

**readings for the week**

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
 Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51  
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24  
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**faith formation classes**

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

**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.

This weekend the following catechists will receive a special blessing as we begin our new Faith Formation year:

<b>First Grade</b>	<b>Second Grade</b>	<b>Third Grade</b>
Emily Kurban	Arlene Furey	Cindee Gagnon
Christie Quaranta		Marie Pugliese

<b>Fourth Grade</b>	<b>Fifth Grade</b>	<b>Sixth Grade</b>
Lynn Dougherty	Michelle Hammond	John Crane
Debbie Quaranta	Barbara Phillips	

<b>Seventh Grade</b>	<b>Eighth Grade</b>	<b>Confirmation Preparation</b>
Michael Kurban	Peggy Chaffee	Richard Bernabucci
Laurie Woron		

**Special Events Coordinator**  
Ann Noel

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
Rella Bernabucci  
Tom Furey  
MaryAnn Simcoe  
Donna Valli

**Youth Group**  
Cara Baummer  
Jim Higgins  
Sean McHugh  
Matthew Powell

**Haiti Ministry**  
Michelle Farris

**stewardship**

September 12 - 22, 2008 (2 weeks)

Income:	\$10,143.75
Expenses (including lay salaries Medical insurance & Payroll taxes)	\$ 7,985.87
Net income	\$ 2,157.88
 Average weekly income (FYTD*)	 \$ 5,954.33

\* Fiscal Year is Jul 1 to June 30.

**thank you**

*Dear family of Sacred Heart,*

*We are so grateful to you for the many Masses, prayers, flowers, meals and baked goods and especially for the consolation you have given at the death of our mom, Stella Golnik. And when just a few days later God called her brother Walter home, you were again there with your comfort and your love. It's all been quite overwhelming.*

*Although it has been agonizing to watch the suffering Mom had to endure for so long, it has truly been a blessing for us to have had so many friends like you who have lent such constant support. You have been true witnesses to us of the faith and mercy our loving God who watches over and protects us all, and who brings us home when it is time.*

*Thanks to all of you for "being there" for us. We will never forget the kindness you have shown.*

*Love,  
Ernie & Colleen Golnik*

**this weekend**

Haitian Ministry is doing Brunch after Mass on this 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.

## 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.

### evening of song and praise

An Evening of Song and Praise with DANA - Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at St. Bernard's Academy, 1593 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT. \$15.00 per person in advance, \$20.00 at the door. To register and order tickets contact Mother Anthony at Holy Family Academy, 860-822-8241

### a retreat day and evening at holy family

On October 8, Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will sponsor a day and evening retreat with Sr. Helen Prejean, C.S.J. *Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues* will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will repeat from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The requested offering of \$30.00 includes lunch or dinner. Author of the book *Dead Man Walking*, Sr. Helen has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to all state executions. The retreat is Part I of *In God We Trust*, a five-part series of day and evening retreats on American Catholicism that will take place at the retreat center this fall. Visit [holyfamilyretreat.org](http://holyfamilyretreat.org) or call 860-521-0440 for more information.

## Blessing of the Animals

*Bring your beloved beasts  
to Sacred Heart*

**next Sunday, October 5 at 1pm**

*as we celebrate  
the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi  
with the Blessing of the Animals*

### give blood

Saturday, October 18 from 8am to 12:30pm at Saint Joseph Church, Route 83 & West Road, Rockville, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Also, Monday, October 6 from 1-6pm at First Congregational Church, 695 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon in memory of Gail Slicer.

### open house at east catholic

East Catholic High School will hold an Open House on Thursday, November 20 at 7pm for eighth graders and their families. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 8am at East Catholic High School. Call Ms. Gryphon, Admissions, at 649-5336 x 238 for more information. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. The school website is [222.echs.org](http://222.echs.org)

### xavier open house

Xavier High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young men, will hold its Annual Open House for all interested 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Pre-registration for the exam is requested and forms can be found online at [xavierhighschool.org](http://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.

### a clean variety show

The Irish Variety Show featuring Barry Collins (Cork) comedian, Michael Funge (Wexford) singer, Harriet Earis (Donegal) harpist, Bernard McHugh (Cavan) harmonica and introducing Caroline Kelly (Dublin) Champion Irish Dancer.

Coming to Saint Joseph School, Saint Joseph Parish Hall, 33 West Street, Rockville on October 28, 2008. The show starts at 7pm. Entertainment for the entire family! Adults: \$10 Children: \$5 3-and-under – FREE!

