

readings for the week

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66
or 27:11-54

youth group food fast

Because of our participation in the Food Fast this past Friday and Saturday, Confirmation Preparation and Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, March 9th.

attention, please

Rella will be attending the Northwest Faith Formation Leaders meeting on Tuesday, March 11. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on this day.

Rella will be attending a steering committee meeting for the New England Convocation on Friday, March 14. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on this day also.

first reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated for the first time on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00pm or on Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30pm with those children who have been preparing to receive this sacrament. We will meet in the Oratory/Chapel.

attention: youth group

Rehearsal for the Living Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, March 21 at 10:00am. We will meet in the church. Questions? Please contact Rella (875-4563) or at rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

living stations of the cross

The Youth Group will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 21 at 7:00pm. The presentation will include pantomime, music, and reflection on the individual stations. All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend. Please come join us in this time of reflection on our Lord's sacrifice.

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

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.

eat meat (if you want)

The feast of Saint Patrick has been moved to Friday, March 14.

Since Saint Patrick is our Diocesan Patron, we must celebrate on that day rather than fast.

Therefore, you **may** eat meat on that Friday if it helps you to celebrate.

Hey, if you really want to go all-out, you can join us for a **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** at 6:00pm, courtesy of our Haiti Ministry.

Yum!

* 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

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.

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.**

reflection

Peter C. Loden, the chair of the board of Haitian Ministries of the Diocese of Norwich, reflects on Lent, the different worlds of Haiti and the United States, and the effects of generosity.

Snow is falling outside my warm home here in Connecticut, and we are well into the Lenten season. Easter is only about a month away.

Lent, as we know, is a period of fasting and penitence observed between Ash Wednesday and Easter. As the season approached this year, many of us went through the annual ritual of asking the question: "What do I give up for Lent?" and then inquiring the

same of others. Living in a developed country, we take so much for granted: potable water; shelter; food; education; dentists; Band-Aids; light bulbs; computers. The list could go on and on. In Haiti, these same everyday items and opportunities are considered luxuries far out of reach for many. In numerous ways, Haiti seems to be perpetually caught in the season of Lent – in a state of fasting and penitence.

I have been involved with Haitian Ministries since 2001. Since then, I have traveled to Haiti every year, each time gaining another layer of experiences and memories atop the first. While in Haiti, I have started to learn the arts of patience and forgiveness. Life there unfolds in ways and patterns that are different from those we are familiar with in the United States. What we might expect to be done in a day or two could take four days or more. Or it might never happen, and yet one needs to maintain equanimity, and to be forgiving of what does not conform to our thinking. Patience and forgiveness. They are difficult arts to master. Some people tire of the effort; others are energized.

Many here in Connecticut and other states around the country are among those who have been energized and inspired by Haiti. Individually or through their churches and other organizations involved in Haitian Ministries' twinning program, which connects them to parishes in Haiti, they ask: "What can we do to help our brothers and sisters?" There seems to be no easy answer and no quick fix, but surely Haitian Ministries and all of its generous partners over the years are making a significant difference. We are reaching out with gifts of education, nourishment, health care, and shelter, among others.

I have made many friends and acquaintances in my travels to Haiti. They include people living there and others from Wisconsin, Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, France, Washington, D.C., Canada, and Florida. In Haiti, people find it appropriate to say: "There are no strangers here, only friends who we have not yet met." To all of you, I send my deep appreciation for your support of Haitian Ministries over the last two decades. Without your donations and involvement, none of the support that goes to the children and other needy of Haiti would be possible. You have provided food for Madame Samson to feed the children of her neighborhood. You have educated hundreds of children, teenagers, and young adults through the Tierney-Tobin scholarship program. You have provided the vehicle we needed to rush a critically ill neighbor of our Norwich Mission House to a hospital when I was visiting Port-au-Prince last November. And, by supporting the administration and the staff of Norwich Mission House itself, you have allowed literally thousands of people to be touched by Haiti.

As St. Teresa of Avila in the 16th century said: "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

On behalf of the board of the Haitian Ministries of the Diocese of Norwich, I thank you. And I wish you peace during the Lenten season, and hope you will remember those less fortunate.

Blessings,

Peter C. Loden

MARCH 9, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: <i>Marc Marquis</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: <i>Ann Martin</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family Mass: <i>Rosina Aiello</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
MONDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am 6:00pm	Mass: <i>Antoni Kaminski</i> 1st Reconciliation
WEDNESDAY 11:00am 5:30pm	Mass at Welles Village 1st Reconciliation
THURSDAY 4:30-6pm 7:00pm 7:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation , Living Room Mass: <i>Paul S. Zocco</i> , requested by a friend Intercessory Prayer , Eucharistic Chapel
FRIDAY 10:30am	PATRICK, SAINT <u>NOT A DAY OF ABSTINENCE -</u> <u>YOU CAN EAT MEAT IF YOU WISH!</u> Mass at Vernon Manor: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
SATURDAY 5:00pm	JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BVM / PALM SUNDAY Mass: <i>Joseph Franek, Sr.</i> , requested by his wife, Anastasia
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Mass: <i>Joseph Horvath</i> , requested by the Kurban Family Mass: <i>Gene Bolles</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

meetings

SATURDAY after 5pm Mass 7:00pm	Youth Group Food Fast Ends Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am 6:30pm NO	<i>Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass</i> Faith Formation Levels K – 4 Faith Formation Level 6 – 8 Confirmation Prep or Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY 4:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5 Adult Confirmation Prep. , Living Room RCIA Inquiry , Living Room 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	Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper
SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am 6:30pm 7:45pm	<i>Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass</i> Faith Formation Levels K – 4 Faith Formation Level 6 – Conf. Prep Youth Group