

readings for the week

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/
Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1
Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

200th 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 30th 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.

faith formation & youth group

All Faith Formation classes and Youth Group scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th and Sunday, November 30th will not be held because of Thanksgiving vacation. These classes and Youth Group will resume next week at their regularly scheduled times.

the exonerated

The **Church of the Holy Family in Hebron (185 Church St.)** will be hosting a presentation of a nationally renowned film entitled *The Exonerated* on **Sunday, December 7, 2008**. It is presented by Connecticut State Prison Chaplains, Sr. Patty Cook, RSM and Deacon Tom Casey.

The Exonerated tells the true stories of six people sent to Death Row for crimes they did not commit. You will hear six riveting stories about innocence, injustice and redemption.

The presentation begins at 4:00pm with the movie and discussion followed by a pot luck supper from 5:30-6:30pm. (Last name beginning with A-L – Main Dishes; last name beginning with M-Z – Salads/Desserts/Bread). Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks provided. Closing prayer is at 6:30pm.

**** save the date ****

The Youth Group will host a **Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, December 21** after the 10:45am Mass. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Advent Day of Prayer and Reflection

On Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting an 'Advent Day of Prayer and Reflection' from 8:45am to 1:30pm. Our presenter will be Sister Virginia Sheehan, SND, a dynamic and gifted speaker who has given many retreats and days of reflection throughout New England.

The day will begin with registration at 8:45am, followed by Mass at 9:00am celebrated by our pastor, Father Stan. Included in the program will be reflection, fellowship and lunch served by the ladies of the parish. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Bring along a friend and take some time for yourself this Advent. All are welcome! There is no charge. Donations will be accepted.

To register or for further information, call Larry & Carol Deraleau at 749-4139 or the parish office at 875-4563. you'll be glad you did.

youth group raffle

The Youth Group will be having a raffle on Sunday, December 21 during the Pancake Breakfast. Tickets will be available after all Masses on December 6 * 7, 13 & 14, and 20 & 21. Two Christmas floral arrangements will be raffled as well as gift baskets. Watch the bulletin for updates!

coming on december 28 – the 3 ½ stories of christmas!

Save this date and join us on **Sunday, December 28** when the Christmas angel himself (as performed by nationally known actor, Frank Runyeon) will tell us **The 3 ½ Stories of Christmas**. More information to follow!

thanksgiving and food

Dear Friends,

Time just seems to fly by. Before you know it we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. As a result we are already planning our menu. For myself it is a good time to reflect on all the events of the past months. As I do I am overwhelmed and thankful for the continued support and generosity of people such as you. Although we have seen an increase in the amount of people coming into the soup kitchen for their meals it is because of your consideration that we can meet the need. Thank you for your continued support and generous donation to the Cornerstone Foundation, Inc. When you sit down tonight for your evening meal you can be assured that all those who come to the soup kitchen to eat their evening meal can do so, in part, because of your consideration.

The
hungry
are being
fed...
because
you
helped

Thank you for sharing and caring. You have made a difference.

Peace and Blessings,

*Helen Syriac
Executive Director
Cornerstone Foundation, Inc.*

Come for Mass – Stay for Brunch

Plan to be here on **THIS SUNDAY, November 23rd** as Sacred Heart's Haiti Ministry will be serving **Sunday Brunch**.

(Saturday Mass folks: You are welcome to come back for Brunch, too!)

No charge - the free-will offerings are used to benefit the people of Haiti.

wanted

****GREENS** for holiday decorating.**

Please drop off by the kitchen door or call Sandy at 875-4563.
THANK YOU!

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

It is obvious to me that this is a parish where the people show love, care and concern for one another. This is consistent with being a family, the Body of Christ. There are times, for a number of reasons, where we may not see a parishioner at Mass for weeks or months at a time, the yoking of our parish with Saint Maurice and the new Mass schedule has made this more evident. We may lose touch with them. They lose touch with us. They may feel forgotten.

As parishioners we are all responsible for our brothers and sisters. If you haven't seen someone at Mass for a while, I invite you to call them or pay them a visit

- To show them our love
- To see if they are well
- To tell them they are missed
- To show them we care
- To tell them we need them
- To see if we can help

Some people already do this. But if we are going to hold this parish together and make it grow, we all need to do it. However, if you are not comfortable making a call or visit, let me know and I will make the connection.

We are less than a month from Advent, the beginning of a new church year. A good time to tell people that we care. A good time to gather our family back home for Christmas at Sacred Heart.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Larry Deraleau

ecumenical service

Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm at Saint Maurice Church, Bolton. Free goodies after the service.

