



Most parishioners realize that their Annual Bishop's Appeal gifts support the hungry, the homeless, the frail and the sick. But your help goes beyond that. Every parishioner at some point has benefited from the ABA. Every Catholic school and parish faith formation program, like the one here in our parish, receives part of your gift through Diocesan training, support and consultation. Marriage preparation programs, clergy development programs as well as a host of other human service, spiritual and educational activities exist to provide service through your goodness to this vital campaign.

Please consider increasing your ABA gift this year.

Be Christ for others and make a generous pledge to the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 25 – or- Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/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:	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 (St. Joseph)
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 -or- 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

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.

YOUTH GROUP EASTER CANDY SALE

The Youth Group will once again be selling Easter candy. All proceeds will go to offset the cost of the Confirmation Retreat. Sales flyers are on the tables in the Fellowship Rooms. Members of the Youth Group will soon be available to sell the Easter candy.

Watch the bulletin for dates for Easter candy sales.

YOUTH GROUP PEERS MEETING – FOOD FAST

A meeting of the peers from Youth Group will be held on Tuesday, March 17th in the Fellowship Room. We will be discussing the upcoming Food Fast and which activity you would like to present during the Food Fast. All peers are asked to attend this meeting. Questions? Please contact Rella by phone (875-4563) or by e-mail (rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

YOUTH GROUP FOOD FAST

The Youth Group will be participating in their annual Food Fast from 6:00pm Friday, March 20th to 6:00pm Saturday, March 21st. Members of the Youth Group will be on hand Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th to collect pledges from parishioners. All proceeds will be given to Catholic Relief Services.

ATTENTION: CONFIRMATION PREPARATION & YOUTH GROUP

Because of our participation in the 24-hour Food Fast for Catholic Relief Services on the 20th and 21st of March, Confirmation Preparation and Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, March 22. We will resume next Sunday at the regularly scheduled times.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Some of the children in Faith Formation have been preparing to celebrate our Lord's forgiving mercy for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Some of them will receive this Sacrament on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00pm. They, and their families, are reminded to meet in the Oratory. Any questions or concerns, please contact Rella.

YOUTH GROUP AT CORNERSTONE

Some members of the Youth Group will be going to Cornerstone on Saturday, March 28 to prepare and serve lunch. We will meet in the front parking lot at 9:50am. Please contact Rella if you have any questions.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM RETREAT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Experience the peace and power of Christ's Passion and Resurrection at Holy Family. This retreat offers solitude and peace to enter deeply into the most sacred days of the Christian year. Silence is optional. Our retreat, which will center on the liturgical celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, will include: presentations by members of the retreat team, time for private prayer and reflection, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat ends on Holy Saturday around noon. Retreatants are welcome to remain at Holy Family for the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night at 8pm. Start Time: 6:30pm Offering: \$200.00 - \$225.00 Our Holy Week Triduum Retreat begins with a Buffet Dinner on Holy Thursday, April 9th from 6:30 - 8pm. Offering: Free will offering

DISTINGUISHED ETHICIST TO SPEAK ON HUMAN EMBRYOS

The Aquinas Center, Roman Catholic Campus Ministry at UConn, and St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel will host a public lecture by Professor Paul Lauritzen of John Carroll University on Wednesday March 25, as part of the 2008-2009 Loyola Colloquium series.

The topic of Prof. Lauritzen's talk is "**Reflections on the Morality of 'Adopting' Frozen Embryos.**" Professor Lauritzen's presentation will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:30pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas Center - located at 46 North Eagleville Road - North side of the UConn campus. The event is free and open to the public. Contact information: (860) 429-6436.

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

Union Congregational Church, 3 Elm Street, Rockville, continues its tradition of hosting the area adult choir festival concert TODAY, Sunday, March 15, at 7:30pm.

Hear the massed adult choirs from 8 area churches, about 80 people, under the direction of the various directors of music in a concert of sacred church music.

The concert is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. A freewill offering will be taken.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

The St. Bernard Home & School Association presents "Breakfast With the Easter Bunny" on Saturday, April 4. Two sittings - 8:15am and 10:15am/ Enjoy a delicious breakfast, coloring and face painting for the children, fun gift baskets, topped by a visit with the Easter Bunny of course! Cost: Adults \$6, Child \$4. For reservations, call 454-0923. Seating is limited. Payment may be made at the door. Express check-in with reservation and pre-payment.

GUILT

Presented by Deacon Michael Puscas - Guilt: What is guilt? Why is it present? What can be done? How to move on from guilt.

Tuesday, March 17, 7-8pm at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT.

