

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Next Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/
Mk 2:1-12

HELP NEEDED

If you could spare an hour or so every other Tuesday, we sure could use you to bring Eucharist to the patients at Rockville Hospital.

Training will be provided. Interested? Call Larry Deraleau at 749-4139 or Arlene Furey at 875-1007.

CORRECTION – CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In the listing of those who contributed in memory of loved ones, the following entry was inadvertently omitted:

Gertrude Pinette

donated in memory of **Richard Pinette**

We apologize for this oversight.

**FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP
WINTER VACATION**

All Sunday (2-15-09) and Wednesday (2-18-09) faith formation classes and Youth Group session (2-15-09) will not be held because of the Vernon school system's February break. We will resume classes and Youth Group on the regularly scheduled days and times.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Do you know an adult who has been baptized and receives Holy Communion but has never been confirmed? Would this person like to be confirmed? Registrations for Confirmation preparation classes for adults are now being taken. Please contact Fr. Stan or Rella (875-4563) in order to register or to request more information.

MARDI GRAS

Our celebration of this Carnival season ends with the rapidly-approaching celebration of **Mardi Gras!**

Plan to join us as we celebrate **Fat Tuesday** this year in style on February 24 at 6:30pm.

It's a **pot-luck** festivity, so it's time to start thinking about what you'd like to bring. Make your most decadent and lusty dishes, because this festival has to carry us through the entire austere season of Lent!

Sign up sheets for the pot-luck dinner will be at the entrances of the Church.

Included with the pot-luck dinner will be the **selection of prayer partners for Lent.**

Plan on attending and remember to take this opportunity to **show off your crazy hats and beads!**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY**

Our annual Thursday morning **Disciples on the Journey** study series begins this year on February 26th and continues throughout Lent.

Disciples on the Journey is open to everyone. It's a program of Bible Study that's designed to carry you through the Lenten Season and into a stronger faith.

If you have any questions about **Disciples on the Journey**, call Denice Jones at 860-647-0159 for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR WORKSHOP

**For Those Already in Ministry
AND
Those Contemplating a Ministry**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS -
March 7, 9 - 11:30am**
(snow date March 14, 9 -11:30am)

Hosted by St. Mary Church, 70 Central
Avenue, Norwich

Presented by Jane Morosky and Beatrice
Mackenzie
in cooperation with
The Diocesan Office of Worship

Registration starts at 8:30am
with beverages and light snacks

*For planning purposes please call or leave a
voicemail for Ernie or Father Stan at 875-
4563. Please provide your name, telephone
number, and parish.*

***This is a free workshop – the Parish will
make a goodwill offering on your behalf.***

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENTS MEETING

The last meeting of parents with children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms. Questions? Please contact Rella at 875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

PLEASE NOTE

Rella will be attending a Diocesan Advisory Evaluation Committee meeting on Thursday, February 19 at noontime. The Faith Formation Office will be open from 9:30 – 11:00am and then from 12:30 – 5:30pm on this day.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS MEETING

The last meeting of parents with children preparing for First Communion will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00pm in the parish library. Questions? Please contact Rella at 875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you or someone you know is suffering because of abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat from March 20-22, 2009 in Hamden, CT. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information, or registration contact: Mary Hayden at 203-882-1326.

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE

Spiritual Renewal Services will have a Mass of Healing and Hope at Saint Patrick Church, 47 West High Street, East Hampton CT on **TODAY**, Sunday, February 15th at 2pm. Father Ray Introvigne will be the main celebrant and Mrs. Judith Hughes will lead the healing prayer. Individual prayer teams will be available after the service for individual prayer.

CONSIDER THE MERCY VOLUNTEER CORPS

In partnership with the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, lay women and men of the Mercy Volunteer Corps offer direct compassionate service to economically poor or marginalized persons for one or two years at sites in the United States or in Guyana. Volunteers live together in community characterized by spirituality and a simple life style. Volunteers receive a small stipend, housing, medical insurance and an inspiration that lasts for a lifetime. Applications are welcome now for the service years beginning in August '09 and August '10.

For more information: please visit the MVC website www.mercyvolunteers.org or contact them by email at ContactUs@MercyVolunteers.org or by phone at 215-641-5535.

FRESH PRODUCE

For those in need of fresh produce – the Cornerstone Foundation, in collaboration with Foodshare, has provided space behind the Cornerstone Community Center off of Cottage Street for the Foodshare truck to come twice a month to provide you with a variety of nutritious food. Deliveries are every other Thursday from 11-11:30am.

