

readings for the week

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

faith formation registrations

Faith Formation classes will begin next Sunday, Sept. 28th, and Wednesday, October 1st. If you have not yet registered your child/teen for faith formation, please contact Rella (875-4563) as soon as possible.

please note

Rella will not be in on Tuesday, September 23. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1pm on this day.

stewardship

Not available at press time.

September 12 - 18, 2008

Income:	\$
Expenses	\$
Net income	\$

Average needed (FYTD)
 Fiscal-Year-To-Date bottom line

Compare to last year:
September 9 - 15, 2007

Income:	\$
Expenses	\$
Net income	\$

FYTD bottom line

blessing of all catechists

A catechist is one who shares his/her faith with those who are coming to the Church to find out more about God. We think of these inquirers as the children who are coming to classes, but they are also the adults who come to us to prepare to become members of the Church. Sacred Heart parish is blessed to have parishioners volunteer to meet with these people and walk with them in their journey towards God.

In recognition of all that the catechists do, Sacred Heart parish will bestow a blessing on all our catechists at the 10:45am Mass on Sunday, September 28th. All parishioners are invited to participate in this special event.

save the date & come hungry

Haitian Ministry is doing Brunch after Mass on Sunday, September 28.

It will be a whole meal - there will be breakfast and lunch foods for your eating pleasure.

Bring your appetites! All money collected will go to buy food for the people of Haiti - additional rice and beans to carry them over because of the storms.

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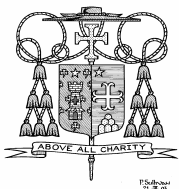
Please call Fr. Tony (860-643-4466) to sign up for one hour of prayer to be held at 12 Case Street in Norwich on Thursday, October 30. **Sacred Heart Church** will be covering all 24 hours from **12:00am (midnight) October 30 to 12:00am (midnight) October 31.**

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

xavier open house

Xavier High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young men, will hold its Annual Open House for all interested 8th grade young men and their parents on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 1-4pm to tour the school and meet with Xavier faculty, staff and students to learn about all that Xavier has to offer.

Xavier High School will hold its Freshman Entrance Examination on Saturday, November 15th at 8am. Pre-registration for the exam is requested and forms can be found online at xavierhighschool.org Students should bring two No. 2 pencils and a \$20 testing fee with them the day of the exam. A full-four-year scholarship is awarded to the boy receiving the highest score on the examination. A \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to each of the next eight top scorers regardless of parish affiliation. For more information, please call the school at (860) 346-7735 ext. 702.



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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

August 21, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme of Catechetical Sunday, which is on Sunday, September 21, 2008, is the one our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has chosen for the Twelfth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to take place in Rome, October 5-26 of this year: *"The Word of God in The Life and Mission of the Church."*

In 2005, the USCCB Committee on Catechesis made the decision to choose the theme for Catechetical Sunday one year in advance, instead of setting the theme several years in advance as had been the practice. This change was made so that the Catechetical Sunday theme could be more current with events taking place within the wider Church. This 2008 theme is the perfect example of why this decision makes such good sense.

During the three weeks of the Synod, bishops representing the whole world will gather in Rome to pray, study, and discuss the role that Sacred Scripture plays in the Church's life and mission. Among the many issues they will consider are these:

- How the work of Scripture scholars is shaping Catholic attitudes and understanding of the Bible.
- How the Bible is being used for prayer, worship and study in the daily lives of the People of God.
- Which efforts are proving most effective around the world to make study of the Bible central to Catholic living and spirituality.

By choosing to make the 2008 Catechetical Sunday theme the same as the theme for the World Synod of Bishops, the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has extended an invitation to the catechetical community here in the United States to make the study of the Word of God its focus for the year as well.

The Holy Spirit has strengthened men and women to share in the mission of spreading the Gospel from the earliest days of the Church. Catechists, under my authority as chief catechist of the Norwich Diocese and with the guidance of their pastors, help to initiate and advance an encounter with Christ. Through Jesus, the Word made flesh, all believers are brought to a deeper communion into the life of his Body, the Church.

Each year the Church designates Catechetical Sunday as the time to celebrate the work of the catechist. Enlightened by the Word of God and the Church's teaching, catechists impart an initiation to some and a deeper formation to others in the realities that they themselves have learned. These realities are truths to be followed in living and to be celebrated in liturgy by all who have come to now and love Jesus Christ.

