

readings for the week

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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.

please note

Rella will be attending *A National Ministry Summit – Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership* in Orlando, FL from Sunday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 23rd. She will be back in the Faith Formation Office on Thursday, April 24th. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. Please direct all questions about Faith Formation to Sandy.

welcome to sacred heart parish

The following people have recently registered with Sacred Heart Parish:

James D' Ambra
 Donna Kristoff & Larry and Angela
 Pasquale Ricciardone

We welcome them and pray that their relationship with God may grow deeper as they come to worship with us.

giving to the church is what jesus asks

“Amen, amen I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the work that I do...” John 14:12

You believe in Jesus and you want to do His work, but how can you do the kind of work that he did when you have a full-time job everyday? That's a legitimate concern. However, when you pledge a portion of your salary to the Church you are working for God even as you do your regular job.

*To thank you
 for all that you do
 for Sacred Heart Parish...*

You are
 cordially invited to
 an **OPEN HOUSE** at

157 Tallwood Drive,
 Vernon

TODAY
 Sunday, April 13, 2008
 1:30 – 4pm

life in the spirit

*Is something missing from your life
 and you can't seem to figure out what?*

Attend a Life in the Spirit Seminar.

- It will help you to establish or reestablish a personal relationship with Jesus
- It will help you to yield to the action of the Holy Spirit
- It will help those who come to a seminar to be joined to Jesus more fully and to grow in their relationship with Him.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar is being held at Saint Joseph Church in Rockville on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Church basement.

A 7-week Life in the Spirit Seminar could change your life.
 Call Lee 643-6564 or Helen 872-0474 for more information.

an appeal for help

Dear Friends of the Haitian Health Foundation,

This is our first emergency email. You may have heard or read recently about the impending famine in Haiti. The situation is also dire in Jeremie, where the Haitian Health Foundation provides for over 200,000 people.

The cost of food has increased almost 100% since March 2008. A 55 pound sack of rice, a staple in the Haitian diet, has increased from \$18.83 to \$29.87 in just 2 weeks – a chicken that cost \$3.90 last month is now \$8!

Many of the 105 mountain villages under the HHHF “umbrella of care” have lost their crops corn, beans, bread, fruit due to constant rains and extraordinary winds.

This is unquestionably a crisis. HHHF is responding with food in our storehouse – we have delivered truckloads of tuna in cans, peanut butter, and soy foods to the most desperate villages. Our supplies are limited and there doesn't appear to be an end – the needs increase. Some of these villages have nearly a 100% malnutrition rate. Children and the elderly are eating “mud cookies” made of dirt and cooking oil to ease the constant pangs of hunger (See <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22902512>) We are attempting to buy corn, beans and rice to make Akamil at our 3 production mills, but the costs are scandalous and prohibitive.

The poor of southern Haiti need your financial help at this time. Consider this an emergency appeal for your assistance.... Please send a check to: HHHF Emergency Food Fund, 97 Sherman Street, Norwich, CT 06360 or donate online through our website – www.haitianhealthfoundation.org

Thank you so much for your support of our work in Haiti.

With appreciation,

Jerry and Marilyn Lowney
Haitian Health Foundation

annual bishops appeal

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 enrichment 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. Thank you.

your garden assistance is needed

There will be a meeting for all those who are interested in doing work in the parish gardens on Wednesday, April 23 at 7pm in the library.

for women only

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their 53rd annual convention on Saturday May 17, 2008 at St. Mary Church, 51 Freestone Ave. in Portland. There will be two outstanding speakers at this year's meeting. Susan Conroy is the author of a book on Mother Teresa, “Mother Teresa's Lessons of Love and Secrets of Sanctity” Ms. Conroy was a college student when she decided to travel to Calcutta to meet and work with Mother Teresa.

The second speaker is M. Jane Mueller, NCCW Community Concerns Comm. Her presentation is titled “Caring for God's Children -- Caring for Gods Creation: A Conversation about Children's Health and the Environment” She will talk about harmful chemicals that are in products used everyday.

The Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at noon. Contact Kathe Oullette 872-8118 for reservation forms. \$25 per person.

thank you

Dear Fr. Szczapa,

Thank you and the parish family of Sacred Heart Church for the kind donation, of layettes, food, medical supplies, office supplies, and miscellaneous items, to the Haitian Health Foundation.

Supplies, like that which you donated, will help so many poor people in rural Haiti. These supplies will be distributed to the poor of Jeremie.

Good people like you who care and share allow us to bring improved health and the hope of a better future to some wonderful people trapped in poverty.

Thank you again for caring and sharing. Sincerely,



Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr., DDS, MS, MPH
President
Haitian Health Foundation

* 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

APRIL 13, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: Jesse Szemrelyo, 3rd Anniversary, requested by the family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: Most Reverend Daniel A. Hart Mass: Fornabi Family, requested by Marie Whitham
MONDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am	Mass: For Those In Whose Memory the Easter Flowers Were Given
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	Mass: Rosina Aiello, requested by Frank & Maria Neri
THURSDAY 7:00pm 7:45pm	Mass: Laura Starns, requested by D. Tuttle Intercessory Prayer
FRIDAY 9:00am	Mass: Deceased Members of the Davia & Labbadia Families, requested by Maria Davia
SATURDAY 5:00pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: Arthur Lavigne & Ronald Lavigne, requested by Marge Lavigne & Family
SUNDAY 8:00am 10:30am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass: Al Bousquet, requested by his wife, Sally Mass: Anna Tracy, requested by the Ledger Family

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10am 1:30-4pm 6:30pm 7:45pm	Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass Faith Formation Levels K – 4 Open House at 157 Tallwood Drive Faith Formation Level 6 – Conf. Prep. Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY 4:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5 Pastoral Council, Library Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am 8:00pm	Bible Study, South Community Rooms Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
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