

**readings for the week of october 5, 2008**

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
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 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28  
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14  
 or 22:1-10

**attention all sunday faith formation classes**

There are no Faith Formation classes (morning or evening) scheduled for next Sunday, October 12 because of the Columbus Day weekend. These classes will resume the following Sunday (October 19) at their regularly scheduled times. Any questions, please contact Rella.

**welcome to sacred heart parish**

The following have recently registered with our parish:

*Cara Baummer*

*Normand Boulanger*

We welcome them to our parish family.

**baptized into christ's family**

The following child was recently baptized at our parish:

*Donald Richard Thibodeau*

We welcome him and pray that as he grows, he will also grow in his love of God.

**stewardship**

Report for July 1 – September 30, 2008

Total Income:	\$ 73,663.11
Expenses	
Ordinary Expenses Paid	\$ 70,748.18
Interest & payment on debt	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>
Total Expenses ( <i>not including unpaid</i> )	<u>\$ 74,548.18</u>
Net income	(\$ 885.07)

**Blessing of the Animals**

*Bring your beloved beasts  
to Sacred Heart*

**THIS SUNDAY, October 5  
at 1pm**

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

**thank you**

*Dear Sacred Heart Parish Family,*

*Thank you so very much for honoring the memory of my father at Mass on September 12, 2009. This tribute will bring comfort to everyone who loves George.*

*Phylis Pinzel Lemire*

**flu clinic**

HERE – Next Sunday from 8:30am to 12 noon. Come and be vaccinated!

**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.



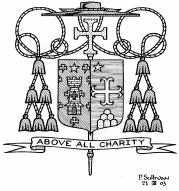
**American Red Cross**  
*Together, we can save a life*

**Annual Three Parish Blood Drive**

- Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 4122
- Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>
- At St. Joseph's Church, Rockville
- From 8:00 am to 1:45 pm
- To make an appointment call: 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543)

**thank you**

A BIG THANK YOU to our Haiti Minsitry for the wonderful brunch they offered to the Parish last weekend!



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MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

September 19, 2008

My dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

The theme of the 2008-2009 Respect Life Program is "Hope and Trust in Life!" These words are taken from a homily given by Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, on December 31, 2007, and they call us to turn away from the culture of death and to embrace life with hope and trust. We do this best by reverencing the sacredness of all human life.

Announcing the Respect Life Sunday observance that will be held on October 5, 2008, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Communications said that the topics addressed by the Respect Life Program "reflect the diversity of pro-life concerns..." By participating in the Respect Life Program, we can become better informed about these vital issues. Briefly, we will look at four (4) concerns.

- Stem Cell research—Embryonic stem cell research is the deliberate killing of human embryos. Adult stem cell research is proven to be effective and it can enhance human life. It does not interfere with the sanctity of life. There have been no gains made from destroying embryos for scientific purposes.
- End of life Issues—Currently, some states are attempting to legalize euthanasia (mercy killing). Oregon permits medically aided suicide but, so far, this has been rejected in other states.
- Pre-natal medical technology has opened up the possibility of abortions for impaired pre-born children. Some scientists are considering the possibility of "therapeutic organ harvesting" i.e. retrieving healthy organs from them. This is not fiction but almost reality.
- Under the mantle of the sacredness of human life, we must consider our activities to abolish the death penalty and to prevent inhumane conditions in handling of immigrants.

Throughout this coming year, I ask all priests and pro-life representatives to inform parishioners about the sacredness of all human life, at every stage of its existence, and to urge them to pray that all human life will be protected.

Currently, in our Diocese as well as throughout the United States and Canada, there are prayer vigils being conducted called "40 Days for Life." These activities are grass routes programs of prayer, fasting, and outreach to all people. Also, on each First Saturday of the month, a Respect Life Mass to end abortion is celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:30 a.m. followed by rosary and a prayer vigil. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Please pray for a deepening awareness of the sacredness of human life. Also, include in your prayers the intention that our legislators and judges will work to protect all human life, both unborn and born.

God bless you and strengthen your commitment to defend and to safeguard the sacredness of human life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

## give blood

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

Also, Saturday, October 18 from 8am to 1:45pm at Saint Joseph Church, Route 83 & West Road, Rockville, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

## holy spirit breakfast

Spiritual Renewal will sponsor a Holy Spirit Breakfast with guest speaker Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly D.D. on Saturday, October 18 at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Auditorium. To send for tickets, please enclose a \$5.00 donation, your name address and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Spiritual Renewal, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360.

Bishop Reilly was responsible for encouraging and supporting the Catholic Charismatic Renewal from the very beginning. Come and join us for a wonderful morning of music, fellowship and good food. A free-will offering will be taken.

## concert of sacred music

Union Congregational Church, 3 Elm Street, Rockville is pleased to present *The Needhams in Concert THIS FRIDAY*, October 10, 2008. The Needhams, a family of Southern Gospel singers, has toured extensively in the East With their combined artistry of singing, songwriting and instrumentation; this is an event not to be missed. The concert is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. A free-will offering will be taken. A pot-luck supper will precede the concert at 5:30pm in Bowman Hall. The concert will begin at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

## 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 [www.echs.org](http://www.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.

OCTOBER 5, 2008

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## the work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:45pm	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: Raymond "R.J." Negro, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,</b> requested by Aunt Judy Sullivan
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:45am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: Robert Brown,</b> requested by Joe & Elaine Brown, <i>and</i> <b>Marcia Kemp,</b> requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Blessing of Animals</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	BRUNO, PRIEST & MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN <b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY <b>Mass: Angela Fornabi,</b> requested by Marie Whitham
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion at Welles Village</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4:30-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR AND COMPANIONS & JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Mass: For the People of the Parish</b> <b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10:30am	<b>Mass at Vernon Manor with Anointing of All Residents</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:45pm	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: Sylva, Loretta &amp; Ernest Blais,</b> requested by the Blais Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:45am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: Lucy Adams,</b> requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family, <i>and</i> <b>Virginia Latulippe,</b> requested by Her Family

## meetings

<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</b> <b>Blessing of Animals</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4-5:15pm 8:00pm	<b>Faith Formation</b> <b>Alcoholics Anonymous*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00am 7:45pm 8:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> , South Community Rooms <b>Intercessory Prayer</b> <b>Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , South Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b> NO 8:30am-12noon	<b>Fellowship before and after Mass</b> <b>Faith Formation</b> (Columbus Holiday) <b>Flu Clinic</b> , Library

\* 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.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG](http://WWW.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG)

### MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY OCT 4/5, 2008

4:00 P.M. Franklin Delany, request of Dorli & Lou Cloutier

8:45 A.M. Bill Miller, request of Kathleen Rouvina  
 John Ciscon, request of Linda & Phil Bell

NEXT SUNDAY OCT. 11/12, 2008

4:00 P.M. Levi & Loman Fourier

8:45 A.M. Kathleen Leiner

### 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:

*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.*

### GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING - TITHING

Last week's collection was \$

Last year's collection was \$

Projected amount needed \* \$

\* the projected amount needed reflects obligations, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe.

It is good to remember that everything belongs to God. We would have nothing if God had not given us the skills, talents and opportunities to accomplish what we accomplish. Therefore, it is important for us to recognize that we have an obligation to return a portion of our gifts to God, for all gifts belong to Him and come from Him.

