

**attention:****all faith formation classes & confirmation preparation**

All Sunday morning and evening Faith Formation sessions resume their scheduled sessions today, January 6 at their regularly scheduled times.

All Wednesday Faith Formation classes will resume their scheduled sessions this coming Wednesday, January 9 at their regularly scheduled times.

**youth group news**

Youth Group will meet this evening, Sunday, January 6 at the regularly scheduled time.

**please note**

Rella will be attending a Northwest Faith Formation Leaders meeting on Tuesday, January 8. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on this day.

**thank you (continued)**

As we come to the end of another year and enter into a brand new year, we pause for a moment to thank all those who have served the parish during the past year.

**Outdoor Flowers**

Jessie Ackley  
Loretta Bolles  
Kevin Bouchard  
Isabel Dosouto  
Michelle Farris  
Richard Fuller

Arlene Furey  
Mary Kuhn  
Jean Merz  
Ann Noel  
Haley Rice  
Sandy Rice

**Ushers**

Richard Bernabucci  
Arthur Casey  
Edward Chartier  
Lloyd Glidden  
Robert Glennon

Nicholas Hess  
Zachary Hess  
Joseph Labrie  
Paul Latulippe  
Ralph Lavigne

Edmund Surdel

*...and for those whom we may have forgotten to list,  
but for whom we are grateful nonetheless...*

***Thanks to you all for being  
the hands and voices  
and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.***

Watch for more ministries next week!

**readings for the week**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

**it's "combined collection" time**

Next weekend is the first National Combined Collection for the year. This time around, the collection benefits:

- **The Retirement Fund for Religious**
- **The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father**
- **The Catholic Communications Campaign**
- **Catholic University of America**

You will soon receive a mailing about this important collection. Please read the material and if you are so inclined, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, January 12 & 13, 2008. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

**prayer request for bishop hart**

Entering upon the celebration of Christmas, we know that God sent His Son into the world to bear our sufferings.

As we commemorate Jesus' Birth throughout this season of grace, we ask that you pray for Bishop Hart as he grows noticeably weaker, that he may be strengthened by our prayers and given the Lord's healing power.

May the healing and comforting presence of our newborn Savior be with Bishop Hart and with all the sick and the suffering.

**thank you**

*We are most grateful to all of you for the many cards and gifts we received this Christmas season. Special thanks to our singers **Helena Daly, Bob Selinsky, Connie English, Mary Ann Simcoe, Donna Valli, Charlie Powell & Laurie Woron** and to our trumpeter/guitarist **Tony Susi** for sharing your gift of music with the parish and also for being such a pleasure to make music with!*

*Peace & Joy,*

*Ernie & Colleen Golnik*

**“I will honor Christmas in my heart,  
and try to keep it all the year.”**

*- Ebenezer Scrooge*

Because of unemployment and high fuel prices, more people will be hungry and cold than ever this winter.

Please make an extra effort to remember to bring canned goods, non-perishables and clean warm clothing in good condition with you to Mass, and consider adding a dollar to your electric bill to benefit “Operation Fuel” or making a generous donation outright to The Cornerstone or some other worthy organization.

**“Whatsoever you do to the least of my people,  
that you do unto me.”**

*- Jesus of Nazareth*

## scripture study

Saint Joseph Church in Rockville will begin a study of the Book of Job starting in January. Classes are to be held on Sundays at 6pm in the Convent beginning January 6th and at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall beginning January 8th. Those interested may call 871-1635.

**do you have trouble  
making ends meet?**

In collaboration with Foodshare, the Cornerstone Foundation, Inc. has provided a space behind the Cornerstone Community Center, off Cottage Street, for the Foodshare truck to come twice a month to provide you with a variety of nutritious foods to help fill the gap.

For more information call the Cornerstone soup kitchen at 871-1823.

