

**readings for the week**

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14  
or 22:1-10  
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9  
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**attention all sunday faith formation classes**

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

**please note**

Rella will be away on Friday, October 17 in order to attend a meeting of the New England Convocation Steering Committee. The Faith Formation Offices will open at 1:00pm on this day.

**youth group**

The Youth Group will be going to Lake Compounce on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:30pm.

Please remember to bring your permission form and medical release form as well as payment for entrance into the park.

Questions? Please contact Rella (875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

**confirmation preparation classes**

Because of the Youth Group trip to Lake Compounce on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Preparation classes will not be held that evening.

**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.

\* Note: Some groups meet at Sacred Heart (including but not limited to The Red Cross, Cub Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and Narcotics Anonymous) but they are not part of and not acting on behalf of the Parish or the Diocese

**stewardship**

October 1-8, 2008

Income	\$ 8,388.69
Expenses: <i>(including all payroll and payroll expenses)</i>	<u>\$ 13,669.69</u>
Net Income for the week:	(\$5,281.00)

Amount needed each week (budget) †	\$ 7,237.00
Average actual weekly income (FYTD) ‡	\$ 5,954.33
FY Actual compared to Budget	\$ (19,266.20)

† *“Amount needed each week (budget)” includes Cathedraticum (a tax to the Diocese) payments that are in arrears and repayment of 20% of our debt to the Diocese for Property and Liability Insurance.*  
‡ *“FYTD” – Fiscal Year is July 1-June 31*

**take a bite out of hunger – traveling christmas hunger tree**

The churches in the Manchester/Vernon area will be having a “Traveling Christmas Hunger Tree” to raise awareness of hunger both locally and world wide.

Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring the tree the weekend of November 1 & 2. Parishioners are asked to bring food or money to provide assistance to the hungry. All donations from Sacred Heart will be given to Cornerstone. Cornerstone will use the money received to buy food from FOODSHARE for 12 cents a pound.

During these hard economic times, it is important to remember that Cornerstone finds itself with more people availing themselves of their services while at the same time finding that donations are falling behind.

Please remember to bring in food on November 1 & 2 to help feed the hungry!



**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)



Saturday, October 18  
after the 5:45pm Mass  
at Sacred Heart

No Charge

Free will offering

for those who desire to make one  
to benefit the people of Haiti.

Come hungry.

## rockville public library presents...

### Gene Pitney: The Rockville Rocket

Thursday, October 16 at 3pm  
Rockville Public Library Peck Room  
52 Union Street, Rockville

Speaker: Denise Stankovics

As the town of Vernon celebrates its bicentennial this year, we remember the local boy who "made good" as a rock 'n' roll star whose songs thrilled audiences in the USA and abroad. Join us for a look at Gene Pitney's life in our area and beyond. The program will feature recordings of some of the hits that he made famous.

All are welcome to attend. No pre-registration is necessary. For information, call (860) 875-5890 x24.

## thank you

Dear Father Stan,

*The sorting of seed packets was completed last Thursday, September 24, 2008 thanks to the great help of the following church members plus one member of the "Step Beyond Group," namely Edward Rogers:*

**Loretta Bolles**

**Arlene Furey**

**Tom Furey**

**Betty Gonsalves**

**Marie Mullen**

**Bob Pugliese**

**Dot Regan**

**Maureen Staggborg**

**Jeanne Swart**

**John Swart**

*Eleven boxes weighing a total of 149 pounds were sealed, labeled and delivered yesterday to Emily Smack at Haiti's Back Porch in Middletown. They have a total estimated retail value of \$14,000. Emily expects to ship them by airfreight to Haiti net week. Hopefully, the seed packets will be available for distribution and planting of crops this year to replace the crops that were damaged by the recent hurricanes.*

Sincerely,

Pat A. Iadarola

## conference

The Connecticut Right to Life Corp. is having its 34<sup>th</sup> annual convention on Saturday, November 1 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell. The banquet speaker is Vicki Thorne, the foundress of Project Rachel, a post-abortion ministry. Mary Ann Kuharski, president of PROLIFE Across American the Billboard People and Teresa S. Collette, Esq. an expert concerning parental involvement laws regarding abortion, will also speak. There will be a 12:15pm Mass followed by the program. The cost, including dinner, is \$40.00 for adults, \$70.00 for a married couple and \$22.00 for students. To register, call Janet at (203) 878-4097.