### mass of healing and hope

Spiritual Renewal Services will have a Mass of Healing and Hope at Sacred Heart Church, Groton, on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 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 work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b> → 5:45pm	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Mary Brown</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family, <i>and</i> <b><i>Dorothy Baker</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> → 10:45am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Rita &amp; Art Martineau</i></b> , requested by the Martineau Family, <i>and</i> <b><i>Stella Golnik</i></b> , requested by Art Martineau
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS <b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> → 9:00am	JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR <b>Mass: <i>Rev. Joseph Ricard</i></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR <b>Mass: <i>Rocco Labbadia</i></b> , requested by Maria Davia
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4:30-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	GUARDIAN ANGELS <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass: <i>Joseph &amp; Rosina Aiello</i></b> , requested by Frank & Maria Neri <b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> 9:00am 10am-5pm 5:00pm	<b>Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i></b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Close of Adoration
<b>SATURDAY</b> → 5:45pm	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Raymond "R.J." Negro, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i></b> , requested by Aunt Judy Sullivan
<b>SUNDAY</b> → 10:45am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Robert Brown</i></b> , requested by Joe & Elaine Brown, <i>and</i> <b><i>Marcia Kemp</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

## meetings

<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , South Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:15-10:30am	<b>Fellowship before and after Mass</b> <b>Faith Formation Starts</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30pm	<b>Finance Council</b> , Living Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4-5:15pm 8:00pm	<b>Faith Formation Starts</b> <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> , South Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:15-10:30am 1:00pm	<b>Fellowship before and after Mass</b> <b>Faith Formation Starts</b> <b>Blessing of Animals</b>

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\* 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.STMAURICEKOFCC.ORG](http://WWW.STMAURICEKOFCC.ORG)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY / Sept. 27/28, 2008**

4:00 p.m. **Donald Bergin**, request of Karen Bergin  
 8:45 a.m. **Lillian Normington**, request of Jennifer & Phil Daly; **Karol Bieszczad**, request of Mark Fiano family.

**NEXT SUNDAY** Oct. 4/5 2008

4:00 p.m. **Franklin Delany**  
 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 \$ 3,232  
 Last year's collection was \$ 3,292  
 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.*

**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** – Sept. 27/28/; Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Fr. Tony, celebrant/Ushers Group III/ Making of stoles by Confirmation Candidates After 8:45 a.m. Mass.

**MONDAY** Sept 29, 2008 Mass at 9:00 am , special Intention for Jane, request of Linda Armstrong.

**TUESDAY** Sept. 30, 2008 Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY** Oct. 1, 2008 Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Thomas Juknis, request of Fr. Tony DiMarco./ Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m./ Adoration 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m/

**THURSDAY** Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Rev. Edward Frigault request of Fr. Tony DiMarco

**FRIDAY** Mass at 9:00 am/ Special intention request of Linda Armstrong

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

**THANK YOU DINNER FOR FR. TONY GRUBER AFTER THE 5:15 P.M. MASS**

**NEXT SUNDAY** Oct. 4/5, 2008– 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time/ Fr. Stan celebrant / Ushers Group IV Readings for next Sunday/Is 5, 1-2 / Phil 4, 6-9 / Mt 21:33-43

Altar Servers scheduled for next Sunday:

4:00 p.m. Maria Cinea

8:45 a.m Patricia Hennessy, Henry & Ray Marrion

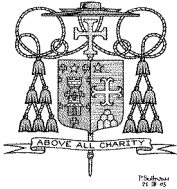
**TRIP TO HAITI**

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

**Eighteenth Annual Red Mass**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2008-09-23**

**10:30 A.M.**

Bishop Cote invites all Judges, lawyers, paralegals, law students—all involved in administration of Justice; Legislators, public officials, civic leaders, and all interested persons and their families to the Eighteenth Annual Red Mass and Reception, Sunday, October 5, 2008 in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass.



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MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

September 22, 2008

Dear Friends in Christ:

In the aftermath of powerful Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, Catholic Charities' organizations in Texas and South Louisiana as well as throughout the nation have mobilized to provide help and hope for thousands of residents hard hit by this natural disaster.

While disaster relief efforts to assist Southern Louisiana residents hit by Gustav have been ongoing the second more deadly Hurricane Ike, has affected 4.5 million, 99% of the population, in the Houston area who are reported to have no electricity and are in need of other basic necessities.

Catholic Charities USA's Disaster Response Team continues to make sure that basic needs of those impacted by hurricanes are met. In addition to helping families with their basic needs, Catholic Charities' recovery efforts include: opening one-stop distribution sites where families can access food, water, ice, hygiene kits, or other items; gas cards and other aid to help stranded evacuees to return home; crisis counseling and case management; serving thousands of hot meals to hurricane victims; sending truckloads of food and other supplies to impacted areas; continuing damage assessment to identify ongoing needs, and to provide information about available services and counseling to returning evacuees.

Catholic Charities is organizing the relief efforts on behalf of the Diocese of Norwich and it joins other Catholic Charities organizations nationwide in this humanitarian response. Any inquiries or concerns related to this relief effort should be directed to Catholic Charities, 331 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360, 860-889-8346.

We can help by praying for those who are victims of this disaster and by making a generous donation. Contributions may be earmarked for **Victims of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike** and sent to the Chancery in the usual way.

May the Lord bless your generosity and sacrifice for our brother and sisters in the Gulf Coast.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich