

readings for the week

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

thank you

A big "Thank You" to Sandy Rice, Art Martineau, Arleen Chin, Tom & Gayle Madden and Arlene Furey for all of their work in decorating our worship space for Easter.

A big "Thank You" also to all those who ministered at our services and made them so special for all present. Well done! Well done, indeed! Alleluia!

attention: confirmation preparation class and youth group

Because we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday, March 29, 2008, Confirmation Preparation Class and Youth Group will not meet this Sunday, March 30th. We will meet again next Sunday, April 6th.

tag sale

The Youth Group will once again be participating in the Vernon Community Tag Sale on Saturday, April 26, 2008. We are accepting donations for the Tag Sale. All items must be usable and clean. Please! No shoes or clothing. Proceeds from the Tag Sale will benefit the Youth Group.

If you have any questions or would like to bring in items from your spring cleaning, please contact Rella (875-4563) or at rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

tag sale tables for rent

The Youth Group will once again rent tables for the Vernon Community Tag Sale on Saturday, April 26th. Tables will be set up for you on the sidewalk facing the front parking lot. Rental fee is \$10 per table. If you would like to reserve a table or have any questions, please contact Rella (875-4563) or at rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

* 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

eat, drink and be merry - and help east catholic

East Catholic High School presents an Evening of Fine Dining & Wine Tasting at Manchester Country Club on Saturday, April 5th beginning at 6pm. This event includes a five-course meal with a narrative on the various wines to be sampled by a wine expert. This event will feature an auction with fabulous prizes including a trip to Napa, CA; NYC trip & tickets to a Broadway Show; Red Sox/Yankees tickets plus much more! Tickets are \$100 each with the proceeds benefiting tuition assistance. Please contact Sarah Adanti at 649-5336 ext. 234 or adantis@echs.com for more information.

tuition raffle

East Catholic High School is pleased to announce its first annual tuition raffle. Three prizes will be awarded that can be used to pay tuition at ANY accredited K-12 school, college or university in the United States. Eligible expenses include tuition, room and board, books and school-related fees. Prizes are \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at East Catholic High School. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at the school. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. For more information, please contact Sarah Adanti at (860) 649-5336 ext. 234 or adantis@echs.com.

divine mercy sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at the Church of the Assumption, 29 South Adams St., Manchester, CT on Sunday, March 30, 2008 beginning at 2pm with a talk on Divine Mercy by Mark Ferrel S.F.O., a lay evangelist from Santa Ana, CA. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 3pm along with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The celebration will conclude with a healing service with a first class relic of St. Faustina at 4pm. Music will be provided by Ambassadors of Praise.

position available

The Diocese of Norwich seeks a full time Director of St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich.

Mission: As an expression of our Catholic Faith, St. Vincent de Paul Place provides meals, a food pantry, and hospitality to the poor of the Norwich area, regardless of race, creed, natural origin. Responsibilities; The director implements the mission of St. Vincent de Paul Place and oversees the operation of the organization, including the community meal site, the food pantry, and client advocacy. Pursues new sources of funding. Qualifications: Respect and support for the leadership and teachings of the Catholic Church and the ability to work within the organizational structure of the Church. A bachelor's degree and work experience in related field are required. Competency in the following areas is essential: 1) Administrative experience and budget management of a non-profit organization. 2) Expertise in supervision of staff, community relations and volunteer recruitment are also important. 3) Fundraising skills required.

Application: Please send letter of application, salary expectations, and a resume (and letters of reference) by April 2, 2008, to Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Norwich, 201 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut 06360, Attention: Monsignor Robert L. Brown

ladies

All women of the Norwich Diocese are cordially invited to the annual Layette Program (hosted by the Willimantic District) on Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 1pm at St. Joseph Church 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT.

Benediction, prayer service and guest speaker. Reception to follow. Please bring baby items (infant to size 3) which will be distributed to Catholic Charities and Birthright.

sean forrest benefit 'concert for haiti' - april 11

With Special Guest Hartford Auxiliary Bishop Peter A. Rosazza

Internationally known Catholic musician, conference speaker and youth leader Sean Forrest and his band will offer a benefit "Concert for Haiti" April 11 at 7 p.m. at East Catholic High School, 115 New State Road, Manchester, Conn. The event will raise money for the apostolate's "MWTS Mission Haiti," an initiative to build an orphanage, school and medical clinic in one of the poorest countries in the world. Special guest will be Auxiliary Bishop Peter A. Rosazza of the Archdiocese of Hartford. "Mission Haiti" was born from a 2003 trip Forrest made to the Caribbean nation.