Parents, grandparents, and guardians are also called to live the Word and hand on the faith. On Catechetical Sunday we remember especially the duty and honor that is ours by virtue of our Baptism to be witnesses of the Word of God in every aspect of our lives: in our homes, in our places of work, in how we spend our leisure time, in how we use our resources. We are to be catechists—those who echo the Word of God through time and space to every generation.

In closing, I ask for the Lord's blessing to strengthen your resolve as you dedicate yourselves to the work of catechesis. I hope you will strive to share with others what you receive from pondering the Word of God and studying the teaching of the Church. May you continue to gladly honor, teach, and serve **The Word of God in The Life and Mission of the Church.**

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

pastoral council meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

PRESENT: R. Bernabucci, J. Crane, L. Deraleau, S. Dosouto, Fr. Stan, E. Golnik, C. Gagnon, B. Gonsalves, J. Higgins, D. Maxa, M. Powell, S. Rice, M. Simcoe, D. Valli. ABSENT: C. Duhamel, P. Michaud, M. Powell, M. Staggenborg, Fr. Tony.

The meeting opened with reading, reflection and prayer.

1. Mary Ann Simcoe accepted the position of chairperson for the coming year. Donna Valli will be the secretary for the same period.
2. MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2008: Accepted as written. The minutes of the July 15 joint meeting with the St. Maurice parish council was distributed.
3. BANQUET REPORT AND COMMENTS: Congratulations and thank you to Lionel and Mary Paro for doing a wonderful job organizing the 50th. Anniversary Banquet. Two hundred people were in attendance. Mike Stacy did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies. Thank you notes were sent to the mayor, Fr. Dempsey and Fr. Cassidy. An anniversary card for Bishop Cote also included a thank you for his participation in the festivities. Many positive comments have been heard about everything from the venue to the memorabilia table.
4. MASS SCHEDULE REVIEW AND COMMENTS: Fr. Stan and Fr. Tony will alternate masses each week. Some have questioned why Sacred Heart got both late masses. The morning mass times were scheduled with the Faith Formation programs of each parish in mind. Some parishioners from each parish have attended mass at the other parish during the past weeks. The timing for the presiders seems to be workable. A normal fluctuation has been seen in the envelopes used each weekend (121-130) and the offertory collection has remained stable. Ernie will bring attendance numbers for each mass to the next council meeting.
5. HOW CAN WE BETTER COMMUNICATE? During the recent changes and adjustments it was felt we did the best we could to inform people. Names of council members appear in the bulletin with the minutes. It was suggested that they be published in a separate box. A bulletin board with names and pictures was also suggested. Parishioners are invited to contact council members with concerns, comments and questions. The possibility of open parish meetings will be discussed in 2009. Receiving double information in both parish bulletins was discussed. That will be an issue to be discussed at the next joint meeting.
6. BUDGET REPORT: Due to the confusion of scheduling meetings our budget report will not be ready until October. Some felt that a change in the format of the weekly bulletin finance report might be clearer to those reading the bulletin.
7. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Jim Higgins spoke about the recent peer meeting. Cara Baummer, a UConn graduate student and new parishioner, has joined the peer ministers. Increasing mass attendance for youth group members will be a focus of the peers this year. Part of Confirmation prep is attending mass. Several options were discussed but not decided upon at this time. As a first step, Rella will speak of this issue when she meets with the parents. This group includes approximately 18 young people.
8. FAITH FORMATION: Rella is still in need of catechists for grades 7 and 8. Two families from St. Maurice have enrolled their children in our program. Rella will have more information for the next council meeting.
9. DEACON LARRY'S HOMILY AND PLAN: Larry is working on a plan to contact people we do not see at mass on a given weekend. He is looking for help and support and will have a clear plan ready for the next council meeting.
10. NEXT AGENDA: 50th. Anniversary finance report, Larry's plan, Budget 2008-2009, Faith Formation.
11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:
WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 22 – 7PM – LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 19 – 7PM – LIBRARY