## march for life buses

January 22, 2008 marks the 35th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of unborn babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life. On this date, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, DC to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Monday, January 21, 2008 at 9pm, buses will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80 I-395 South or Exit 80W from I-395 North). The first stop in Washington will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bus fare is \$50.00 for adults and \$25.00 for students. For further information and/or to reserve a bus seat, please call Patricia Rossi, 860-848-1064 or Margaret Becotte, 860-822-1362.



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MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sunday, January 13, 2008, marks for us again the beginning of National Vocation Awareness throughout the country. The celebration begins on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

This affords us all in the Diocese of Norwich the opportunity to recall the dignity we each possess as God’s children in the mission of bringing The Good News to the world. Each of us has received through baptism, the call to holiness. As it says in Lumen Gentium, (chapter four, paragraph 33) “The laity are given this special vocation: to make the Church present and fruitful in those places and circumstances where it is only through them that she can become the salt of the earth”.

It is from the laity, the people of God, that men and women are called forth by God for unique service to the church through vocations either to religious life as sisters, brothers or priests, or to the diocesan priesthood. It is most important for us as members of the Mystical Body of Christ to actively spend time in prayer and always encourage those we think might have a unique call from God.

It is for this reason that I ask all in our diocesan family to dedicate this coming Vocation Awareness Week to prayer for all those who are called by God to either a vocation as a diocesan priest or religious vocation as a sister, brother, or priest. We are very fortunate and blessed with the willingness of different religious orders to serve the people of God in our diocese. We have been blessed also with many dedicated permanent deacons who assist me and our priests in many of our parishes.

I ask that all parishioners, students, families, the middle aged and elderly choose a time to pray together each day during vocation awareness week offering a prayer for those whom God is calling to a unique vocation in the church. If you are able, join in one of the holy hours for vocations that will be held around the diocese. May we as the Mystical Body of Christ do all we can to identify, encourage and support those called for service in this way to the rest of God’s family. Please also keep me, your unworthy servant, in your prayers that God may through His Holy Spirit continue to direct me in the guidance I seek to give to each of you.

May Christ, the Eternal High priest, in whose common priesthood we all share through baptism, bless you and open the hearts of those He is calling to share in these special vocations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

JANUARY 6, 2008

## the work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Mass: <i>Josephine Tantillo, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, and Benedict Tantillo</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am 10:30am	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Mass: <i>For Those In Whose Memory Christmas Flowers Were Given</i> Mass: <i>Drew Iadarola</i> , requested by Ceil Ray
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST / ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS Liturgy of the Word with Communion
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00pm	Mass: <i>Gene Bolles</i> , requested by Sandy Rice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11:00am	Mass at Welles Village
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4:30-6:00pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	ISLAMIC NEW YEAR: MUHARRAM <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> , Living Room ( <i>Next Sacrament of Reconciliation will be January 31</i> ) Mass: <i>Joseph "Archie" Archambault 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family <b>Intercessory Prayer</b> , Eucharistic Chapel
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10:30am	Mass at Vernon Manor: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	BAPTISM OF THE LORD Mass: <i>Agnes Pinzel</i> , requested by Hugh & Margaret Callahan
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am 10:30am	BAPTISM OF THE LORD Mass: <i>Rev. Thomas Doyle</i> , requested by Helena Daly Mass: <i>Drew Iadarola</i> , requested by The Step Beyond

## meetings

<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , Northeast Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:10am <b>1:30-4PM</b> 6:30pm 7:45pm	<b>Good Fellowship &amp; Tasty Goodies after Mass</b> <b>Faith Formation Levels K – 4</b> <b>Open House at 157 Tallwood Drive</b> <b>Faith Formation Levels 6 - Conf Prep</b> <b>Youth Group</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:00pm	Offices Closed <b>Haiti Ministry</b> , Deacon Chuck White Memorial Haiti Ministry Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00am 4:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	<b>Small Christian Community</b> , South Community Rooms <b>Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5</b> <b>Pastoral Council</b> , Library <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> , Eucharistic Chapel <b>Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*</b> , South Community Rooms
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\* 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