The next delivery is February 19th. Questions? Call the Cornerstone soup kitchen at (860) 871-1823

FEBRUARY 15, 2009

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

- SATURDAY** SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FS)
5:45pm **Mass: *For Those In Whose Memory Christmas Flowers Were Given***
- SUNDAY** SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FS)
10:45am **Mass: *Stella Golnik***, requested by Sandy Rice,
-and-
John Carenza, requested by Tom & Arlene Furey
- MONDAY**
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
- TUESDAY** SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES,
RELIGIOUS
9:00am **Mass: *Fred Sears***, requested by Stella Sears-Terrier
- WEDNESDAY**
9:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***
- THURSDAY**
NO **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (call for an appointment instead)
7:00pm **Mass: *Gardner Ruggles***, requested by Tom & Arlene Furey
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**
- FRIDAY**
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
- SATURDAY** SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FT)
5:45pm **Mass: *Larry Kuhn, 30th Anniversary***, requested by Mary Kuhn,
-and-
Mary Moriarty, requested by Mary Kuhn
- SUNDAY** SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (FT)
10:45am **Mass: *Rose Ford***, requested by her son, Greg

MEETINGS

- SATURDAY**
7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous***, South Rooms
- SUNDAY** **Fellowship before and after Mass**
NO **Faith Formation & Youth Group**
- MONDAY** Offices Closed
7:30pm **Finance Committee**, Living Rooms
- TUESDAY**
7:00pm **1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting #3**, South Community Rooms
- WEDNESDAY**
NO **Faith Formation**, Gr. 1-3, 5
7:00pm **Pastoral Council**, Library
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous***, South Community Rooms
- THURSDAY**
10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms
7:00pm **1st Eucharist Parents Meeting #3**, South Community Rooms
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book***, South Rooms
- SATURDAY**
7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous***, South Rooms
- SUNDAY** **Fellowship before and after Mass**
9:15 **Faith Formation Grades 1-5**
6:30pm **Faith Formation Grades 6-Conf Prep**
7:45pm **Youth Group**

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOF.C.ORG

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 14,

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: Mary Varrick ; and Donald Holbrook, request of the Holbrook Family.

Sunday, February 15,

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

Next Weekend:

Saturday: February 21

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: Olga Guglielmino

Sunday: February 22,

8:45 a.m. Mass: Kathleen Leiner

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 3,186.00

Last year's collection was \$ 6,573.00

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligations, expenses, repairs and tithing.)

“Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31.

Are you doing everything possible for the glory of God? Or is there maybe some other way that you could use your time, talent or treasure for God's glory? Think about it.



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**THIS WEEK
SUNDAY**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Tony, celebrant

Ushers Group III

MATERIALS FOR “FOCA” FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY

Monday 2/16: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday 2/17: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for a special intention

Choir rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday 2/18: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

From 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 2/19: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for a special intention

Friday 2/20: NO Mass today.

Saturday 2/21: **Confession** from 3:00 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

FEBRUARY 21/22

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Maria Cinea, Emily Fiano

LECTORS: Barbara Fiano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Patti Cinea, Peggy Peruccio, Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, 8:45 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Angelica Czercowy, Miranda Van Allen

LECTORS: Leah Dean

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Craing & Paula Fioravanti, Cynthia Fagan

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 25

9:00 A.M. MASS

LECTOR: Lynn Mancino

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS; Lou Coutier, Maureen Mozzer, Vi Sobol

7:00 P.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Kevin Dean, Ryan and Benjamin Van Dine

LECTOR: Richard Carpenter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Betty Aitkin Annedda Stiller, Kathleen Smythe

NOTE: There will be NO ADORATION ON ASH WEDNESDAY,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

Dates to keep in mind

February 28, 2009: 1st Penance Retreat 1:30-4:00 p.m.
 Family Movie Night after the
 4:00 p.m. Mass
 March 1, 2009: Generations of Faith
 Confirmation meeting

RICE BOWL INFORMATION**WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

Your prayers, sacrifices and generous donations help people in communities around the world and here in the United States.

75% of your contributions to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' development projects overseas and Lenten education activities in the United States. These projects include:

- **Agriculture** projects that help farmers improve crop yields and increase food security in communities.
- **Water** projects that bring clean water to communities.
- **Microfinance** projects that encourage the growth of small businesses.
- **Mother and Child Health** projects that provide basic health and nutrition services.
- **Education** projects that provide resources and training.
- **HIV and AIDS** projects that support the local Catholic Church in communities around the world in addressing the many needs of people affected by this disease.

25% of your contributions remain in your diocese to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation programs. Contact your local CRS Diocesan Director or visit orb.crs.org to learn how the 25% is used in your diocese.

Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl is an act of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. Catholic Relief Services is committed to the belief that solidarity will transform the world.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by **all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and on **all of the Fridays** of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and on **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are **18 years of age but not yet**

59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

In preparation of Lent*From temptation to transfiguration during Lent*

By Donna Schafer

Which way is transfiguration? Must I go through temptation to get there? How do I get from wilderness to garden, from cross to crown?

First of all, because of the terrain is trackless and windswept, there is no conventional map. There are only signposts. We have to walk some of these lonesome valleys all by ourselves. So did Jesus.

And like Jesus, we can expect to be surprised at what we find. Did he know the devil was waiting for him in the desert? Did he know that one of his own would hand him over in the end? Do we really know what our Lenten journey might bring, what temptations we will face or what lies in wait for us on the other side of conversion? But we are not without help.

In scripture we read of Jesus' stories and write our own guidebook from them. We also orient ourselves with prayer. We agree to pay deep attention to the road instead of just gliding along. We look around. We see. We acknowledge where we are. In prayer, we ask God to guide us. The Lenten scriptures, superimposed on our own experiences, will keep us alert to the graces at work, even in moments of suffering, or when we go *through*, not *around*, sorrow.

(to be continued)