

## readings for the week

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

## your garden assistance is needed

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

## 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 or Sandy (875-4563) or at [rella@sacredheartchurch.net](mailto:rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

## please note

Rella will be attending *A National Ministry Summit – Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership* in Orlando, FL this Sunday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will be back in the Faith Formation Office on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## attention: sunday faith formation classes & youth group

Because the Vernon School system has scheduled a short spring break from April 24 through April 27, **all Sunday Faith Formation classes and Youth Group scheduled for Sunday, April 27 will not meet.** Our last session for the Faith Formation year will be held the following Sunday (May 4) at the regularly scheduled times.

## baptized into the family of god

The following children were recently baptized:

John Edward & Olivia Gabrielle Goetz  
 – children of John & Nicole

We congratulate them and welcome them to our parish family. We pray that God will continue to watch over them and bless them and their parents.

## Food for Haiti

Please remember that we are collecting food for Haiti.

This is especially important as Haiti is experiencing a lack of food. So please keep in mind that Haitians do not eat what we eat.

Here are some of the things that are needed:

**Tuna in oil**  
**Canned Salmon**  
**Sardines**  
**Spam or Treat**  
**Canned carrots**  
**Peanut butter (smooth or creamy)**  
**Canned ham (non-refrigerated)**

**Please do not bring**  
 boxes of cereal, rice or snacks.

**Please do not bring**  
 soups, dried or canned milk.

**Please do not bring**  
 soup mixes or pasta.

*These are not the kinds of food Haitians need.*

**Also, you might bring**  
**feminine sanitary napkins (heavy)**  
**or**  
**bar soap or tooth paste**  
**or tooth brushes (soft) (for adults or children)**

## 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.

## 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.

## pastoral council minutes

APRIL 16, 2008

PRESENT: R. Bernabucci, L. Deraleau, A. Chin, S. Dosouto, Fr. Stan, E. Golnik, M. Kurban, R. Ladd, D. Maxa, P. Michaud, L. Paro, S. Rice, M. Staggenborg, D. Valli, C. White. ABSENT: J. Crane, C. Duhamel, M. Powell, M. Simcoe.

The meeting opened with reading, reflection and prayer.

1. MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2008: Accepted as written with numbering correction.

2. INVITATIONS: The completed invitations were delivered and shared by Carol. Members briefly discussed the need to compile a list of returned invitations noting name, number attending and meal selection. Invitations to invited guests will indicate that the meals will be complimentary. The mailing ministry will prepare the invitations for mailing. A difficult task with impressive results! Well done! Thank you Carol.

3. FUND RAISING: At the recommendation of the town, the basket raffle has been changed to a silent auction. Ct. State law requires a raffle permit. There is a \$20 per day fee for each day of raffle activity as well as a requirement for listing all basket contents and value. The baskets along with the many community vendor donations will be auctioned as one event. Completed baskets are due by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Auction item display and bids will run from May 3 – 18, 2008 after each of the Masses. Ideas and community donations continue to come into the office. Many thanks to all parishioners and especially to Pat who helped make this event possible from idea to organization to soliciting to collecting to completing of the baskets.

4. HOME TOWN BUFFET: Pat shared the flyer prepared by HTB for our breakfast event. The flyers will be posted in the community, shared with our neighbor churches, and inserted into the church bulletin. Ernie will run all needed copies. The breakfast ticket cost for adults will be \$8.49 and less for children. Event tickets will be available not only to parishioners but to all in community. The more event tickets presented when purchasing meal tickets the greater the percentage of proceeds donated to Sacred Heart. Event tickets will also be available at the HTB next to the cashier. Event greeters are needed for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Several council members volunteered. Pat plans on speaking at each of the Masses April 19-20. Thank you Pat for all of your time, energy and creativity. A big job well done!

5. CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: General report not available. Ponies for the pony ride are not available for our picnic date. Sandy will look into alternative vendors. The soccer demonstration is still being worked on. The issue of non insurance coverage for the

bounce house was brought up. Another church event will be having a bounce house and is apparently covered by the same insurance. Rella and Fr. Stan will look into the issue.

6. DIRECTORY: The directory has been sent to the company for formatting and proof printing. The proof will be sent to Sacred Heart for approval and returned to the company for final printing. Rella is following up on the mailing. Thank you Rella for keeping this project on track.

7. PARISH MISSION COMMENTS: Members briefly discussed mission feedback to Cross International. No evaluation was requested by Cross International. Members agreed not to provide formal feedback.

8. MEN'S BATHROOM: Options still being investigated.

9. SCOUT CHURCH ENVIRONMENT CLEANUP: Pat is still planning on having the scouts clean up the church environment. The extent of the cleanup will be dependent upon the number of scouts available. May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> was decided upon as event options. Pat will organize scout numbers and availability and coordinate with Rella.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS CALENDER: John delivered a copy of the events calendar flyer for review. Feedback and changes will be given to John for flyer finalization.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Review banquet returns, bounce house status, pony ride and soccer finalization.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: **WEDNESDAY - MAY 21, 2008 – 7PM – LIBRARY**

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Arleen Chin

## annual bishops appeal

*“Bringing Hope to Those in Need”*

The 2008 Annual Bishop’s Appeal will be held in our Parish, and every Parish throughout the Diocese of Norwich, on the weekend of May 3/4, 2008. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other Parishes in our Diocese. Once a year, Bishop Cote asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the Church in eastern Connecticut by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God’s work of spirituality, charity and education. Together with your support we are improving and expanding upon the ministry of Christ in our community. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you.

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## the work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>Mass: <i>Arthur Lavigne &amp; Ronald Lavigne</i></b> , requested by Marge Lavigne & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am 10:30am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>Mass: <i>Al Bousquet</i></b> , requested by his wife, Sally <b>Mass: <i>Anna Tracy</i></b> , requested by the Ledger Family
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	ANSELM, BISHOP & DOCTOR <b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>Mass: <i>Gaspere Davia</i></b> , requested by his wife, Maria
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	GEORGE, MARTYR & ADALBERT, BISHOP & MARTYR <b>Mass: <i>Fr. Henry Bialkowski</i></b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00pm 7:45pm	FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST & MARTYR <b>Mass: <i>For Those in Whose Memory Easter Flowers Were Given</i></b> <b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	MARK, EVANGELIST <b>Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>Mass: <i>Claudia Labrie</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Readers
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am 10:30am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <b>Mass: <i>Francis M. Martucci</i></b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family <b>Mass: <i>Joseph "Joey" Gazdzicki</i></b> , requested by Kevin Bouchard

## meetings

<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , Northeast Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:10am 6:30pm 7:45pm	<b><i>Good Fellowship &amp; Tasty Goodies after Mass</i></b> <b>Faith Formation Levels K – 4</b> <b>Faith Formation Level 6 – Conf. Prep.</b> <b>Youth Group</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 7:00pm	Offices Closed <b>Vernon Junior Women</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:30pm	<b>Finance Council</b> , Living Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4:00pm 5:45pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	<b>Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5</b> <b>Brownie Troop 697</b> , Northeast Community Rooms <b>Garden Committee</b> , Library <b>Alcoholics Anonymous*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00am 8:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> , South Community Rooms <b>Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Youth Group Pricing for Tag Sale
<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	Youth Group Tag Sale <b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , Northeast Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b> after 8am Mass NO	<b><i>Good Fellowship &amp; Tasty Goodies after Mass</i></b> Altar Server Training <b>Faith Formation Levels K – Youth Group</b>