## travel to peru – help the poor

**Trip to Cusco, Peru, to work among the poor.** Father Michael Sequeira of Saint Mary Church in Clinton, Connecticut is offering a trip to Cusco, Peru in order to work as volunteers among orphans, children abandoned in streets, disables children in clinics, or to construct new orphanages or new schools, teach English, etc. June 21 to July 2, 2009.

For more information, please attend an inquiry session on Wednesday, November 12 or Thursday, November 13 at 7pm at Saint Mary Church in Clinton, CT. You may call (860) 669-8512 or email [punchamar@snet.net](mailto:punchamar@snet.net) for more information, and there is information available on our Fellowship Room bulletin board for you as well.

## 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.

## holiday fair

Saint Mary Church, Route 31, Coventry, invites you to join them at their Holiday Fair to be held on Friday, November 7 from 6-9pm and Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 2pm.

Booths include: Christmas Shoppe, Ye Olde Country Store, The Jewelry Shoppe, The Doll & Toy Shoppe, Sewing Room, The Religious Booth, Haitian Crafts, Small Raffle, Parish Bakery, Fried Dough and Food Concession.

For further information, call the Saint Mary Parish Rectory at (860) 742-0681.

## red, white & blue mass

Red, White & Blue Mass for Military Personnel – Sunday, November 2 at 10:15am in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. This years theme: World War II Veterans. For more information, please call (860) 887-9294 x 232.

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## the work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b>	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/VOCATION AWARENESS SUNDAY
5:45pm	<b>Mass: <i>Sylva, Loretta &amp; Ernest Blais</i></b> , requested by the Blais Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/VOCATION AWARENESS SUNDAY
10:45am	<b>Mass: <i>Lucy Adams</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family, <i>and Virginia Latulippe</i> , requested by Her Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	
9:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	CALLISTUS I, POPE & MARTYR
9:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR
9:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS & MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN
NO	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
7:00pm	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
7:45pm	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR
9:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	LUKE, EVANGELIST/TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
5:45pm	<b>Mass: <i>Ray Duhamel</i></b> , requested by his wife, <i>and Joseph Franek, Sr.</i> , requested by his wife, Anastasia
<b>SUNDAY</b>	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
10:45am	<b>Mass: <i>Pauline Pelletier</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

## meetings

<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , South Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Fellowship before and after Mass</b>
NO	<b>Faith Formation</b> (Columbus Holiday)
8:30am-12noon	<b>Flu Clinic</b> , Library
<b>MONDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
4-5:15pm	<b>Faith Formation Grades 1-3 &amp; 5</b>
8:00pm	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
10:00am	<b>Bible Study</b> , South Community Rooms
7:45pm	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
8:00pm	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , South Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Fellowship before and after Mass</b>
9:15-10:30am	<b>Faith Formation Grades 1-5</b>
6:30-7:45pm	<b>Faith Formation Grades 6-8</b>
	<b>Youth Group</b> at Lake Compounce

**WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE**  
[WWW.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG](http://WWW.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG)

**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY / Oct. 11/12 2008**

4:00 p.m. Levi & Loman Fournier request of Solange Fournier

8:45 a.m. Kathy Leiner, request of Anne Doyle

**NEXT SUNDAY Oct. 18/19, 2008**

4:00 p.m. Mrs. Marie Rose Lemaire and Charles Varrick

8:45 a.m. Ned Daly and Emma Chamberlain

**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 \$ 4,034.00

Last year's collection was \$ 4,387.00

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). *"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." Phil 4:19* The secret to being a good steward is to trust that God will supply us with all that we need. However, we have to let go of the expectation that we should also have all that we want. Good stewards must learn to live differently. We must turn away from materialism, want less, share more and learn to be grateful for God's many blessings.

**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. 11/12 Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Fr. Tony celebrant/ Ushers Group I

**MONDAY** Oct. 13, Mass at 9:00 am , special

Intention for Jane, request of Linda Armstrong.

