

readings for the week

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Take a Bite Out of Hunger – Traveling Christmas Hunger Tree

The churches in the Manchester/Vernon area will be having a "Traveling Christmas Hunger Tree" to raise awareness of hunger both locally and world wide.

Sacred Heart Church will be sponsoring the tree the weekend of November 1 & 2. Parishioners are asked to bring food or money to provide assistance to the hungry. All donations from Sacred Heart will be given to Cornerstone. Cornerstone will use the money received to buy food from FOODSHARE for 12 cents a pound.

During these hard economic times, it is important to remember that Cornerstone finds itself with more people availing themselves of their services while at the same time finding that donations are falling behind.

Please remember to bring in food on November 1 & 2 to help feed the hungry!

give blood

Saturday, November 8, 8am-1:15pm at Maple Grove Club, 100 Franklin Street, Rockville

Tuesday, November 18, 12:30-5:45pm at Vernon United Methodist Church, 401 Hartford Tpke, Vernon

Wednesday, November 26, 9:30am-2:30pm at Rockville General Hospital/Fitch Conference Room, 31 Union Street, Rockville.

For an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

note:

"All Saints" is not an holyday of obligation this year, but "All Souls" is. There will be an All Saints Mass on Saturday at 10am for those who would like to participate.

stewardship

October 9-15, 2008

October 16-23, 2008

Amount needed each week (budget) † \$ 7,237.00

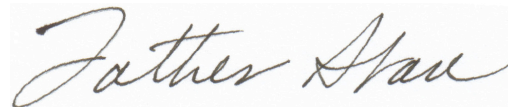
† *"Amount needed each week (budget)" also includes Cathedralricum (a tax to the Diocese) payments that are in arrears and repayment of 20% of our debt to the Diocese for Property and Liability Insurance.*

aba update

As of October 17, members of our parish have made 63 pledges totaling \$13,610 to be paid over time. Of that total, \$8,932 has so far been paid. Additionally, 94 outright gifts totaling \$11,344 have been made.

We are only \$3,846 short of our parish goal of \$28,800. If you have not pledged, please take an envelope from the railing and please make a pledge or an outright donation this week.

Thank you,



coping with grief and loss during the holidays

Friday, November 7 at Visiting Nurs and Health Services, 8 Keynote Drive (rear entrance), Vernon. 6:30-8pm.

This program is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to 860-875-3536 (Ladd Turkington Funeral Home) by November 3rd. Presented by Joe Colletti, Consultant, Author, Bereaved Parent.

open house at east catholic

East Catholic High School will hold an Open House on Thursday, November 20 at 7pm for eighth graders and their families. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 8am at East Catholic High School. Call Ms. Gryphon, Admissions, at 649-5336 x 238 for more information. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. The school website is www.echs.org

40 · days · for · life

Please call Fr. Tony (860-643-4466) to sign up for one hour of prayer to be held at 12 Case Street in Norwich on Thursday, October 30. **Sacred Heart Church** will be covering all 24 hours from **12:00am (midnight) October 30 to 12:00am (midnight) October 31.**

Please participate in this prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood.

thank you

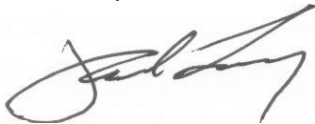
Dear Father Stan and Sacred Heart Parish Family,

Thank you for the very generous donation from the Stewardship Fund. These are very difficult times in rural Haiti. Crop failures, a series of nasty hurricanes, and a general inflation in the cost of basic foods have left the poor unable to feed themselves.

The Haitian Health Foundation is feeding thousands each day and delivering food to villages in 2nd and 3rd degree malnutrition. The poor are actually eating mud cakes to ease the pain of hunger. This tragedy is happening 90 minutes from Florida.

Thank you for caring and sharing with our sisters and brothers in Christ who are trapped in poverty.

In His Holy Name,



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

in haiti

Nearly Deforested Haiti Remains Vulnerable to Rains and Mudslides

By JACQUELINE CHARLES
McClatchy-Tribune; Oct. 18, 2008

KENSCOFF, HAITI — Plush mansions and concrete shacks perch precariously on the hillside of this steep green mountain retreat, just above Port-au-Prince and miles from the storm-ravaged cities of Cabaret and Gonaives.

With the brick-red topsoil quickly eroding and few trees to hold what's left, a heavy downpour can easily trigger an avalanche, sending the hills crashing down, washing away homes and uprooting crops.

Haiti 's crumbling hillsides have made the country vulnerable to flash floods and lethal landslides, but that vulnerability has come

in sharp focus recently, following four back-to-back killer storms in less than 30 days.

Fay, Hanna, Gustav and Ike cut a trail of death and destruction through this already impoverished nation, leaving hundreds dead, thousands homeless and a coastal town in the northwestern corner buried in mud-caked floodwaters.

