

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

ORDINARY TIME

By Paul Turner

Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year, fills the weeks “which do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ.” It’s the “no particular reason” season. The Christmas cycle honors the birth of Christ. The Easter cycle rejoices in the resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

The number of the weeks of Ordinary Time replaces the old counting of weeks “after Epiphany” and “after Pentecost.” The old calendar suggested that Pentecost ran for six months. The new calendar gives Pentecost a day. Then we return to Ordinary Time.

At first glance the principles of Ordinary Time seem basic enough. Start counting the weeks after the Christmas season. Break for Lent and Easter. Resume after Pentecost and keep counting till Advent. Basically, that’s how it works. But we have a few quirks.

For example, there is no “First Sunday in Ordinary Time”; however, there is a first week. Usually the Christmas season ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. The lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is part of the Christmas season. (Some years the baptism falls on a Monday, but that’s another story.) Ordinary Time gets underway on a weekday. When the next Sunday rolls around we start week two.

On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we see the last of Ordinary Time until after Pentecost. Even then, it emerges only on weekdays. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday, and The Body and Blood of the Lord comes the next Sunday in the United States. (In countries where The Body and Blood of the Lord is a holy day, it falls on a Thursday.) So when the numbered Sundays in Ordinary Time return in summer, we start out a little higher than where we left off.

Sometimes we skip one or two entire weeks of Ordinary Time during the Easter break. We want to close the Sundays of the year with Christ the King, one week before Advent. Christ the King always falls on the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, we determine the week number after Pentecost not based on where we left off before Lent but counting backwards from Christ the King. One or two weeks may evaporate while Ordinary Time serves the mystery of Christ.

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HAITI NEEDS...

Our Haiti Ministry **needs these school supplies** to finish the school kits to send to Haiti in March for the next school year:

Rulers
Erasers
Pencil Sharpeners
Gallon-sized Zip-Lock Bags

The school supplies are needed for the Faith Formation classes. **The school supplies are least expensive at the “Dollar Stores.”**

CHUCK WHITE MEMORIAL FUND

Thank you to all who contributed to the Chuck White Memorial Fund. Gifts were given for

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| ○ A Donkey | \$10 |
| ○ A Happy House | \$43 |
| ○ Insulin | \$59 |
| ○ Where Most Needed | \$314 |
| ○ <u>Cornerstone</u> | <u>\$140</u> |
| Total | \$566 |

IF WE BUILD IT, WILL THEY COME?

- A Series of Evening Retreats
at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford is sponsoring *If We Build It, Will They Come?* - a three-part series on parish life that will take place at the retreat center this winter. Some Catholics have suggested that parish life needs to be reinvented or at least reexamined. Many pastors and parish leaders are asking themselves, how can we organize our parish communities so they better foster a sense of fellowship and community; how can the parish be a place where people are empowered to share their gifts; how can the parish respond to the needs of the greater community and world?

Part 1 – January 14, 6pm: *The Catholic Parish: Can We Live Without It?* Msgr. Larry Carroll will explore the role of the Catholic parish in today’s society and how parishes can become more vibrant. The dialogue will examine the obstacles to and opportunities for creating parishes with a dynamic sense of community, a prayerful liturgy, and an active outreach. Msgr. Carroll is pastor of St. Pius X in Fairfield and Assistant Director of Clergy Personnel in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Part 2, *Is There Really a Priesthood Shortage? If Not, Then What?* presented by Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. will be January 28 and part 3, *Is This the Church We Want for Our Children?* presented by Shawnee Baldwin will be February 11.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THANK YOU

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

I would like to thank you for offering a Mass to be said in honor of my mother, Mary Rooney. Your sympathies and this thoughtful gesture bring comfort to my family and I.

My mother was a deeply religious and devoted Catholic. Our family appreciates the Mass in her honor.

Sincerely,

The Pisano Family

POLITICAL INFORMATION - - MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES

January 22, 2009 marks the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right – their right to life. On this date, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 9pm., buses will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395 South or Exit 80W, I-395 North). Our first stop in Washington will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bus fare is \$55 for adults and \$28 for students. If you're unable to attend the March, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a bus seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte, 860-822-1362, or Patricia Rossi, 860-848-1064.

The First Saturday Pro-Life Mass is scheduled for the first Saturday of each month at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick at 8:30am. The Mass is followed by a community Rosary and refreshments in Cathedral Hall.

- HEALTH CARE REFORM

*"Affordable and accessible health care is an essential safeguard of human life and a fundamental human right. With an estimated 47 million Americans lacking health care coverage, it is also an urgent national priority."
- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB*

The Connecticut Catholic Conference wants you to know that the upcoming legislative session will present our elected officials with many difficult choices as they try to balance our state budget during difficult financial times. However, one issue that must continue to make progress in our state is health care reform that provides coverage to the ever increasing number of uninsured. As unemployment increases, the number of people who will no longer be able to access health services will also increase. The uninsured in our state, which number in the hundreds of thousands, are comprised of not just the unemployed, but many working people who do not have a sufficient income to afford health insurance. Employers are also becoming increasingly burdened by ever rising health care costs.

