

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.

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).

lenten bible study

Disciples on the Journey will be presented as our Lenten Bible Study. Meetings will be held on Thursday morning, March 15th. If you have missed any session, please feel free to come join us. All are welcome to attend at any time.

please note

Rella will be attending the following meetings this week:

Thurs., March 15 – In-Service Day for Catechetical Leaders on Marriage and Annulments

Fri., March 16 – Meeting of the New England Convocation Committee

The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on these days.

youth group food fast

The Youth Group will be holding their Annual Food Fast from Friday, March 23 at 6:00pm through Saturday, March 24 at 6:00pm. The focus for this year's Fast is hunger throughout the world.

Participating teens will pledge to go without food for 24 hours. They will be allowed to take only liquids during this time.

Members of the Youth Group will be present at all Masses next weekend asking for your pledges or donations as they prepare for the Food Fast. All money received will be given to Catholic Relief Services. The Youth Group thanks all the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for their past support in this endeavor and hope for your continued support.

readings for the week

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
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/Ps 23/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

operation rice bowl

Jesus tells us that we must repent and turn our hearts completely to God. He also reminds us that each of us must bear fruit. God has definite desires, and in faith we cannot remain neutral to His plans.

Catholic Relief Services' programs are all founded on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of respect for human life and dignity. In Angola, CRS works with uprooted families, former soldiers, and isolated or destabilized communities. Among the many humanitarian programs needed to restore a normal life to people in this area, CRS focuses on the health needs of persons affected by polio and on preventing the disease. Please support CRS' education projects with your **prayers, fasting, learning, and giving** with Operation Rice Bowl this week. Visit www.crs.org/orb to learn more.

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).

life line screening

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH will be hosting Life Line Screening on **MAY 3, 2007**. Life Line Screening will offer four screenings using Doppler Color Flow Ultrasound:

- 1 - **Carotid Artery Screening** – looks for plaque buildup in the arteries, which can lead to stroke. (Up to 75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage);
- 2 - **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)** test – checks for an aneurysm (enlargement) in the abdominal aorta leading to a ruptured aortic artery. The majority of people who have a AAA have no symptoms and the mortality rate for a ruptured AAA is 80-94%;
- 3 - An **Ankle Brachial Index (ABI)** – screens for Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) in the lower extremities. Peripheral Arterial Disease is a strong indicator of heart disease.
- 4 - **Bone Density** screening tests both men and women for the early detection of osteoporosis.

You must pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851. These screenings are completely Painless, non-invasive, and each test requires ten minutes or less to complete. The cost is \$35-\$45 each or all four for \$129.00

please give blood

St. Bernard Church, Rockville sponsors Red Cross Bloodmobile

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2007
Time: 1:00 pm - 6:00pm
Place: St. Bernard Church Hall
St. Bernard Terrace
Rockville

Hosted by: The St. Bernard Women's Guild.

Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome. For an appointment, please call the Red Cross at 1-800-448-3543.

pastoral council

FEBRUARY 28, 2007 Present: R. Bernabucci, A. Chin, Fr. Stan, M. Kurban, L. Paro, M. Powell, S. Rice, M. Staggenborg, C. White
Absent: J. Crane, C. Duhamel, E. Golnik, R. Ladd, David Maxa, Don Maxa, P. Michaud

The meeting opened with scripture reading, reflection and prayer.

1. MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2007: Reviewed and accepted with the following change. Name correction from Mike Puglisi to Bob Pugliese under Parish History.

2. 50TH ANNIVERSARY REPORTS:

- a) Banquet Facilities: Lionel reported on the following five facilities; Maneely's (So. Windsor), Georgina's (Bolton Notch), La Renaissance (Windsor), Villa Louisa (Bolton), and Manchester Country Club (Manchester). Council members discussed price, menu options, capacity, and any possible additional options such as a cash bar and/or appetizers. There is an 18% service charge not included in the menu price and the prices are as of the event and not at the time of the reservation. Most of the facilities will provide a podium with

microphone and customize the menu to meet financial or dietary needs. Council members agreed that Maneely's offered the greatest flexibility as to capacity accommodation, reasonable menu price options, pleasing environment, and ease of travel. A final count will be needed 11 days before the event. Invitations with RSVPs will be sent and will include menu options. Lionel will meet with Maneely's to discuss more specific menu options, deposit and other miscellaneous details. Members were invited to make a site visit with Lionel. The date for the banquet is Sunday, June 29, 2008.

- b) Children's Events: Matt reported on events for the children. Following are some ideas that will involve rentals, reservations, deposits, insurance, and safety personnel setup; (1) duck tank – good idea (2) jousting rails – rails are low to the ground with foam lances (3) bounce house (4) ball pit. Other ideas included (1) fishing hole with prizes (2) balloons/darts with prizes (3) stand alone basketball hoop (4) croquet contest (5) arts and crafts area (6) face and flower pot painting (7) egg/water relays. Discussion included the above ideas, type of food to have available such as hot dogs and hamburgers, and whether to combine the children's events with the Coney Island picnic. Members agreed that combining both events would be good. June 1, 2008 was set as the date with June 8, 2008 as a rain date. There was brief discussion on designation of space for the various activities.
 - c) Gardens: No volunteers for a garden committee have yet come forth. A notice will be put in the bulletin.
 - d) Invitations: Carol will be setting up a meeting with Ruth to review possible sample invitations for presentation to the council members at the next meeting. It is anticipated that approximately 800 invitations with RSVPs will be needed. Council members will also discuss price range at the next meeting.
 - e) Speakers: Council members again discussed possible banquet dinner speakers. It was agreed that Fr. Stan will invite Bishop Cote to give the homily at Mass and Fr. Ed Dempsey to be the guest speaker at the banquet. Matt will invite Mike Stacy from WRCH to be the toastmaster.
 - f) Worship Space: Report not available.
 - g) Pictorial: Fr. Stan shared information from Church Family Albums. As with My Church Directories, there is no charge for the taking of pictures. Each parishioner/family will receive one photo and a directory with the option of purchasing additional photos. Several parishes have used this company and have been very satisfied. A representative will be at the next meeting to show samples and answer questions.
3. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: 50th anniversary reports, invitation presentation, Church Family Albums presentation, and new members. Fr. Stan has requested that the off-going members stay on through the 50th anniversary celebrations.

4. Next meeting: Wednesday April 11, 2007 – 7pm – library

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Arleen Chin

MARCH 11, 2007

the work of the church

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

CLOCKS CHANGE

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

MONDAY
9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

TUESDAY
9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY
11:00am At Welles Village: Liturgy of the Word with
Communion

THURSDAY
NO **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this week
9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY (ABSTINENCE – MEATLESS)
9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

SATURDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
5:00pm Mass: *Bernard Goracy*, requested by Father Stan

SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00am Mass: *Joseph Horvath*, requested by his family
10:30am Mass: *Henry Jakielo*, requested by Eleanor Kopp

meetings

SATURDAY
7:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous***, Northeast Rooms

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

MONDAY
Offices Closed

TUESDAY
7:00pm **1st Eucharist Parents Meeting**, Library

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

THURSDAY
10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel
6:00pm **Brownies**, Northeast Community Rooms
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book***, South
Community Rooms

FRIDAY-
6:00pm **Soup Supper** (Collection for Helping Hands)

SATURDAY
After Mass **Dominican Breads & Pies**
7:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous***, Northeast Rooms

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6:30pm **Faith Formation** Level 6 – Conf Prep
7:45pm **Youth Group**