Haphazard farming techniques, poorly constructed homes on unregulated land, years of neglecting rivers and storm canals and lax enforcement of environmental laws have all left Haiti 's landscape in a particularly fragile state. Even heavy rainshowers can create havoc.

The country has less than 2 percent of its valuable tree cover, compared to neighboring Dominican Republic , with 28 percent, according to the United Nations.

'Ecological disaster'

The United States Agency for International Development estimates that only 1.5 percent of Haiti is still forested, compared to 60 percent in 1923. Approximately 30 million trees are cut down annually in Haiti , according to the USAID.

"The whole country is facing an ecological disaster," said Haiti 's new prime minister, Michele Pierre-Louis. "We cannot keep going on like this. We are going to disappear one day. There will not be 400, 500 or 1,000 deaths. There are going to be a million deaths."

As Tropical Storm Hanna pounded the port city last month, Pierre-Louis and a government convoy tried to reach there. They couldn't get through.

"On the road there, we almost died," Pierre-Louis said. Boulders crashed down the mountain, bringing a cascade of soiled water. Two of the government SUVs were washed out by the water on the Nacional, the road connecting the capital of Port-au-Prince to Gonaives and Cap-Haitien.

"You could see all this water falling down with rocks and mud," she said. She ended up traveling to the devastation by air.

"Everyone is talking about Gonaives and Cabaret, but people forget this is a national catastrophe," said Arnaud Dupuy, of the U.N.'s Development Program with responsibility for the environment.

" Port-au-Prince one day will suffer the same fate."

This is not the first time Haiti has been wracked by natural disaster. Last year, 20 people died in Cabaret after the Betel River burst over its banks. During Hurricane Ike last month, the same river swelled and killed more than a dozen children. In 2004, Tropical Storm Jeanne killed an estimated 3,000 Haitians, most in Gonaives , when the three rivers leading into the city roiled down the denuded mountains, loaded with boulders and muck.

"With all of these disasters happening now, we have to ask, 'What have we been doing wrong?' " said environmentalist Jane Wynne, who has spent her life trying to get Haitians to change their lifestyles to help the country avoid devastation.

OCTOBER 26, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:45pm	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: Wesley Whitham , requested by the Whitham Family
SUNDAY 10:45am	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: Joseph White , requested by his family
MONDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am	SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES Liturgy of the Word with Communion
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
THURSDAY 9:00am 4:30-6pm 7:45pm	Liturgy of the Word with Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation Intercessory Prayer
FRIDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
SATURDAY 10:00am 5:45pm	ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS All Saints Mass: For the People of the Parish All Souls Mass: John Regan , requested by Dorothy Regan
- CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS TONIGHT! -	
SUNDAY 10:45am	ALL SOULS Mass: Stanley Szczapa, Sr., and Richard Gagne , requested by Thora Cowperthwaite

meetings

SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms
SUNDAY 9:15-10:30am 6:30-7:45pm	Fellowship before and after Mass Faith Formation Grades 1-5 Faith Formation Grades 6-8
MONDAY	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY 4-5:15pm 8:00pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-3 & 5 Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 10:00am 7:45pm 8:00pm	Bible Study , South Community Rooms Intercessory Prayer Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Community Rooms
SATURDAY 7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms
SUNDAY 9:15-10:30am 6:30-7:45pm 7:45-9pm	Fellowship before and after Mass Faith Formation Grades 1-5 Faith Formation Grades 6-8 Youth Group

* Note: Some groups meet at Sacred Heart (including but not limited to The Red Cross, Cub Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and Narcotics Anonymous) but they are not part of and not acting on behalf of the Parish or the Diocese

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOFCC.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY / Oct. 25/26 2008

4:00 p.m. Annita DeTuccio, request of Dolores, Annita and Gena Betti

8:45 a.m. Ivan Dube, request of Solange Fournier
Jeannette Violette, request of Linda Lachapelle and family

NEXT SUNDAY Nov. 1/2, 2008

4:00 p.m. Wayne Fruke

8:45 a.m. Kathy Leiner

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Because of the change in the number of Masses to be celebrated each weekend at St. Maurice Church and Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Stan requested permission from the Chancery to celebrate Masses with multiple intentions. Permission was granted with the following conditions:

- The faithful must knowingly and voluntarily agree to have their intentions combined in a single celebration;*
- The date, time, and place of this celebration is be publicly announced.*
- Such celebrations may occur, at most, only twice each week in any church.*

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING" – TITHING

Last week's collection was \$ 3995.00

Last year's collection was \$ 4,289.00

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithe). "Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him." John 14:23 How do you show your love for God? Do you give your time, talent and treasure to keep His word?