"While there, I visited an orphanage and was moved by the heartfelt compassion and heroic efforts of the caretakers," Forrest says. "It disturbed me to notice, however, that for most of the day many of the children were just sitting around waiting for their next diaper change or meal — the only times that they seemed to receive any physical contact. There were no games or sports being played; no stories being enjoyed. So many of the children would just stare at the wall and rock back and forth for stimulation ..."

It was then that Forrest discerned a call to do more: "When I came home to the States, I asked God to let me build an orphanage for them that would be more like a home. I asked Him to let me build a dormitory that could house 20 to 30 missionaries so that we could bring over people who could feed these little ones, hold them, and play with them. The problem was ... where could we do it with no land — and how could we do it with no resources?"

An initial concert in 2004 raised \$20,000 for the poor, which MWTS donated to the Haitian Health Foundation. In addition, the proceeds of two of Movin' With The Spirit's annual summer camps were donated to purchase land and built a home for an adopted Haitian family. In the ensuing time, that vision has been expanded to include the school, orphanage and medical facility.

Tickets cost \$20 each; \$15 each for groups of 10 or more. To order tickets, go to the Movin' With The Spirit website www.mwts.org or call (860) 533-1855 ext 2.

the annual bishop's appeal is coming

This year's theme: "*Bringing Hope To Those In Need*"

covenant to care

Protecting children from the risk of abuse and neglect is everyone's responsibility.

April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month." Protecting children from the risk of abuse and neglect is everyone's responsibility.

Supporting families by giving parents the knowledge, skills, and resources they need will help ensure children grow up happy and healthy.

Encourage parents to play and talk with their children.

Talk to parents about what they can expect at different stages of their child's life.

- Offer healthy ways to cope with stress.
- Connect parents to a support network.
- Help families access needed resources.

Covenant to Care for Children mobilizes and channels caring and faithful people to advocate for, mentor and provide direct assistance to Connecticut's children and youth who are abused, neglected or at-risk.

Please join us:

- In a collective prayer for the strength to break the cycle of abuse
- Through a cash donation to further our work together
- By becoming a mentor
- By taking part in your faith community's Adopt a Social Worker outreach.

mass of healing and hope

There will be a Mass of Healing & Hope at St. Patrick Church, 47 W. High St., East Hampton on Sunday April 6, at 2pm. Fr. Ray Introvigne will be the main celebrant and Mrs. Judith Hughes will lead the healing prayer. Individual payer teams will be available after the service for each individual.

For more information, please call the Spiritual Renewal Center at 887-0702.

many thanks

Dear Rev. Szczapa,

It is my joy to send this fax message to you. I was really happy to be there in your parish on March 1 & 2, 2008 to preach for Cross International Catholic Outreach Program. The parishioners were very good in expressing their generosity in supporting the people living in overseas.

It was my privilege to preach Lenten Mission in your parish. I take this opportunity and wish you and all your parishioners. Happy Easter. Kindly keep me in your prayers at this time of Holy Week.

*Thank you,
Yours truly,
Antony Savarimuthu*

MARCH 30, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Mass: <i>Confirmation</i>
SUNDAY 8:00am	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Mass: <i>Ann Martin</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Ministers of Holy Communion
10:30am	Mass: <i>Delphis "Del" Dufresne</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
MONDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am	Mass: <i>Rev. Philip Geoghan</i>
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	Mass: <i>Rev. Frank O'Keefe</i>
THURSDAY 7:00pm	Mass: <i>Rev. Tom Doyle</i>
7:45pm	Intercessory Prayer
FIRST FRIDAY 9:00am	Mass: For the People of the Parish
10am-5pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00pm	Close of Adoration
SATURDAY 5:00pm	Mass: <i>Robert Regan</i> , requested by Dorothy Regan
SUNDAY 8:00am	Mass: <i>Virginia Carbone</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
10:30am	Mass: <i>Muriel & Drew Iadarola</i> , requested by their family

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am	<i>Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass</i>
6:30pm	Faith Formation Levels K – 4
NO	Faith Formation Level 6 – 8
	Confirmation Prep or Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
TUESDAY 7:30pm	Finance Council , Living Room
WEDNESDAY 4:00pm	Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5
5:30pm	Adult Confirmation Mystagogy , Living Room
8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am	Bible Study , South Community Rooms
8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am	<i>Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass</i>
6:30pm	Faith Formation Levels K – 4
7:45pm	Faith Formation Level 6 – Conf. Prep. Youth Group