

## readings for the week

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/  
Jn 2:13-22  
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8  
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## thank you!

We recently received a letter from Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries. The following is from that letter:

*Thank you for your congregation's generous gifts of \$160.00 for our Capuchin Appalachian Mission. We are most grateful for your joining in and supporting our efforts...*

*We were blessed with 71 participants and more than 375 Companions in Service on this mission...Your support as a Companion in Service did considerable work to develop and fortify disciples...*

*Thank you for signing on with our Capuchin Appalachian Mission as a Companion in Service. We are most grateful for your support and participation. I pray God continue to bless you for your generosity.*

*Gratefully,  
Tom Brinkmann  
Executive Director*

## 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of st. paul the apostle

Pope Benedict XVI has announced "The Year of St. Paul" which began on June 28, 2008 and ends June 29, 2009. The Diocese of Norwich, through the Offices of Faith Formation and Evangelization, offers the next event in commemoration of this special year of prayer.

On **Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** the **Theatre of the Word** (as seen on EWTN) will present a live performance of **The Journey of St. Paul** at **Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 156 Providence St., Taftville**. Admission is **\$10.00 per person** (Group rates are available for ten or more).

**Registration deadline is November 24, 2008.** Please contact Rella (875-4563) for a copy of the registration form.

## 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

## Thanksgiving Pies

Members of the Youth Group will be on hand after both Masses this weekend and next weekend to take your orders for fresh baked pies for Thanksgiving. Some pies will be made by members of the Youth Group and their parents. Others will be made by Rella's daughter, Elaine (formerly the owner of Elaine's Bakery).

The price for each pie is \$15. The pies will be available for pick up in the Parish Library (entrance next to the statue of the Sacred Heart) on Wednesday, November 26 (just in time for Thanksgiving!) from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Rella (875-4563 or [rella@sacredheartchurch.com](mailto:rella@sacredheartchurch.com)).

## christmas craft fair and bake sale

All Saints Parish, 25 School Street, Somersville. Saturday, November 8, 9am-5pm. Sunday, November 9, 9am-12 noon. (Breakfast and lunch will be available on Saturday). Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court All Saints #1435.

Mark your calendars and plan to come! Get a start on your Christmas shopping; hundreds of hand-made items and enjoy some "favorite recipe goodies" of the Catholic Daughters!

## charity raffle

The Cornerstone Foundation Inc. will be holding a raffle on November 13<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Soup Kitchen, Clothing Bank, Youth Center and Homeless Shelter.

No more than 300 raffle tickets will be sold for \$50 each and can be purchased by contacting Jim Swicklas (phone 860-871-2126) or the Sacred Heart office at 875-4563.

Prizes are

1st \$1,500 Pre-paid VISA Gift Card  
2nd \$1,000 Pre-paid VISA Gift Card  
3rd \$500 Pre-paid VISA Gift Card

These are not redeemable for cash.

## mass intentions

- Paul Turner

According to an old tradition, Catholics may offer a contribution to a priest and request an intention for a particular Mass (canon 945-946). This custom invites the faithful into a deeper celebration of the Eucharist by uniting their sacrifice with that of Christ. It also helps compensate the church's minister for his work. Because of this latter reason, the contribution is called a "stipend". In affluent countries the stipend is inadequate and the priest receives a salary. In poor countries priests cannot support themselves without the Mass stipend.

For a while, the custom sustained the belief that a Mass could hold a primary intention and that the priest could control the blessings of a Mass in a specific way. Recent statements from Rome have not reinforced that thinking, however. Rather, the priest accepts the offerings for Mass "according to particular intentions." God directs the fruits of the Mass, which are infinite and universal, according to the devotion of the faithful.

The  
Mass  
is  
offered  
for all.

In the past, the priest could accept only one intention per Mass. Now he may accept several intentions for the same Mass once or twice a week if the donors are aware and agree (Congregation for the Clergy, *Mos iugitur*, 1991). Because the custom promotes the active participation of the faithful, the Mass intention makes more sense if the donor is actually present for the Mass.

