

first reconciliation parents meeting

The **last** meeting for parents of children preparing for their first celebration of the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be on **Tuesday, March 6 at 7pm in the Parish Library**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rella at the Faith Formation office (875-4563) or by e-mail (rella@sacredheartchurch.net)

women of the bible series

The last meeting on the *Women of the Bible Series*, conducted by Rev. Dr. Karen Roy, will be held on **Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 10:00am and at 7:00pm**. All sessions will meet in the Fellowship Rooms. A free will offering will be taken at each of these meetings.

Watch for another Bible Study series presented by Rev. Roy starting in September.

please note

Rella will be attending a morning meeting for the Prayer Committee for the New England Convocation on Wednesday, March 7. The Faith Formation Office will open at 12:30pm on this day.

lenten bible study

Disciples on the Journey will be presented as our Lenten Bible Study. Meetings will be held on Thursday morning, March 8th. If you have missed last Thursday's session, please feel free to come join us. All are welcome to attend at any time.

confirmation retreat

All 9th and 10th graders preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as the peers and adult advisors, will be going to Garrison, NY for their annual Confirmation Retreat from Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11. We ask for your prayers for a safe trip and blessed retreat.

attention confirmation preparation class and youth group

Confirmation Preparation class and Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, March 11. We will meet again on March 18 at the regularly scheduled times.

attention parents!

Next Sunday, March 11 at the 10:30am Mass, Fr. Stan will be directing his homily to the children of our parish. Parents are urged to bring their children to this Mass. Liturgy of the Word with Children will not occur at this time.

first eucharist parents meeting

The last meeting for the parents of children preparing for their first Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday, March 13 @ 7pm in the Fellowship Rooms. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rella at the Faith Formation office (875-4563) or by e-mail (rella@sacredheartchurch.net)

operation rice bowl

Every now and then we get a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven, as the apostles did when they saw Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah, the lawgiver and the prophet. We finally understand what scripture and the Church have been telling us about God's desire, God's way. This glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven can happen when we place our feet in the shoes of our brothers and sisters who struggle with hunger and poverty, and see life from their perspectives.

Catholic Relief Services has been helping the people of Pakistan through education programs that focus on improving the social and economic situation of the most vulnerable members of the community, often women, as a key to addressing malnutrition and high mortality rates. Please support CRS' education projects with you're your **prayers, fasting, learning, and giving** with Operation rice Bowl this week. Visit www.crs.org/orb to learn more.

rite of christian initiation for adults news

On Sunday, February 18, 2007 Mark McMullin celebrated the Rite of Acceptance. This liturgical rite marks the beginning of the Catechumenate process for Mark, as he expressed and the Church accepted his intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ.

are you interested in joining the catholic church?

Do You Know Someone Who Is Interested in Joining the Catholic Church?

An **informational session** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 27**. This meeting is open to all interested persons: non-Catholics who want to know more about becoming Catholic, non-Catholics who are just curious about Catholic beliefs, and Catholics who wish to complete their initiation with the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

For more information or to register, please call Fr. Stan or Rella (875-4563).

adult confirmation preparation

Are you an adult who has been baptized and have celebrated your First Communion but never was confirmed? Have you thought about being confirmed but never got around to doing something about it?

Sacred Heart Parish will be starting sessions for Adult Confirmation Preparation on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 for any adult who can answer "yes" to these questions. For more information or to register, please call Fr. Stan or Rella (875-4563).

* Note: Some groups meeting at Sacred Heart including but not limited to *Brownies, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and Narcotics Anonymous* are not part of and not acting on behalf of the parish or Diocese

readings for the week

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Please?

The Cornerstone Foundation is looking for volunteers who have **case management skills**.

It is their goal to help every homeless person who comes to the Cornerstone Shelter and make sure that each receives the help they need to move forward.

Training will be provided specific to the Cornerstone Shelter needs. To share in this fulfilling work, please call Chris, Cornerstone Shelter director, at 8756343.

a challenge

Dear Friends,

Once again the Cornerstone soup kitchen has an opportunity to benefit from the Alan Shawn Feinstein's fight against hunger campaign. For the tenth straight year Alan Shawn Feinstein will be giving away 1 million dollars to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country,

The more donations we receive from March 1st to April 30th the more of Feinstein's money will be added to your donation.

Statement from Alan Shawn Feinstein. "Whatever you donate to this agency I will add money to it. The more you give, the more of my 1 million dollars they'll get."

The Feinstein challenge has proven to be helpful to our fundraising efforts. Proceeds received through this challenge have helped see us through the summer months. Thank you for your consideration.

*Peace & Blessings,
Helen Syriac
Executive Director
The Cornerstone Foundation*

pies & brownies & breads: oh my!

