

readings for the week

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

are you an adult in need of confirmation?

Are you are 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? Confirmation Preparation classes began the week of February 17, 2008 for all adults looking to be confirmed, but it's still not too late to participate. Please contact Fr. Stan or Rella (875-4563) as soon as possible for more information.

first reconciliation parents meeting

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

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.

food fast preparation meeting

A meeting for all those presenting at the Youth Group Food Fast will be held in the parish house on Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00pm. Questions? Contact Rella at 875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

confirmation preparation retreat

The retreat for the teens preparing for Confirmation on March 29, 2008 will be held at Mercy High School on Sunday, March 2nd. We will leave the church parking lot at 12:15pm. Please remember to bring your permission slips with you. Questions? Call Rella.

youth group food fast

The Youth Group will participate in their annual Food Fast from Friday, March 7th to Saturday, March 8th. The Food Fast will begin at 6pm in the Parish House and conclude with a pot-luck supper after the 5pm Mass on Saturday. Please contact Rella if you have any questions or concerns.

special collection next weekend

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend.

Your contribution will provide assistance to the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and assistance for the Holy Land.

Shortly you will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Mass next week, March 1/2. **Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.**

breakfast with the easter bunny

Sponsored by the St. Bernard Home & School Association, Saturday, March 15, 2008 at St. Bernard Church Hall, St. Bernard Terrace, Rockville Center. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, Coloring and Face Painting for the children, fun gift baskets, topped by a visit with the Easter Bunny, of course!

2 Sittings: 8am and 10am. Cost Adult \$6, Child \$4. For reservations, call 872-5623. Seating is limited and reservations are requested. Payment maybe made at the door. EXPRESS CHECK IN WITH RESERVATION AND PRE-PAYMENT.

DISCIPLES ON THE JOURNEY

LEARN
Enlightenment
Nourishment
Trust

Where: Sacred Heart Church in the Fellowship Room
Time: Thursday 10:00am

For more information, please call Rella at 875-4563

* 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

the parish mission is almost here

Cross International Catholic Outreach is working to establish a stronger spiritual relationship between America's Catholic parishes and their counterparts overseas -with the ultimate goal of helping the poorest of the poor.

From March 1 -5 we will welcome **Rev. Antony Savarimuthu** who comes to us from Bronx, New York on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their community. They also stand as a beacon of hope for impoverished families who have nowhere else to turn for help.

Come and hear how we can make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Third World.

prayer for parish restructuring

*Good and gracious God,
you are calling the church of the diocese of Norwich
to a new Pentecost
and a new birth in the Spirit.*

*We pray that you send your Spirit's gifts of
wisdom, knowledge, fortitude and counsel
upon all involved in the process of restructuring.*

*May we be a living example,
as Jesus is,
of the Gospel values of love, compassion
and obedience to your will.*

Amen.

blood drive

Tuesday, February 26, 1-5:45pm at Curves of Vernon, 575 Talcottville Road.

For an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543)

a day of music with john bell

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and UConn Catholic Campus Ministry and The Office for Worship of the Diocese of Norwich present John Bell ~ Internationally known composer and enthusiastic promoter of Church singing Saturday April 19, 2008 at The Aquinas Center - 46 N Eagleville Rd., Storrs, CT,- at the north side of the UConn Campus

9:30 - 12:30	'Why God's People Sing'
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch (provided)
1:30 - 4:00	'Improving Congregational Song'

This very interactive and song-filled day is intended to enable people to have a critique of why we sing, present materials which exemplify the different reasons for singing, and in session two, strategies and ways to make the song of the church an experience which people want to engage in and enjoy.

Pre-registration is required. The offering of \$10 will help defray John's travel expenses in coming to us from Scotland. Registration forms are available in the parish office, but please note that **the deadline for reservations is April 7.**

a reminder from saint bernard cemetery

Easter is March 23! All families are requested to **remove all Christmas and winter decorations** by March 9. Weather permitting cemetery personnel will begin their spring clean-up the week of March 10. All unwanted decorations may be placed in or near the trash barrels.

Families are also reminded to remove all artificial flowers, statuettes, garden shop figurines and bric-a-brac of any kind. Artificial flowers are not allowed from March 1 thru November 1. Please remember: **CANDLES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME!**

Thank you

east catholic high school entrance exam

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

the work of the church

SATURDAY	3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT
5:00pm	Mass: <i>Agnes Pinzel</i> , requested by Richard & Rella Bernabucci
SUNDAY	3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00am	Mass: <i>Ann Martin</i> , requested by the Small Christian Community Group
10:30am	Mass: <i>Rose Ford</i> , requested by her son, Greg
MONDAY	
9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY	
9:00am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
WEDNESDAY	
9:00am	Mass: <i>Deceased Members of the Labbadia & Davia Families</i> , requested by Maria Davia
THURSDAY	
4:30-6pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation , Parish House Living Room
7:00pm	Mass: <i>Laura Minick</i> , requested by A Friend
7:45pm	<i>Intercessory Prayer</i> , Eucharistic Chapel
FRIDAY	A DAY OF ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT)
9:00am	Mass: <i>Rev. Philip Geogan</i>
SATURDAY	4 TH SUNDAY OF LENT
5:00pm	Mass: <i>Claudia Labrie</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY	4 TH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00am	Mass: <i>Gene Bolles</i> , requested by Jean Merz & Ann Noel
10:30am	Mass: <i>Fred Sears</i> , requested by nephew Kevin Bouchard

meetings

SATURDAY	Youth Group at Cornerstone
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	<i>Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass</i>
9:10am	Faith Formation Levels K – 4
6:30pm	Faith Formation Level 6 – Confirmation Prep
7:45pm	Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
TUESDAY	
7:00pm	1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting #3 , South Community Rooms
WEDNESDAY	
4:00pm	Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5
5:30pm	Adult Confirmation Preparation , Living Room
5:45pm	Brownie Troop 697* , Northeast Community Rooms
8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY	
10:00am	Disciples On the Journey , South Community Rooms
7:45pm	Intercessory Prayer , Eucharistic Chapel
8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
FRIDAY	
6:00pm	Soup & Bread Supper
SATURDAY	
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	<i>Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass</i>
9:10am	Faith Formation Levels K – 4
1-6pm	Confirmation Retreat , Mercy High School
NO	Faith Formation Level 6 – Confirmation Prep or YG
NO	Youth Group
7:00pm	Parish Mission