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Center. Everyone is invited to join in making crafts for the 2008 Christmas Fair.

The Fair Group needs:

Cookie cutters; China cups and saucers;
Soup mugs; Small fancy boxes (Harry & David style ; Baby food jars; Teaspoons, odd pieces will be fine; flour; sugar; suregel; cinnamon; molasses; Crisco. Items can be left at the back of the church. in front of the choir. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – Oct. 25/26, 2008. Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Fr. Stan, celebrant. Usher Group III Second collection for Mission Combined Collection will be taken up after Communion.

8:45 A.M. Mass : FORMAL INSTALLATION OF FR. STANLEY SZCZAPA AS PASTOR of St. Maurice Parish. A brunch at the Parish Center will follow.

MONDAY Oct.27, Mass at 9:00 am , special Intention for Jane, request of Linda Armstrong.

TUESDAY Oct. 28, Mass at 9:00 am for Phil C. Combs Request of Magnano family
Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 P.M.

WEDNESDAY Oct. 29, Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m./ Adoration
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m/

THURSDAY Oct. 30 Mass at 9:00 a.m

FRIDAY OCT 31, Mass at 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY NOV. 1, Morning rehearsal for 2008 Confirmation Candidates.

Confessions 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY – NOV. 1 /2 2008 – / Fr. Tony celebrant / Ushers Group IV / **4:00 P.M. CONFIRMATION** Generations of Faith at Parish Center with a light breakfast after the 8:45 Mass. Meeting of the **2009** Confirmation Candidates will be held prior to the Generations of Faith Session.

4:00 PM

ALTAR SERVERS: Katelyn Donahue, Chrissy Benzinski, Josh Meyers, Kyle Toce, Maria Cinea.

LECTOR: Charles Luchini

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Vi Sobol, Beatrice Lacombe, Patti Cinea

8:45 A.M.:

ALTAR SERVERS: Emily Carpenter, Stephanie Leiner, Ashley Heavens

LECTOR: Rita Sheetz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Rita & John Sheetz
Maureen Mozzer.



SING A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD Join our Parish Choir, Tuesdays at 7:15 pm. Pavorattis, Domingos, Bocellis need not apply.

**CALENDAR OF PARISH EVENTS FOR
NOVEMBER**

- Nov. 1: A.M. Rehearsal for Confirmation 2008
Sacrament of Confirmation 4:00 P.M.
- Nov. 2: Generations of Faith Meeting
Meeting of 2009 Confirmation Candidates
Prior to Generations of Faith.
- Nov. 9: Pancake Breakfast and Food Drive
Blood Pressure Screening at Parish Center.
- Nov. 22: Annual "SLEIGH BELLS RING" Christmas
Fair with Santa Claus
- Nov. 23: Coffee Social and Mini Fair at Parish Center.
KofC Mass for deceased members 8:45 A.M.
- Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service 7 p.m. at
Parish Center.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE
IN NOVEMBER**

Holiday Fair at St. Mary's Church, Coventry, CT
Nov. 7, 2008 – 6pm-9pm
Nov. 8, 2008 - 10am – 2pm

East Catholic High School Open House
Nov. 20, 2008 at 7pm for eighth graders and their families.

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS TO KEEP IN
MIND FOR NOVEMBER**

- Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 2: ALL SOULS DAY
Nov. 21: PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
Nov. 23: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Nov. 30: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT and
FEAST OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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HOW CAN I DEVELOP MY PRAYER LIFE?

How does a beginner start a prayer regimen?

The keys to a successful prayer life are finding a quiet place to pray and praying at the same time every day.

Saint Alphonsus stressed that it is much more important to find a few minutes each day than to give a whole hour one a week. In fact, he encouraged beginners to start slowly, even only fifteen minutes a day, as long as they were sure to take those fifteen minutes every day.

Alphonsus also liked to say that prayer is conversation with God about whatever is on our minds or in our hearts. Speak to God as you would your closest friend. Tell him about your day—your preoccupations, your worries, your joys, your hopes. Keep in mind, however, that a true conversation requires listening as well as talking.

In the Gospel stories, we often see Jesus at prayer. These stories offer us a variety of prayer experiences, but two in particular stand out. In the morning, long before dawn, Jesus often goes out to a lonely place to pray. At other times, Jesus goes into the hills after sunset and prays. But whatever time a person prefers, all of us can benefit from taking a few moments to enter more deeply into solitude with Jesus in the Spirit.

Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R.

O God, what are we without Your loving Care? Help us to realize how small and poor we are if we do not recognize Your sovereignty. Give us that wisdom of always being humble before You and before others, so that we may imitate Your Son, who humbled Himself by taking on our human condition in all except sin, who live and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

By Ateneo Pontificio "Regina Apostolorum"