**TUESDAY** Oct. 14, Mass at 9:00 am for Kathy Leiner

Request of Agnes & MaryAnn Murphy  
Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY** Oct. 15 Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m./ Adoration  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m/

**THURSDAY** Oct. 16 Mass at 9:00 a.m

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

**NEXT WEEK**

**SUNDAY – OCT. 18/19 2008** – / Fr. Tony celebrant / Ushers Group II / Pancake Breakfast and food drive

**4:00 P.M**

**Altar Servers** Maria Cinea

**Lector** Joe Gately

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Jean Gately/Joe Gately  
Patti Cinea

**8:45 A.M.**

**Altar Servers** Danielle & Briana Kerr, Caitlin O'Connor

**Lector** – Richard Carpenter

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Sharon & Cliff Scorso  
Carol Ciolino

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Altos, Sopranos, Tenors, Bases, our church choir can use all your voices. Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. Pavorattis Domigos, Boccellis need not apply.

**CRADLE FUND** envelopes are at the rear of the church. Please consider a donation to this most worth-while cause. Your sacrificial gift proclaims the Gospel of Life by nurturing newborn babies.

**UPCOMING EVENT OF SPECIAL  
INTEREST TO ST. MAURICE PARISH  
MEMBERS.  
A SPECIAL CELEBRATION.**

On October 26, 2008 the official installation of Fr. Stan as Pastor of St. Maurice will occur at the 8:45 Mass. The Very Rev. James Carini, Dean of The Vernon Deanery, will officiate. A brunch following Mass will be served at the Parish Center. Everyone in the Parish is welcome to participate. Sign up sheets will be at the rear of the church.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC  
WOMEN  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women thanks all the parishes who have supported us in the past and we ask for your support again this year. For those parishes that have not supported the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Membership Drive in the past, we ask you to please consider supporting us this year. The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women donates 60% of all dues collected throughout the Diocese to Catholic Charities to help support their pregnancy programs.

Envelopes can be found at the rear of the church. Please consider joining along with other women in our Diocese.

**A letter from Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich.**

My dear brothers in Christ,

On November 15, 2008, all men of the Diocese of Norwich are invited to participate in the first Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference. It will be held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the Conference (at 3:00 p.m.) Bishop Lori of Bridgeport and I will concelebrate Mass with Archbishop Henry Mansell of Hartford who will be the Principal Celebrant.

With great hope for the success of this event, I encourage the men of this Diocese to make every effort

to attend this Conference. Its theme is "Take Your Faith to the Next Level.": This occasion affords you an excellent opportunity to enrich your faith, to deepen your knowledge of the Church, and to renew your love for Christ.

Former NFL star and popular faith speaker Danny Abramowicz will be the featured speaker. Danny Abramowicz is hailed as a dynamic speaker whose talk, entitled, "The Spiritual Workout of a Former Saint," promises to be a captivating presentation. Radio personality and Reason for Hope Foundation founder, Father Larry Richards, Film Producer ("Bella"), Sean Wolfington, performing artist and motivational speaker, Sean Forrest, and President of the Institute for Psychological Services, Father Charles Sikorsky will make presentations at the Conference. They are well known inspirational speakers and their messages hold great promise for spiritually nourishing us.

The presenters will address real concerns men face each day. In encouraging the men of the Archdiocese of Hartford to attend the Conference, Archbishop Mansell wrote, "Many studies show that as a man becomes stronger in faith, his family becomes stronger. As a man grows in his faith, he will be better equipped to face a culture head-on that is often hostile to Christianity."

Please join with Archbishop Mansell, Bishop Lori of Bridgeport, with Hartford's Auxiliary Bishops. Bishop Rosazza and Bishop Macaluso, and with me in celebrating and renewing our faith. By taking advantage of this opportunity, you can strengthen your relationship with Christ and your faith can be revitalized. You will be better equipped to respond the challenges that we encounter each day as a people of faith.

Again. Please make every effort to attend the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference of November 15, 2008. For tickets and other pertinent information, please go to the website, [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org). Questions may be addressed to Mr. David Craig, 860-739-4607 or [vocations@aat.net](mailto:vocations@aat.net). I look forward to seeing you there.

God love you/

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Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich