

prayer leaders needed for liturgy of the word with children

Every week at the 10:30am Mass, children between the ages of 4-9 are sent to the Eucharistic Chapel to hear the Sunday Scriptures read to them in a language appropriate for their age. After the readings they receive/share a brief reflection on the readings with the adult prayer leader.

Our goal is to have each Prayer Leader lead the children in Liturgy of the Word once a month. We are still looking for 1 more Prayer Leader to help. If you are interested in helping once a month with this ministry to our children, please contact Rella for more information about Liturgy of the Word with Children.

attention: youth group

This Sunday, October 14, some members of the Youth Group will be going to Six Flags FrightFest. Those going are reminded to bring their permission forms with them.

Because of the trip to Six Flags, Confirmation Preparation will not meet on the 14th but will resume next Sunday, October 21 at the regularly scheduled time.

help needed at vernon manor

The group that had been leading Bible Study at Vernon Manor is no longer able to provide this service. Therefore, there is a need for someone or a group of people to lead **Bible Study at Vernon Manor on Mondays from 2:15-3:15pm**. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Susan Collin, Recreation Director, at Vernon Manor (871-0385).

youth group news

Some members of the Youth Group will be going to Cornerstone to help prepare and serve lunch on Saturday, October 27. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:50am. Questions? Contact Rella.

readings for the week

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ's words were simple and clear, as they are clear to us today: "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (*Matthew 19:14*). On this Respect Life Sunday the words of Our Blessed Lord to His disciples remind us that life is an unsurpassed gift from God, the gift of His divine love, a gift of immeasurable value.

From the moment of conception we are children of God. Each one of us is infinitely known and loved by our Heavenly Father. Each one of us was created to adore Our Father in this life and to enjoy eternal life with Him in Heaven. Thus the life He has given us is a gift beyond understanding, purchased at great cost by Christ's death and resurrection.

Because we are children of Our Heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters to each other. We are especially brothers and sisters to those who need our help, both material help but even more the help of friendship, of our understanding, and of our respect. We help our brothers and sisters by generously sharing the warmth and kindness of Our Father's love.

We are also brothers and sisters in Christ to those who are yet to be born, especially to those in danger of being destroyed. Our Blessed Lord taught us that, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest." (*Luke 9:48*)

We are brothers and sisters to the elderly and the infirm, to those suffering illness and injury, to persons who are poor and persons who are lonely. We are especially brothers and sisters to those who do not know their Heavenly Father and do not know Our Father's infinite love for them. "By speaking the truth about human life in love, we can help build a society that protects and respects every human life, born and unborn, and better reflects our status as children of God and sisters and brothers of Our Lord Jesus Christ." (Respect Life Program)

Together may we dedicate ourselves to respect for human life not only by condemning what threatens it but by promoting what enhances it.

May Respect Life Sunday be a time of renewal for all of us as we work and pray for reverence toward all human life.

God love you!
 Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

a day with fr benedict groeschel, cfr

Saturday, October 27 from 10am to 3:30pm at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich. Fr. Benedict is one of the founding members of the community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. He is a well-known author and speaker and host of a weekly program on EWTN. Fr. Benedict obtained his doctorate in psychology from Columbia University.

Father Benedict will give two presentations: **Christian Virtue** and **How It Fits into Our Spiritual Life**. Cost per person is \$20, for students \$10. A complimentary lunch is included with the ticket. To order tickets, send a check made payable to the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, your name, address, number of tickets and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Beverly Brown, 2 Julian Terrace, Norwich, CT 06360. For more information, call 860-887-7804.

music of the land of saints and scholars

Rockville Public Library presents **A Program of Celtic Music with Tara's Thistle** Sunday, October 21, 3pm at Rockville Public Library Reading Room, 52 Union Street, Vernon, CT

As Tara's Thistle, Bruce and Sandy Hedman perform traditional Irish and Scottish folk songs linked by fascinating stories and humorous anecdotes. In addition to singing in harmony accompanied on guitar, harmonica and drum, they also perform on a variety of Celtic instruments, including bagpipes.

For more information on Tara's Thistle, visit their web site at www.tarasthistle.org. No pre-registration is required for this event. Please note that the building will be open only for the performance. No library services will be available on this day.

Ach, du Lieber!
It's October!

So Haitian Ministry is having a...

germanfest

Saturday, October 27
after the 5 o'clock Mass

(It also happens to be *Make A Difference Day*)

Save That Date!

from spiritual renewal services

Spiritual Renewal Services will have *An Evening of Healing and Peace* on Thursday, October 25th at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Taftville, with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Judith Hughes. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special prayers and ministry, closing with Benediction

Also, Spiritual Renewal will have an *Afternoon Healing Service* at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Gales Ferry, on Sunday October 28th at 2pm. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short teaching and people will be invited to touch the hem of His Garment. Everyone will have the opportunity to be prayed with. We will close with Benediction. Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus.

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

right to life annual convention

The Connecticut Right to Life Corporation is having its 33rd annual convention on Saturday, October 27 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell. The banquet speaker is Father Tad Pacholczyk, a national expert on human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, Suzanne Vitadamo, the sister of Terri Schiavo and Georgette Forney, president of Anglicans for Life and co-founder of Silent No More America. There will be a 12:15 Mass followed by the program. The cost is \$40.00 for Adults, \$70.00 married couple and \$20.00 for students. To register call Janet at 203-878-4097.

open house at east catholic

East Catholic High School will hold an Open House on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7pm for eighth graders and their families. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Call Ms. Gryphon, Admissions, 649-5336 x 238 for information. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. The school web site is www.echs.com.

coping with grief and loss

Joe Colletti, consultant, author, and bereaved parent will present *"Coping with Grief and Loss During the Holidays"* on Thursday, November 1, from 6:30 - 8pm at Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Rear Entrance, 8 Keynote Drive, Vernon, CT. This program is free and open to the public, but please R.S.V.P. by October 30th to let us know if you would like to attend at 860-875-3536. Offered by Ladd- Turkington and Carmon Funeral Home

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the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:00pm	28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: Robert Casey , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 8:00am	28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: Earl Josey , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
	10:30am Mass: Angela Fornabi , requested by Marie Whitham
MONDAY 9:00am	TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am	MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN Mass: Al Bousquet , requested by his family
WEDNESDAY NO	IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR Liturgy of the Word with Communion
	11:00am Mass at Welles Village: For the People of the Parish
THURSDAY 4:30-6:00pm	LUKE, EVANGELIST Sacrament of Reconciliation, Living Room
	7:00pm Mass: Peter Aiello & Teresa Servidone , requested by Frank & Maria Neri
FRIDAY	JOHN DE BREBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
	9:00am Mass: Deceased members of the Labbadia & Davia Families , requested by Maria Davia
	10:30am Mass at Vernon Manor: For the People of the Parish
SATURDAY 5:00pm	PAUL OF THE CROSS / 29 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: Concetta Tracy, 2nd Anniversary , requested by Kevin Bouchard
SUNDAY 8:00am	29 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: Anna Colliton, 1st Anniversary
	10:30am Mass: Michael Chasse , requested by Amanda Chasse

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY 9:10-10:25am	Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass
	Faith Formation Levels K – 4
	Faith Formation Levels 6 – 8
	Confirmation Prep
	Youth Group at Six Flags for Fright Fest
MONDAY 7:00pm	Offices Closed Vernon Junior Women's Club* , South Community Rooms
TUESDAY 7:30pm	Finance Council , Living Room
WEDNESDAY 4:00-5:15pm	Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5
	Pastoral Council , Northeast Community Rooms
	Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am	Bible Study , South Community Rooms
	7:45pm Intercessory Prayer , Eucharistic Chapel
	8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
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