A CHALLENGE

Dear friends,

During mealtime at the soup kitchen you can see people of all ages, color and creed. Some are talking, some are laughing and some are very somber. Although they are different in many way they all have one thing in common ... they are "*all hungry.*" To be able to provide a hot meal, a cup of coffee or a glass of milk is a blessing. The "thank you" that we hear comes from a grateful heart.

In these tough economic times Alan Shawn Feinstein continues to share his money. For the 12th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among hunger-fighting agencies during March 1 and April, 2009. The more donations made the more of the Feinstein money the Cornerstone will get. These donations can include cash, checks, and food items at (\$1.00 per food item or pound) or pledges as long as they are obtained only during the Feinstein challenge.

Comments from Alan Shawn Feinstein

*"Why am I doing this? Because I believe each of us was put here on Earth to do what we can to help those in need. You received this letter because we believe that **You** believe that, too.*

Please give whatever you can - I will gladly add some of my money to yours. (My \$1 million will be divided proportionally among the agencies receiving donations toward my offer.)"

"Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that - someday - no one will ever go hungry."

Alan Shawn Feinstein

Thank you for sharing and caring. You have made a difference,

Helen Syriac
Executive Director
The Cornerstone

FUNDRAISER AT EAST CATHOLIC

Spring Fundraising Social - Saturday, April 4, 6-10pm. The theme for this event is "**Jeans and Gems**" and will feature wine tasting and a live and silent auction. Auction items include vacation getaways, sporting event tickets, sports memorabilia, gift baskets and more! Tickets are \$50 each with proceeds to benefit tuition assistance. Call Sarah Adams, Director of Advancement at (860) 649-5336 x234 or adantis@ech.org for more information.

MARCH 15, 2009

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

- SATURDAY** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (FS)
5:45pm **Mass: *Joseph Franek, Sr***, requested by his wife,
Anastasia
- SUNDAY** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (FS)
10:45am **Mass: *Connie Glennon***, requested by Ed & Hilda
Kayan, - *and* -
Ed Kayan, requested by Mary Kuhn
- MONDAY**
9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
- TUESDAY** PATRICK, BISHOP
9:00am **Mass: *Fred Sears***, requested by Stella Sears-
Tessier
- WEDNESDAY** CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR
9:00am **Mass: *Gaspere Davia***, requested by Maria Davia
- THURSDAY** JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00am **Mass: *Herbert & Evelyn Rippee***, requested by
John & Jeanne Swart
- NO **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**
- FRIDAY** DAY OF ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT)
9:00am **Mass: *Rev. Albin Gurklis***
- SATURDAY** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (FT)
5:45pm **Mass: *Robert Taksar***, requested by Paul & Carol
Perodeau, - *and* -
John Valli, requested by Donna, John & Family
- SUNDAY** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (FT)
10:45am **Mass: *Tony Gonsalves***, requested by his wife,
Betty

MEETINGS

- 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**
- MONDAY** Offices Closed
- TUESDAY**
7:00pm **Peer Meeting for Food Fast**, South Community
Rooms
- WEDNESDAY**
4:00pm **Faith Formation**, Gr. 1-3, 5
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**, South Community Rms
- THURSDAY**
10:00am **Bible Study – Disciples on the Journey**, South
Community Rooms
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South Rooms
- FRIDAY**
6:00pm **Soup & Bread Supper** – Almsgiving to benefit
Food Bank
6:30pm Youth Group Food Fast begins
- SATURDAY** Youth Group Food Fast ends after Mass
7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, South Rooms
- SUNDAY** **Fellowship before and after Mass**
9:15 **Faith Formation Grades 1-5**
6:30pm **Faith Formation Grades 6-8**
NO **Conf Prep or Youth Group**

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG

Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 14, 2009

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: Olga Guglielmino,
request of Samuel Guglielmino and Michael and
Joanne Williams

Sunday, March 15, 2009

8:45 a.m. Mass: Paul Fabrizi, request of the
Fabrizi family

Next Weekend

Saturday March 21, 2009

Olga Guglielmino

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Frank Hilbie and Edward Farley

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 2,931

Last year's collection was \$ 5,662

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth." Exodus 20:4

Have you created idols for yourself in different shapes? An idol can be in the shape of money, sports, fashion, travel, or anything else that we value more than God and His Word to us.

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THIS WEEK
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Gospel Reading: Jn 2:13-25

"While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing."