The theme for the service is **"I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food."** Accordingly, a free-will offering will be taken to support the Manchester Area Conference of Churches to support their Food Pantry.

NOVEMBER 23, 2008

the work of the church

SATURDAY 5:45pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING Mass: <i>Nancy Cianci</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Finance Council. <i>and</i> <i>Gaspere Davia</i> , requested by Maria Davia
SUNDAY 10:45am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING Mass: <i>Alice Szczapa</i> , – and – <i>Governor Bill O’Neil</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
MONDAY 9:00am	ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST MARTYR AND COMPANIONS Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY 9:00am	CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR Mass: <i>Dorothy Sxhneider</i> , requested by Bill & Mary McIntyre
WEDNESDAY 7:00pm	Thanksgiving Mass
THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING NO Masses or Services today
FRIDAY 9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
SATURDAY 5:45pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass: <i>Dorothy Bardin</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
SUNDAY 10:45am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass: <i>Deacon Chuck White, Anniversary</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family – and – <i>Robert Brown</i> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

meetings

SATURDAY 7:30pm	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-Conf Prep Youth Group
MONDAY	Offices Closed
TUESDAY 7:00pm	Ecumenical Prayer Service at Saint Maurice
WEDNESDAY NO 8:00pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-3 & 5 Alcoholics Anonymous* , South Community Rooms
THURSDAY 8:00pm	Offices Closed Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* , South Rooms
FRIDAY	Offices Closed
SATURDAY 7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , South Rooms
SUNDAY NO NO NO	Fellowship before and after Mass Faith Formation Grades 1-5 Faith Formation Grades 6-Conf Prep 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

COVENANT TO CARE

Christmas 2008



Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

It's that wonderful time of year again, when we provide faith, hope, love, and charity to families in need through the Covenant to Care program. Jannette Parilla, our DCF friend, has 13 families she is currently helping through tough times. I know that the economy is putting a strain on all of us, and all I can ask is for everyone to do what you can, which is always incredibly generous and heartfelt. It's actually a smaller list than last year, so we should be able to provide each family a brighter holiday. There is note on the list from Jannette on one family who really needs our help. I encourage folks to share a gift tag, no donation is too small. Cash and checks are also fine. If you make out a check, please remember to make it out to Sacred Heart and put Covenant to Care in the memo field and on the envelope. Finally, used children's clothing has been provided the last two years from some of the younger parents, and it has been a wonderful contribution. Contact me if you have something you think one of these families can use.

This year, to make things easier with some of attending Masses at St. Maurices, I am publishing the gift list. There are three ways to get a "tag".

- Get one after Mass after November 22nd/23rd and November 29th/ 30th*
- Call me at home at 870-8478*
- Email me at claire.crane@comcast.net*

ALL GIFTS ARE DUE BACK BY DECEMBER 13th/14th. If you drop off gifts earlier, make sure they are given to someone like Rella, Ernie, or Father Stan so they can be placed somewhere for safe keeping.

Do not wrap the gifts, please use a non-religious gift bag. No gift bag is needed for a gift card.

IF YOU TOOK A TAG, PLEASE RETURN IT WITH THE GIFT. IF YOU RECEIVED AND ASSIGNMENT OVER THE PHONE, PLEASE MAKE A TAG FOR YOUR GIFT. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT CHILD YOUR GIFT IS FOR..... THANK YOU!!!!

God Bless, and on a happy note, our young mother from three years ago is doing wonderfully :)

*Claire Crane
62 Zoey Drive
Vernon, CT*

Christmas List 2008

If you take a tag for a small child who needs clothes, please get a gift receipt for exchanges.

M = Male

F= Female

Family One

1. Kelsey (F) age 14 \$50 Gift Card - Kohl's
2. Zachary (M) age 10 MP3 Player

Family Two

3. Brianna (F) age 12 \$50 Gift Card - Sears
4. Neko (M) age 4 Spiderman toys

Family Three

5. Ayana (F) age 12 \$50 Gift Card/Bobs
6. Brandon (M) age 13 \$50 Gift Card/Bobs
7. Gregory (M) age 18 m. Clothes 2T
8. Cheyenne (F) age 5 Clothes 6T

Family Four

9. Zachary (M) age 15 \$50 Gift Card -Walmart
10. Logan age 15 \$50 Gift Card - Walmart

Family Five

11. Jason (M) age 3 Clothes 4t
12. Zachary (M) age 9 \$50 Gift Card

Family Six

13. Carolyn (F) age 9 Arts and Crafts Books
14. Thomas (M) age 15 Gift Cards – \$50 BOBS Card

This is a single Father attempting to raise his children on his own after Mother left. Basically, starting from scratch including housing and trying to work as a truck driver with a lot of overnights... Both children are amazing and they are adjusting quite alright. They don't have barely any clothes, shoes, personal items but they are so happy and grateful that they are together with their Father. Thomas plays football for the school team and runs home to help Carolyn with homework when Father is not home. When Father works the overnight shift, their grandparents who are medically fragile assist the best they can.