### **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** - Oct. 4/5; Twenty-seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time / Fr. Stan, celebrant / Ushers Group IV Children's Liturgy of the Word. **Confirmation candidates' meeting prior to the Generations of Faith session. Generations of Faith sessions begins today at 10:00 A.M. A light breakfast will be available after Mass.**

**MONDAY** - Oct. 6; Mass at 9 AM, special intention request of Linda Armstrong.

**TUESDAY** - Oct. 7: Mass at 9 AM, for Fr. Edward Frigault, request of Fr. Tony DiMarco. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY** - Oct. 8 - Christmas Fair Group at 9 AM, Parish Center; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3 PM to 7 PM

**THURSDAY** - Oct. 9 - Mass at 9 AM for Fr. Edward Frigault, request of Fr. Tony DiMarco; Knights of Columbus meeting at the Parish Center, 7 PM

**FRIDAY** - Oct. 10 Mass at 9 AM for Kathy Leiner, request of Agnes & Maryann Murphy.

**SATURDAY** - Confessions from 3 PM to 3:45 PM

### NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY** - OCT. 11/12 2008 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Fr. Tony celebrant / Ushers Group I.

#### **4:00 PM**

**Altar Servers** Josh Meyers/Kyle Toce

**Lector** - Lisa Anderson;

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Beatrice Lacombe  
 John Anderson / Georgette Pelletier

#### **8:45 AM**

**Altar Servers** David & Chrissy  
 Bendzinski, Kimberly Newton

**Lector** - Thomas Marrion

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Robert Rouleau  
 Kathleen Smythe, Betty Aitkin

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Our Choir is always ready to welcome new members. Come join us and make a joyful noise to the Lord. Tuesdays, 7PM at the church.

### **A CONFIRMATION REMINDER**

On October 25, 2008 there will be a Retreat for the 2008 Confirmation Candidates ending with Mass and dinner. Mark your calendars.

### **Some special dates in the October Church Calendar.**

**Oct. 1,** St. Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Missionaries, Carmelite Nun

**Oct. 2.** Feast of our Guardian Angels

**Oct. 4.** St. Francis of Assisi. Deacon, Franciscan Founder, Stigmatist.

**Oct. 7** Our Lady of the Rosary, *“Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to the Holy Rosary, are the unparalleled solution to “fight” Satan, renew our faith, convert sinners, save souls and bring peace into our lives and into the world.”*

**Oct. 13** Anniversary of Our Lady’s Apparition at Fatima & the Miracle of the Sun. (1917)

**Oct. 15** St. Theresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, Carmelite Nun.

**Oct. 16** St. Margaret Mary, Apostle of the Sacred Heart

**Oct. 28** St. Jude Thaddeus, Apostle, Martyr, Patron of Impossible cases.

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### **JUST A REMINDER**

The Silver and Gold Jubilee Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on October 12, 2008 at 2:30pm.. All couples, along with their families, celebrating such a special anniversary are invited to participate. Light refreshments will be provided in the Cathedral Hall after the Mass.

### **GOD’S PLAN FOR A JOY FILLED MARRIAGE**

God’s Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage is a marriage preparation course offered by Catholic Charities. It is hosted once a week on a Friday evening for four weeks. God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage offers engaged couples a more complete understanding of God’s plan for marriage and human sexuality. God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage is an ideal way to introduce engaged couples to the beauty of the Church’s vision of marriage, as proclaimed by Pope John Paul II in his Theology of the Body, presented by Christopher West. Decision to Love Preparation program is presented in conjunction with the Theology of Marriage. A Decision to Love is a comprehensive program that offers the guidance and groundwork necessary to assist them in evaluating their to make a permanent life commitment. Each of the eight chapters deal with critical topics that are addressed in several ways: His and Hers pages; Couples and Group discussion questions; Issues of Special focus; and more. Also comes with a complete wedding liturgy planner with Scripture readings. Session #4 also includes NFP Presentation by Certified NFP instructors approved by the diocese.

### **God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage:**

**Location: Catholic Charities, 331 Main St. Norwich, CT**

**Time: 7-9 PM on each Friday evening**

**Dates: Oct. 24 & 31, & Nov. 7 & 14 2008**

**Jan. 30, 2009 and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 2009**

**Apr. 17 & 24 2009 and May 1 & 8, 2009**

**Cost: \$20.00 per couple for materials**

For further information contact Susan Williams, Coord. Office of Family Life, (860) 889-8346 ext. 283