

easter candy sale

Once again the Youth Group will be selling Easter candy from Munson's after all Masses this weekend. Your support of this fund-raiser helps to defray the cost of the retreat and other activities that the Youth Group participates in.

attention: confirmation preparation & youth group

Confirmation Preparation and Youth Group will not occur this Sunday, March 25th because of the Food Fast. Confirmation Preparation and Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, April 1 at the regularly scheduled time.

first reconciliation

Two Communal First Reconciliation Services will be held for those children who have been preparing to celebrate this Sacrament. The communal services will be held on Tuesday evening, March 27 at 6:00pm and again on Wednesday, March 28 at 5:30pm.

are you interested in joining the catholic church?

do you know someone who is interested in joining the catholic church?

An **informational session** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30pm in the Parish House Living Room**. 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 was never 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 at 7:30pm in the Parish House Living Room** for any adult who can answer "yes" to these questions. For more information or to register, please call Fr. Stan or Rella (875-4563).

lenten bible study

Disciples on the Journey will be presented as our Lenten Bible Study. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday morning, March 29th**. If you have missed any sessions, please feel free to come join us. All are welcome to attend at any time.

youth group

Some members of the Youth Group will be going to Cornerstone to prepare and serve lunch on Saturday, March 31. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30am.

practice for living stations of the cross

Practice for the Living Stations of the Cross will be held on **Friday, April 6 at 10:00am**. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Rella.

living stations of the cross

The annual presentation by the Youth Group of the Living Stations of the Cross will be held on **Good Friday, April 6 at 7:00pm**. All parishioners and their guests are invited to this presentation.

are you discerning a vocation in the church?

A gathering will be held in Bishop Hines Conference Room at the Chancery (201 Broadway, Norwich) on Friday, March 30, 2007 at 6:00pm. The gathering will begin with an informal dinner, prayer, and discussions on topics related to the Church, world, spirituality, and discernment. Please contact Annette in the Vocation Office for more information and/or reservations at 860-887-9294 (ext. 246) or E-mail voc.sec@norwichdiocese.net.

dinner, prayer & discussion with bishop michael r. cote

We have received notice that the Evening of Prayer and Dinner with Bishop Cote that was announced last weekend has been postponed until June 11, 2007.

readings for the week

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Rm 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
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:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

* 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

You are all invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 10:30am. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. It is also used at the ordination of bishops and priests and at the dedication of a church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people. Why not plan to take your family to the Cathedral that day? It is a very special experience!

collection of baby items

Manchester Memorial Hospital's Family Birthing Center is sponsoring a Community Baby Shower for at risk pregnant women. The event will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The shower will include refreshments, games and gifts for all expectant mothers along with education and information in order to provide for a healthy baby.

Community support is needed for this endeavor to be successful. We are seeking donations of any new baby items (clothing, diapers, hand-knit items, strollers, car seats, monitors, toys, etc.) Monetary contributions are also accepted (checks payable to Manchester Memorial Hospital and mailed to Perinatal Education Department, 71 Haynes Street, Manchester, CT 06040).

Items can be left in the box marked for "Baby Shower Donations" until Friday, April 27th.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Crayton 647-4790

please give blood

Thursday, March 29, 2007
1:00 pm - 6:00pm
St. Bernard Church Hall
St. Bernard Terrace, Rockville
Hosted by the St. Bernard Women's Guild.

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Thursday, April 5, 2007
12:30pm to 5:30pm
Rockville General Hospital
31 Union St. 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

&

Wednesday, April 18th
St. John Episcopal Church
523 Hartford Tpke., Vernon
1:00 to 6:00pm

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

it's bunny breakfast time again!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

- Sponsored by the St. Bernard Home & School Association -

Saturday, March 31, 2007

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: 8:15am and 10:15am

Cost Adult \$5 Child \$4

For reservations, call 872-5623 for reservations.

Seating is limited - Reservations are requested.

Payment maybe made at the door.

EXPRESS CHECK IN WITH RESERVATION AND PRE-PAYMENT

a family in crisis needs help

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, or even if you are already separated or divorced but you want to try again – then the Retrouvaille ministry can help you. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut will take place April 20 through 22, 2007. Although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, couples from all or no faith traditions are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call the confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or email 3001@retrovaille.org.

MARCH 25, 2007

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: Joseph Franek, Sr. , requested by his wife, Anastasia
SUNDAY 8:00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: Fred Deschenes , requested by Joe & Elaine Brown
10:30am	Mass: Tony Gonsalves , requested by his wife, Betty
MONDAY 9:00am	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am 6:00pm	Mass: Antoni Kaminski First Reconciliation
WEDNESDAY 9:00am 5:30pm	Mass: Fred Deschenes , requested by Ceil Ray First Reconciliation
THURSDAY 9:00am 4:30-6pm 7:00pm	Mass: Carmine Colangelo , requested by Mary Kuhn Sacrament of Reconciliation , Living Room Communal Penance Service
FRIDAY 9:00am	(ABSTINENCE – MEATLESS) Mass: Mary Antonelle
SATURDAY 5:00pm	PALM SUNDAY Mass: Gertrude Soucy , requested by Richard & Rella Bernabucci
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	PALM SUNDAY Mass: Harold & Gertrude Rogers , requested by Joyce Melia & Michelle Farris Mass: Edward Simcoe , requested by the Sacred Heart Readers

meetings

SATURDAY 6:00pm 7:00pm	Youth Group Food Fast Ends Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am 6:30pm NO	Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass Faith Formation – Levels 1 – 5 Faith Formation Level 6 – 8 Youth Group or Confirmation Prep
MONDAY	Offices Closed
TUESDAY 7:30pm	Information Night - RCIA , living room
WEDNESDAY 4:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Information Night – Adult Confirmation Preparation , living room Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am 6:00pm 7:45pm 8:00pm	Bible Study , South Community Rooms Brownies* , Northeast Community Rooms Intercessory Prayer , Eucharistic Chapel Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
FRIDAY- 6:00pm	Soup Supper (Collection for Haitian Ministry)
SATURDAY 7:00pm	YOUTH GROUP AT CORNERSTONE Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am 6:30pm 7:45pm	Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass Faith Formation – Levels 1 – 5 Faith Formation , Level 6 – Confirmation Prep Youth Group