium of Christianity does the artistic image of Christus patiens begin to appear and a greater realism begin to be expressed.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AN APPRECIATION DINNER FOR FR. TONY GRUBER WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2008. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

SILVER AND GOLD JUBILEE DAY **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008**

INVITING ALL COUPLES MARRIED 25 & 50 YEARS, ALONG WITH THOSE CELEBRATING OTHER SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES.

Bishop Cote will celebrate a Pontifical Mass at 2:30PM at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. Family and friends are also invited to attend. Bishop Cote will share in this special day and light refreshments will be provided in the Cathedral Hall after the Mass. Please call the Rectory office, 643-4466 to respond to this invitation and to obtain a registration card