

readings for the week

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

rite of election

Today, Sunday, February 10th, we are sending **Mark McMullin** to St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich where he will be enrolled as one of the Elect. Mark has been journeying through the RCIA process preparing to enter the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

All are invited to go to the Cathedral (201 Broadway, Norwich) for the Rite of Election which will be celebrated at 2:00pm.

first reconciliation parents meetings

Meetings have been scheduled for all parents of children preparing for their first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The first meeting has been held; the following meetings will be held on the following nights:

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room
 Tuesday, February 26, 2008
 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rella at 875-4563 or by e-mail at rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

are you an adult in need of confirmation?

Are you an adult who has received the Sacrament of Baptism and have made your First Holy Communion, but have not been confirmed? Do you know someone who would like to be confirmed? We will begin Confirmation Preparation classes the week of February 17, 2008 for all adults looking to be confirmed. Please contact Fr. Stan or Rella (875-4563) as soon as possible for more information.

first eucharist parents meetings

Meetings have been scheduled for all parents of children preparing for their First Holy Communion this Easter Season. The last meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rella at 875-4563 or by e-mail at rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

youth group

Some members of the Youth Group will be going to Cornerstone on Saturday, February 23 to prepare and serve lunch. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:50am.

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY

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Enlightenment

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Trust

Where: Sacred Heart Church in the Fellowship Room

Time: Thursday 10:00am

For more information, please call Rella at 875-4563

attention, please

Rella will be away on Tuesday, February 12 attending a workshop entitled *Where Faith is Formed – Exploring the Settings for Catechesis* sponsored and presented by the Center for Ministry Development. Rella will return to the office at 4:00pm

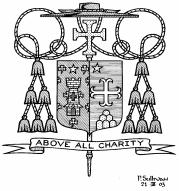
The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on this day.

LET'S BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Please select a slip from the red heart and send a Valentine greeting to a person -a neighbor, someone who is homebound, in a nursing home, grieving, depressed, lonely or someone needing a little TLC. These are names submitted by many parishioners of Sacred Heart. If you don't know the person, tell a little about yourself, pray for them, or enclose this article in the card. Let's not forget anyone.

Call Larry or Carol at 749-4139 with any questions.

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



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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

January 30, 2008

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Diocese of Norwich, I thank you for your gracious assistance and participation in celebrating the Funeral Rites for the Most Reverend Daniel A. Hart, D.D., the beloved Bishop Emeritus of Norwich. The outpouring of generosity and support by so many of you, in the Diocese of Norwich, and also throughout New England and beyond, witnessed to the fondness and esteem in which Bishop Hart was held.

In a particular way, I am grateful for the prayers, help, and kindness that you provided. The assistance of so many generous people at the time of the Bishop's Funeral Rites was a culmination of the comfort, encouragement, and love shown to him during his illness as well as throughout his pastoral ministry and during his very active retirement. Bishop Hart brought out the best in us. This was clearly evidenced in the numerous kindnesses and countless offers of help extended by you and so many others during his illness and in the beautiful tribute paid to him by the extraordinary attendance at his Funeral Rites.

Also, I am mindful of those from other faith communities who reached out to us and joined us in prayer for the repose of Bishop Hart's soul. Your attendance at his Memorial and Funeral Masses recalls the Bishop's particular affection and respect for you.

Please be assured of the abiding appreciation of a grateful Diocese for the tribute you afforded Bishop Hart. May the Lord richly reward you for your goodness and kindness.

May his good and priestly soul rest in peace!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

parish mission

Three Day Parish Mission "God's Love And Healing Touch," given by Spiritual Renewal Services, Fr. Ray Introvigne and Mrs. Judith Hughes. Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Oakdale, CT., February 17, 18 and 19 at 7pm.

Come, relax, and let God's gentle touch minister to you.

thank you

To all of you:

This is just a quick note, but it comes from my heart to yours as I continue to work with children and families.

Once again, thank you for your very kind holiday gifts, which we received this past December. Your generosity definitely made a difference in the lives of the children and the families that I served.

David Thomas once wrote: "Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls."

Thank you for your "unselfish and noble actions" in allowing others to have a perfect holiday season.

Thanks again for your kindness,

Jannette Parrilla, MS
Social Worker
Department of Children and Families
Manchester Area Office

east catholic high school

Make-up Entrance Exam - Tuesday, February 26 at 2:45pm (for 8th graders who haven't already taken the exam.) Exam fee is \$20, non-refundable, payable on the exam day. Pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call: Ms. Jacqueline Gryphon, Director of Admissions (860) 649-5336 x 238 East Catholic High School, 115 New State Road Manchester, CT 06042

please note these calendar changes!

In 2008, the Solemnity of **Saint Joseph**, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 15, 2008**. This solemnity is normally celebrated on March 19.

This year the liturgy of March 19 is that of Wednesday of Holy Week. The days of Holy Week take precedence over all solemnities and feasts.

Also, in 2008, the Feast of **Saint Patrick**, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Norwich and Titular of the Cathedral, will be celebrated on **Friday, March 14**. This year March 17 is Monday of Holy Week.

On **Friday, March 14, 2008**, for all those who wish to avail themselves of this privilege, Bishop Cote is pleased to dispense the faithful of the Diocese, over the age of 14, from the law of abstinence.

The purpose of Holy Week is the remembrance of Christ's Passion. As the Ordo indicates, "The passion of the Lord dominates these solemn days."

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: Robert Brown , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am 2:00pm	1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: Gene Bolles , requested by Judy & Leo Gafney Mass: Frank & Maria Angelo , requested by Marie Whitham Rite of Election , Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich
MONDAY 9:00am	OUR LADY OF LOURDES Mass: Edward Lynch , requested by H. Pellerin
TUESDAY 9:00am	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY Mass: Gaspere Davia , requested by his wife, Maria
WEDNESDAY 11:00am	Mass At Welles Village: For the People of the Parish
THURSDAY 4:30-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	CYRIL MONK & METHODIUS, BISHOP Sacrament of Reconciliation , Parish House Living Room Mass: Priscilla Walker , requested by Bill & Mary McIntyre Intercessory Prayer , Eucharistic Chapel
FRIDAY 9:00am	A DAY OF ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT) Mass: For the People of the Parish
SATURDAY 5:00pm	2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: Ella & Michael Misovich, Jr. , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: Rev. Thomas J. Doyle , requested by the Brown Family Mass: Beatrice Linkis , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am 6:30pm 7:45pm	Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass Faith Formation Levels K – 4 Faith Formation Level 6 – Confirmation Prep Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
TUESDAY 7:00pm 7:30pm	1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting #2 , South Community Rooms Finance Council , Living Room
WEDNESDAY 4:00pm 5:45pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5 Brownie Troop 697* , Northeast Community Rooms Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am 7:45pm 8:00pm	Disciples On the Journey , South Community Rooms Intercessory Prayer , Eucharistic Chapel Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
FRIDAY 6:00pm	Soup & Bread Supper
SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
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