FAITH-BUILDING AT HFRC

Sunday, February 1, 3pm: **A Concert of Firsts with Champagne Reception** – The Worthington Trio will bring their exquisite sound to the peaceful surroundings at Holy Family Retreat Center. Music, food and champagne from regions around the world will be enjoyed together. \$40.

Saturday, February 14: 6pm Mass, 7pm Dinner – **Celebrate Valentine's Day** with Mass, a festive gourmet dinner, fine wine and a live jazz trio. \$65 per person, \$130 per couple.

Sunday, February 15: **Year of Saint Paul – What Every Christian Should Know** – The day includes Mass, lecture by Harold W. Attridge and reception. \$30

All events are at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford. Call 860-521-0440 or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

ANNUAL GRINDER SALE

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) will be conducting its annual **Grinder Sale** beginning the week of January 17 & 18. Orders for grinders will be taken after each Mass on the weekend of January 17 & 18. Grinders available for order are: Turkey, Salami, Ham, Tuna and Vegetable. The grinders are \$5 each. Grinders will be delivered to the Church after Mass on January 25.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Just a reminder that Saint Joseph Church in Rockville offers Scripture Study on Tuesday mornings and Sunday evenings through April. Includes the Letter to the Hebrews and lecture and discussion on the Sacrifice of the Mass. Call 871-1635 for more information.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Your Pastoral Council would like to remind you that they are here for YOU!

ELECTED MEMBERS

Sergio Dosouto
Carol Duhamel
Cyndi Gagnon
Bette Gonsalves
Jim Higgins
Don Maxa
Trish Michaud
Matthew Powell
Mary Ann Simcoe (chair)
Donna Valli (secretary)

EX-OFFICIO & APPOINTED MEMBERS

Rella Bernabucci
John Crane (trustee)
Larry Deraleau
Fr Tony DiMarco
Ernie Golnik
Mike Kurban (finance)
Sandy Rice
Maureen Staggenborg (trustee)
Fr. Stan Szczapa

"The Pastoral Council is mandated by Bishop Cote. Its role is advisory in helping the Pastor to meet the pastoral and spiritual needs of the parish. The Pastoral Council may make suggestions to the Finance Council through Michael Kurban who is the liaison to the Finance Council."

– Pastoral Council Minutes, October 22, 2008

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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| SATURDAY 5:45pm | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FT) Mass: <i>Fred Sears</i> , requested by Stella Sears-Tessier |
| SUNDAY 10:45am | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FT) Mass: <i>Stella Golnik</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Liturgical Ministers - and - <i>Gardner Ruggles</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family |
| MONDAY 9:00am | THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME BEGINS Liturgy of the Word with Communion |
| TUESDAY 9:00am | HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR Mass: <i>Gaspere Davia</i> , requested by Maria Davia |
| WEDNESDAY 11:00am | Mass at Wells Village: <i>For the People of the Parish</i> |
| THURSDAY 4:30pm 7:00pm 7:45pm | <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> , Living Room Mass: <i>Stella Golnik</i> , requested by Fr. Stan & Terri Stewart Intercessory Prayer |
| FRIDAY 9:00am | Mass: <i>Natalina Labbadia</i> , requested by Maria Davia |
| SATURDAY 5:45pm | SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FS) Mass: <i>Agnes Pinzel</i> , requested by George Pinzel, - and - <i>George Pinzel</i> , requested by Mr & Mrs Hugh Callanan |
| SUNDAY 10:45am | SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FS) Mass: <i>Mary Moriarty</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family |

MEETINGS

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| SATURDAY 7:30pm | Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms |
| SUNDAY 9:15am 6:30pm 7:45pm | Fellowship before and after Mass Faith Formation , Gr. 1-5 Faith Formation , Gr. 6 – Conf Prep Youth Group |
| MONDAY | Offices Closed |
| WEDNESDAY 4:00pm 8:00pm | Faith Formation , Gr. 1-3, 5 Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms |
| THURSDAY 10:00am 8:00pm | Bible Study , South Community Rooms Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Rooms |
| SATURDAY 7:30pm | Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms |
| SUNDAY | Fellowship before and after Mass NO Faith Formation or Youth Group |

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOFCC.ORG

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday Jan. 10,

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: **Jerome Chemerka**, request of Sheila Chemerka and family,
and for **Doris Grisel**, request of Mike & Arlene Giglio

Sunday, Jan. 11,

8:45 a.m. Mass: **John Ciscon**, request of Linda and Phil Bell
and for **deceased members of K of C Council 6199**

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 17 - 18, 2009

Saturday, Jan. 17,

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: Franklin Delany and Juistina D'Amato

Sunday Jan. 18, 8:45 a.m. Kathleen Leiner

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$

Last year's collection was \$

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). *The Baptism of the Lord.* "On coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." We pray that the Father says of us "You are my beloved children; with you I am well pleased."