On the weekend of March 17 & 18, the Dominican Sisters will be here from West Hartford with their tasty breads, apple pies, blueberry pies and brownies, all baked according to their Dominican community recipes. The proceeds of the sales will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

conference on family life

Dr. Kim Hardey, OB/Gyn Physician from Lafayette, Louisiana will give a series of talks on Marriage and Family Life in the Auditorium at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 9am until 12 noon.

Dr Hardey, a nationally acclaimed speaker will describe how he was converted to the Catholic Church through her teachings on marriage. This is a perfect seminar for all who would like an introduction to Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Admission is free. For more information please call (860)822-6378.

from the diocesan office formation

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes & Santiago - hosted by the Office for Faith Formation 11 Days: November 2-12, 2007 \$2059 includes: Roundtrip airfare from New York, accommodations at First Class hotels, with most meals, services of a professional tour director, arrive in the capital city of Lisbon, Portugal for sightseeing, then travel onto the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, then onto Coimbra/Braga/Santiago De Compostela (Spain's "holiest city"), then onto Salamanca/Avila/Madrid, Spain for a few days and then onto the shrine city of Lourdes in France, \$100,000 automatic Flight Insurance, all service charges and local Hotel Taxes. For further information or a brochure, contact Marge Vanner at 860-848-2237 ext.312 or by e-mail: faithformation@norwichdiocese.net

chrism mass choir

Each year, parishioners from every parish in the Diocese of Norwich come to the Cathedral during Holy Week for the annual Chrism Mass which our bishop concelebrates with the priests of our diocese. During this celebration, Bishop Cote consecrates the Holy Chrism and blesses the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick that is used throughout the diocese.

Over the years, many choristers from the diocese have participated in this Mass by singing in the Chrism Mass Choir. This year, as in other years, an invitation has been extended to join choristers from the diocese in participating in this year's Chrism Mass to be celebrated on Tuesday, April 3 at 10:30am at St. Patrick Cathedral.

The Chrism Mass Choir will rehearse in the Cathedral choir room on Sunday, March 18 at 2:15pm and Monday, March 26 at 7:30pm

The choir will assemble at 9:15am for a warm-up rehearsal prior to the Mass on Tuesday, April 3 (as in the past, director Doug Green will bring the donuts).

If you would like to sing for the Chrism Mass, please call Doug at 860-886-0403 to register as soon as possible. You can also contact him by email: DGGreen860@aol.com. Singers that do not register will not be able to participate in the choir. Singers must attempt to attend the two rehearsals. The Cathedral will supply all music needed for the Mass. All you need to bring is a smile, a good voice and a pencil. Please consider joining them for this beautiful celebration.

MARCH 4, 2007

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass: *Gaspere Davia*, requested by his wife, Maria

SUNDAY 8:00am SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass: *Edgar Tracy, 1st Anniversary*, requested by Kevin Bouchard
10:30am Mass: *Edward Simcoe*, requested by the Sacred Heart Cantors

MONDAY 9:00am
Mass: *Carmine Colangelo*, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

TUESDAY 9:00am
Mass: *Onorata Labbadia*, requested by Maria Davia

WEDNESDAY 9:00am
Mass: *Michael Fandacone*, requested by Jason Koropatkin

THURSDAY 4:30 – 6pm
7:00pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, living room
Mass: *Al Bousquet*, requested by his family

FRIDAY 10:30am
Mass at Vernon Manor: *For the People of the Parish*

SATURDAY 5:00pm THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass: *Patricia Ann Hammond-Normandin*, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Catechists

CLOCKS CHANGE

SUNDAY 8:00am THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass: *Mitchell Szczapa*, requested by his cousin, Father Stan
10:30am Mass: *Vera Susko*, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm
Narcotics Anonymous*, Northeast Rooms

SUNDAY 9:10am **Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass**
6:30pm **Faith Formation** – Levels 1 – 5
7:45pm **Faith Formation** Level 6 – Conf Prep
Youth Group

MONDAY 7:00pm
Offices Closed
Haiti Ministry, Deacon Chuck White Memorial Haitian Ministry Room

TUESDAY 10:00am
Women in the Bible with Rev. Dr. Karen Roy, South Community Rooms
7:00pm **Women in the Bible** with Rev. Dr. Karen Roy, South Community Rooms
7:00pm **1st Eucharist Parents Meeting**, Library
7:30pm **Finance Council**, Living Room

WEDNESDAY 4:00pm **Faith Formation resumes**
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous***, South Community Rooms

THURSDAY 10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book***, South Community Rooms

FRIDAY- 6:00pm **CONFIRMATION RETREAT BEGINS**
Soup Supper (Collection for the Food Bank)

SATURDAY 7:00pm
Narcotics Anonymous*, Northeast Rooms

SUNDAY 9:10am **Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass**
6:30pm **Faith Formation** – Levels 1 – 5
NO **Faith Formation** Level 6 – 8
Youth Group (they are away on retreat)