Fr. Tony, celebrant
Ushers Group III

Monday, 3/16: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Donald Sullivan
Request of Linda Armstrong
Tuesday, 3/17: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Robert Magnano
Request of Linda Armstrong
Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/18: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Thomas Schillington, request of Josephine Maratta
Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3/19: Mass at 9:00 for Aniela & Joseph Kurys
Friday 3/20: NO MORNING MASS,
Mass at 7:00 p.m. for Tony Doherty,
Followed by Stations of the Cross
Fish Dinners 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 3/21: Boy Scout Leader Training, 8:00 a.m.
To 5:00 p.m. Church Basement
Confessions 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK, MARCH 21/22
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Maria Cinea, Emily Fiano

LECTOR: Judy Knox

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Ted Lloyd,
Georgette Pelletier, Arlene Giglio

SUNDAY, 8:45 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Kirsten Cianci,

Brendan & Katelyn Donahue

LECTOR: Linda Chamberland

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Betty Aitkin,
Maureen Mozzer, Kathleen Smyth

SUNDAY 3/22/09

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BLOOD

PRESSURE SCREENING

LIBRARY OPEN

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Attendance: Fr. Stan, Fr. Tony, Eleanor Aufman, Dolores Betti, Charlie Luchini, Dorli and Lou Cloutier, Beth Harney, Peg and Bob Rouleau, Sharon Scorso, Barbara Fiano, Linda Wiley, Barbara Sposito, Karen Bergin, Joel Cohan, Laurie Gallacher, Bonnie Benevides, Sharon Snuffer, Caitlin O'Connor, Mary Ann Murphy, Ann Pullo and Patti Cinea.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Fr. Stan at 7:20 p.m. The following agenda was discussed:

1. Fr. Stan addressed that St. Maurice Parish had no formal mission statement. Many voice that the statement should include the following wording: serve the Lord; community; education; outreach; service to the poor and those in need; act as Christ's hands and feet. Beth volunteered to write out a mission statement and to present it at the next Council meeting for feedback. Beth read a letter of gratitude to the parish from the Massey Family in providing various assistance to them in their time of need and how these actions by our parish serve as an example on how the parish lives out the mission.

2. Council members reviewed the form the Constitution for the Parish of St. Maurice and the Diocese of Norwich Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils to specifically address the function, role, membership and responsibilities of the Parish Council. The function of the Council is an advisory and consultative body for the pastor, and to assist him in pastoral planning. Highlighted responsibilities include to help discern parish needs, establish goals and directives for the parish community, listen to parishioner's concerns, ideas and needs, coordinate parish activities, and to promote community within the parish. It is a representative group from area towns served and the various ministry groups within the parish. It is composed of the pastor, assistant pastor, ex officio members (chairpersons from each ministry group, DRE) and lay representatives. Presently there are council members who have served 20+ years on the council. Discussed was the rotation of members to help keep the group vibrant and to offer other parishioners the ability to serve on the council. Fr. Stan suggested membership would be a 2-3 year term, and election based on nomination and choosing by lot. Problem-solving and decision making are to be made by group consensus, rather by voting to avoid win/lose and power struggle situations.

3: The Finance Council is underway. Canon Law demands that this council needs to have a budget for the parish and to ensure the parish stays within that budget. Discussed were the responsibilities and accountabilities of some ministry groups. Fr. Stan said that any major parish enhancement or renovation projects, i.e. from the Building Committee, would first need to submit a request before the Finance Council. Any ministry group that produces monetary

income and/or expenditures, i.e. The Fair Group, will need to give an annual financial report to the Parish Council. An exception is the Knights of Columbus who are an autonomous group outside the parish, and provide a statement of their finances to the KofC CT. Council in New Haven.

4 Lou commented on the decrease in Mass attendance and how this might affect the future of the parish. Encouraged was the need to get more youth and younger adult parishioners involved in parish activities and a need to reach out and invite lapsed Catholics back to the Church and increase membership. Caitlin was introduced as our first youth member on the council, and the possibility of needing a second youth representative.

5. Karen addressed the purpose of the Faith Formation Program as an intergenerational program that educates both children and adults about the Catholic faith. It is not limited to families, but to all members of the parish. It evolved because the Bishop stated that two generations of adults did not receive a good formation of the faith. Caitlin commented on a need for more parish activities for youth, and that more youth might participate if the activities were class/age specific.

6: Tom Manning has built the parish website and will meet with Fr. Stan before its initiation. Lenten Booklets have been ordered.

7: The Parish Center recently had a pipe burst in Classroom One, resulting in multiple damages including the need to remove the rugs and replace both ceiling and floor tiles throughout the lower level. Since there is no parish overseer, a suggestion was made to install a monitoring system which would assess and alert changes in water flow and temp to avoid a reate situation. A motion was made to encourage all parishioners in having a role in overseeing for the parish. The includes making certain that exterior doors are closed, lights turned off, no tampering with the thermostat in the church sanctuary and to report problems to Theresa, Dolores or Fr. Stan.

8: A motion was made to reopen the nursery to have a safe place for children to socialize during parish functions. This will be readdressed at the next council meeting. The next council meeting will be April 14, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