Most parishes keep a record of Mass intentions in the office or sacristy and they are commonly published in the bulletin and announced at the Masses. When doing so, it is more accurate to say, "We remember this person in a special way at this Mass," than to say in a restrictive sense, "This Mass is offered for this person."

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## 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](http://www.echs.org)

## reminder from st bernard cemetery

St. Bernard Cemetery is closed from dusk 'til dawn, and **candles are never allowed at any time!**

## yo

Attention, young adults!

Ever wonder, "Where are all the other Catholics my age?" Join young adults from all across Connecticut at Catholic Underground on Saturday, November 15 at 7:30pm. CU is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and music, followed by a social gathering and performance. CU is held monthly in NYC, NJ, PA, and now in CT. This month's special guest: Marie Miller! ([www.mariemiller.net](http://www.mariemiller.net)) Location: Saint James Church, Manchester. See the website for details: [www.CatholicUndergroundCT.com](http://www.CatholicUndergroundCT.com)

38<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**St. Maurice Church Christmas Fair**  
Saturday  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008  
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Home Baked Treats  
Handmade Treasures  
Hot Food Fest  
Over 40 Crafters  
Free Admission & Parking

In Addition  
A Special Raffle Of A Hand  
Crafted Quilt Created By The  
St. Maurice Christmas Crafters.

Bring Family And Friends, Spread  
The Word.  
Sleigh Bells Are Ringing.

## the work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:45pm	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME <b>Mass: <i>Lucy Adams</i></b> , requested by the Labrie Family, - and - <b><i>Anna Colliton</i></b> , requested by her husband, Dr. Robert Colliton
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:45am	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME <b>Mass: <i>Harry Godi, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i></b> , requested by his wife, Florinda Godi
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion at Welles Village</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> NO 7:00pm 7:45pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation this week</b> <b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b> <b>Intercessory Prayer</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:45pm	33 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Howard G. Bardin, Jr.</i></b> requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:45am	33 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <b>Mass: <i>Robert Brown</i></b> , requested by Ed & Hilda Kayan and – <b><i>Despina Rose Rychlovsky, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</i></b> ,

## meetings

<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , South Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:15-10:30am 6:30-7:45pm 7:45-9pm	<b>Fellowship before and after Mass</b> <b>Faith Formation Grades 1-5</b> <b>Faith Formation Grades 6-Conf Prep</b> <b>Youth Group</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4-5:15pm 8:00pm	<b>Faith Formation Grades 1-3 &amp; 5</b> <b>Alcoholics Anonymous*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00am 7:45pm 8:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> , South Community Rooms <b>Intercessory Prayer</b> <b>Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*</b> , South Community Rooms
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\* 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](http://WWW.STMAURICEKOFCC.ORG)

### MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY / NOV. 8 - 9, 2008

4:00 p.m. Noe Lemaire and Malvina Lemaire, request of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lemaire.

8:45 a.m. Michael Warren, request of Jennifer & Phil Daly, and, John Ciscon, request of Phil Bell

NEXT SUNDAY Nov. 15 – 16, 2008

4:00 p.m. Mildred Alisch and Robert Simmons

8:45 a.m. Mary Plis

### 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 \$ 4,125.00

Last year's collection was \$ 4,475.00

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithes). "Every month they shall bear fresh fruit for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary." Ezekiel's vision of the water flowing from the temple reminds us how important it is for the good steward to spend time with God. When we visit with God we are refreshed. From God's sacred house we receive the nourishment we need so that our stewardship efforts will bear fruit.

**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.

### **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY – Nov. 8- 9, 2008. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Fr. Tony, celebrant. Usher Group I. Pancake Breakfast and Food Drive , 8 a.m.- 11 a.m.