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Monday: Heb. 1:1 – 6; Ps 97: 7c; Mk. 1:14-20;
Tuesday: Heb. 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk. 1:23-28
Wednesday: Heb. 2:14-18; Ps. 105-8a; Mk. 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb. 3:7-14; Ps. 95:8; Mk 2:40-45
Friday: Heb. 4:1-5,11; Ps.78; Mk. 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb. 6:12-16; Ps. 16:5; Mk. 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Sam. 3:3b-10,19; Ps. 40:2; 1 Cor. 6:13-20; John 1:35-42



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY January 10/11,
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.
Fr. Stan, celebrant/ Ushers Group II

Baptism of Luke Robert Preuss at the 8:45 Mass.

Pancake Breakfast Sunday at the Parish Center.
Blood Pressure Screening during Breakfast.

Monday 1/12; Mass at 9:00 a.m. for a special intention

Tuesday 1/13; Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Barbara Fagan,
request of Noel & Cindy Fagan.

Bolton Ecumenical Council Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
at the Bolton Congregational Church.

Choir rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday 1/14; Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Cecilia
Henninger, request of Noel & Cindy Fagan.

ADORATION (marks twelve years of Adoration
at St. Maurice Parish) from 3:00p.m.until 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 1/15; Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Donald Sullivan,
request of Mary Ann Murphy.

Friday 1/16; Mass at 9:00 for a special intention.

Saturday 1/17 Confessions: 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

JANUARY 17/18

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS

ALTAR SERVERS; Josh Meyers

LECTOR: Georgette Pelletier

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jean Gately,
Arlene Giglio, Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, 8:45 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Angelica Czercowy,
Miranda Van Allen

LECTOR: Lynn Mancino

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Carol Ciolino,
Cynthia Fagan, Annedda Stiller.

**2ND COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL
COMBINED APPEAL
COFFEE SOCIAL ON SUNDAY**

ATTENTION

ORDERS

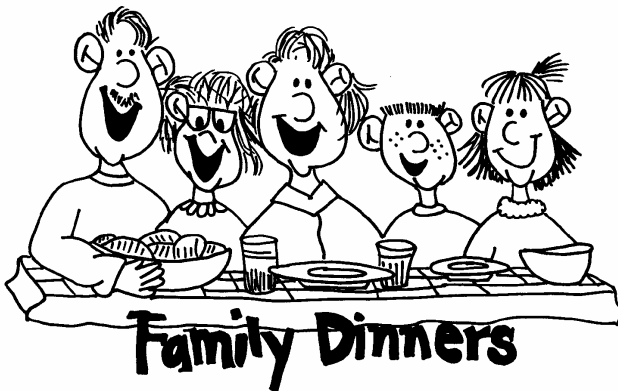
FOR THE ANNUAL GRINDER SALE
TO BENEFIT WAIM WILL BE TAKEN
AFTER EACH MASS ON
JANUARY 17, AND JANUARY 18
DELIVERY WILL BE AFTER MASS
ON JANUARY 25. CHOICES ARE
TURKEY
SALAMI
HAM
TUNA
AND VEGETABLE.



**PARISH FAMILY DINNER
SATURDAY
JANUARY 24, 2009**

Welcoming new parishioners
To the Parish family

Mark your calendars
More details to follow



The Baptism of the Lord

In the Gospel account of the baptism of Jesus, The mystery of death and Resurrection, sin and redemption, sin and forgiveness is prefigured. Jesus descends into the depths of the Jordan. Being submerged in the river is a symbolic representation of the process of death. An old life is buried, so that a new one can arise. Because Jesus himself is without sin and has no old life to bury, his acceptance of baptism is an anticipation of the cross, whereby he begins to share in our lot and to take upon himself our sins and our death. At the moment when he comes up out of the river, the heavens part, and from them is heard the voice in which the Father acknowledges him as his Son. The opening of heaven is a sign that this descent into our night is the dawning of a new day, that the barrier between God and man is being broken down by this identification of the Son with us: God is no longer inaccessible; in the depths of our sins, and even of death, he searches for us and brings us into the light again. To this extent the baptism of Jesus anticipates the entire drama of his life and death and at the same time explains this to us.

Excerpt from "On the way to Jesus" p.21; Pope Benedict XVI

On this day in celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, let us join **LUKE ROBERT PREUSS** and renew our own baptismal vows and emerge from the waters of our old life to the new and glorious life in Christ Jesus.