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Valli

the work of the church

- SATURDAY** → 5:45pm TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mass: *Fr. Gaetano Macri & Fr. Luigi*, requested by Frank & Maria Neri
- SUNDAY** → 10:45am TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mass: *Georgette Dufresne*, requested by Ramon Lata, *and Nancy Cianci*, requested by the Sacred Heart Trustees
- MONDAY** 9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
- TUESDAY** → 9:00am PIO OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST
Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00am **Mass: *Gaspare Davia***, requested by Maria Davia
- THURSDAY** 4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:00pm **Mass: *Rev. Frank O'Keefe***
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**
- FRIDAY** 9:00am COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS
Mass: *Rev. George Parker*
- SATURDAY** → 5:45pm TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mass: *Mary Brown*, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family, *and Dorothy Baker*, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
- SUNDAY** → 10:45am TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mass: *Rita & Art Martineau*, requested by the Martineau Family, *and Stella Golnik*, requested by Art Martineau

meetings

- SATURDAY** 7:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous***, South Rooms
- SUNDAY** **Fellowship before and after Mass**
- MONDAY** Offices Closed
- WEDNESDAY** 8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous***, South Community Rooms
- THURSDAY** 10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book***, South Community Rooms
- SATURDAY** 7:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous***, South Rooms
- SUNDAY** 9:15-10:30am **Fellowship before and after Mass**
Faith Formation Starts

* Note: Some groups meeting at Sacred Heart including but not limited to *The Red Cross*, *Cub Scouts*, *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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. **Gousy & Tellier Families**, request of M/M Raymond Lemaire

8:45 a.m. **Marilyn Wilks**, request of Jennifer & Phil Daly; **Kathleen Leiner**, request of Mark Fiano family.

NEXT SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. **Donald Bergin**

8:45 a.m. **Lillian Normington; Karol Bieszczad**

Sunday Mass Intentions

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 \$ 4,198

Last year's collection was \$ 4,539

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. 20/21; Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Fr. Stan, celebrant/Ushers Group II,

Pancake Breakfast after the 8:45 am Mass/Food Drive; Tootsie Roll Drive

MONDAY Sept 22, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am for Kathleen Leiner

TUESDAY Sept. 23, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am for Leigh Ferguson, request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier/ Parish Council meeting Parish Center 7:15 pm/ Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm

WEDNESDAY Sept 24, 2008 1st day of 40 Days for Life

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

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

THURSDAY_Sept. 25, 2008_ Mass at 9:00 am. For Kathy Leiner request of Linda Armstrong

FRIDAY Sept. 26, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am/ Special Intention request of Linda Armstrong

SATURDAY – Confessions 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

WORKERS APPRECIATION DINNER 5:15 pm

NEXT SUNDAY Sept. 27/28, 2008– 26th Sunday in Ordinary time/ Fr. Tony celebrant / Ushers Group III Readings for next Sunday/ Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

4:00 p.m. Maria Cinea

8:45 a.m Patricia Hennessy, Kimberly Newton, Allison Vigue

Making of Confirmation Stoles at Parish Center after the 8:45 Mass.

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

TODAY'S GOSPEL CONNECTION

God's thoughts, the prophet Isaiah tells us today, are not our thoughts and God's ways are not our ways! It is so easy to forget this, to think we have a corner on the market of understanding and explaining God. The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel clearly reminds us that we don't. God doesn't think at all like we do, if we are to believe he is like the landowner Jesus describes. This rather bothersome parable is not about good hiring practices. Often people are indignant about the unfairness of the treatment of the laborers who worked all day. Read through a business person's eyes, the parable is a horror! But God's ways aren't our ways. God delights in being generous; God delights in giving more, not less. Dwell on all God has done for you and rejoice; give thanks. If you see others receiving blessings like you have, or more than you have....rejoice! Give thanks.

Margaret Bowman

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.

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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Dear Father Stan, Father Tony and St. Maurice Parishioners:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so very much for all your thoughts, prayers and wonderful get well cards. I know with all those prayers sent my way has made my recovery move along much smoother. John and I appreciate all your kindness. I am looking forward to joining you again at Mass very soon.

Sincerely,
Barbara Sposito

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 eight 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.

THE BOLTON SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE

Will hold a Tag Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 on the Town Green, to benefit the Bolton Fuel Bank. This event is part of Bolton Heritage Day. Donations of tag sale items may be brought to the Senior Center on Notch Road during the week of Sept. 22nd. Donations of baked goods may be brought to the Senior Center until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26th after 3:00 p.m. to the home of Mary Radion, 60 Watrous Rd., Bolton or to Town Hall on the morning of Sept. 27th beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information call Mary Radion at 649-7649 or 649-8066 ext. 100.

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