MONDAY Nov. 10, Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Levi Fournier, request of Solange Fournier

TUESDAY Nov 11, Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Levi Fournier, request of Solange Fournier. Choir Rehearsal at 7:15

WEDNESDAY Nov 12, Mass at 9:00 a.m.

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

THURSDAY Nov 13, Mass at 9:00 a.m. KofC business meeting at Parish Center AT 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY Nov 14, Mass at 9:00 a.m. special intention.

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

### NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 15 – 16, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Fr. Stan, celebrant

**4:00 P.M. Baptism of Griffin Alexander Boulay**

ALTAR SERVERS: Maria Cinea

LECTOR: Dolores Betti

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Patti Cinea, Jean Gately, Georgette Pelletier

**8:45 A.M.:**

ALTAR SERVERS: Patricia Hennessey, Henry & Ray Marrion

LECTOR: Barbara Fiano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Robert Rouleau, Margaret Maneggia, Arlene Giglio



THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE.....

Our choir can use your talents and your voices. Please consider joining us on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. Don Benevides our Music Director will be looking forward to seeing you.

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS**

38<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**ST. MAURICE CHURCH  
 CHRISTMAS FAIR**

SATURDAY  
 NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2008  
 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

HOME BAKED TREATS  
 HANDMADE TREASURES  
 HOT FOOD FEST  
 OVER 40 CRAFTERS  
 FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

IN ADDITION  
 A SPECIAL RAFFLE OF A HAND CRAFTED  
 QUILT CREATED BY THE  
 ST. MAURICE CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS.

BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SPREAD  
 THE WORD.  
 SLEIGH BELLS ARE RINGING.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOLD AN  
 OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20,  
 2008 AT 7 P.M. FOR EIGHTH GRADERS AND  
 THEIR FAMILIES The entrance exam for eighth  
 graders will be given on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at  
 8. a.m. at East Catholic High School.

**BOLTON ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING  
 SERVICE**

*“FOR I WAS HUNGRY, AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO  
 EAT.”*

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 25, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.  
 ST. MAURICE CHURCH  
 32 HEBRON ROAD – BOLTON, CT.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to  
 the Manchester Area Conference of Churches’ Food  
 Pantry.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

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Rx for Spirituality.....

Excerpts from “God and the World” A  
 Conversation with Peter Seewald and Joseph  
 Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI.

**PROLOGUE**

**FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE**

*Your Eminence, do you ever feel afraid of God?*

I wouldn’t exactly say “afraid”. We know from  
 Christ who God is and the he loves us. And he knows  
 what we are like. He knows we are flesh. We are dust.  
 Because of that he accepts us in our weakness.

In any case, again and again I am keenly aware of  
 how I fail to live up to my calling. To live up to the idea  
 that God has of me, of what I could and should give.

*Do you have the feeling, at such times, that God  
 sometimes criticizes you or disapproves of some of your  
 decisions?*

God is not like a policeman or a prosecuting  
 counsel, who tells you off and hands out a punishment.  
 But in the mirror of faith and of the charge I have  
 received, I have to consider every day what is right and  
 when something is wrong. Naturally I then likewise  
 feel that, with regard to myself, something is not as it  
 should be. And that is what the sacrament of confession  
 is for.

*People always say that Catholics are full of guilt  
 feelings toward God.*

I believe that Catholics are animated above all by a  
 great sense of God’s forgiveness. Take baroque or  
 rococo art. There you can see a great joyfulness. Thus,  
 typically Catholic nations like Italy or Spain have a  
 reputation, and with good reason, for being  
 light-hearted.

Perhaps there have been in particular areas of  
 Christianity, certain forms of education, distortions, in  
 which frightening, burdensome, rigorously strict  
 elements have predominated, but this is not Catholicism  
 properly speaking. My own feeling is that, in those very  
 people whose lives draw upon the faith of the Church, a  
 sense of redemption prevails. **God will not abandon  
 us!**

(to be continued)