Family Seven

15. Judith (F) age 15 m Clothes 2T
16. Santonio (M) age 5 Spiderman toys
17. Kelis (F) age 8 \$50 Gift Card.

Family Eight

18. Alisha (F) age 2 Disney Princess toys
19. Juliana (F) age 8m Clothes 2t
20. Jessica (F) age 4 Dora The Explorer toys

Family Nine

21. Paige (F) age 17 \$50 Gift Card
22. Tyler (M) age 14 \$50 Gift Card
23. Aiden (M) age 11 \$50 Gift Card

Family Ten

24. Kiara (F) age 7 Hanna Montana clothes and accessories
25. Kylie (F) age 18 m. Clothes 24 months
26. Trevor (M) age 3 Clothes 3T

Family Eleven

27. Donald (M) age 13 \$50 Gift Card
28. Joel (M) age 16 \$50 Gift Card

Family Twelve

29. Dominic (M) age 3 Kung fu Panda movie and toys
30. Gabriel (M) age 5 Hulk Toys
31. Benjamin (M) age 4 Spiderman toys

Family Thirteen

32. Emily (F) age 14 \$50 Gift Card
33. Sarah (F) age 11 \$50 Gift Card
34. Lauren (F) age 10 \$50 Gift Card

WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR ST. MAURICE
WWW.STMAURICEKOFC.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY / NOV. 22 - 23, 2008

4:00 p.m Mildred Alisch, request of Christmas Fair Workshop Women, and Matteo and Vincent Quagliano, request of Josephine Maratta.

8:45 a.m Frank Kwiatkowski, request of the family.

NEXT SUNDAY Nov 29-30, 2008

4:00 p.m. Olga Guglielmino

8:45 a.m. Frank Hilbie

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:

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

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING” – TITHING

Last week’s collection was \$ 3,399.00

Last year’s collection was \$ 3,993.00

Projected amount needed \$ 4,204.00

(for projected obligation, expenses, repairs and tithing the tithes). “Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these ones, you did not do for me.”....In today’s readings we see that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will care for us in our time of need. However, our relationship with Jesus should not be all take and no give. We, in turn, are expected to care for one another just as Jesus cares for us.

Our sincere thanks to all of you for a successful FAIR. To all who worked, donated and shopped.

WE THANK YOU!

On Dec. 14th, we will have our Mini Fair before and after both Masses: 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. and also 8:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Hope to see you there.....

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – November 22 – 23 Feast of Our Lord, Christ the King./ Fr. Tony, celebrant./ Usher Group III. Thanksgiving Food distribution following 8:45 Mass. Coffee Social and Mini Fair after the 8:45 Mass.

MONDAY, 11/24 Mass at 9:00 A.M. for Frank Samojedny,

TUESDAY 11/25 Mass at 9:00 A.M. for Joseph Samojedny. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served at the Parish Center following the service.

WEDNESDAY 11/26 Mass at 9:00 A.M. for Sophie Samojedny. ADORATION at 3:00 P.M. to 7 P.M.

THURSDAY THANKSGIVING DAY 11/27 Mass at 9:00 A.M. for Ivan Dube, request of Solange Fournier.

FRIDAY 11/28 Mass at 9:00 A.M. for a special intention.

SATURDAY 11/29 Confessions 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Christmas Children’s Choir rehearsal begins after the 4:00 P.M. Mass **and** after the 8:45 A.M. Mass; Children’s Christmas band rehearsals begin at 9:00 A.M. (please see note below)

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 29 – 30, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 P.M.

ALTAR SERVERS: Josh Meyers and Kyle Toce

LECTORS: .Lisa Anderson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda Wiley
 Georgette Pelletier, John Anderson

8:45 A.M.:

ALTAR SERVERS Brendan & Katelyn Donahue, Kristen Cianci.

LECTOR: Paul Brown

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Margaret Brown, Lou Cloutier, Kathleen Smythe.

Like many things in our secular culture, the God dimension of Thanksgiving Day can easily be overwhelmed by other concerns, such as traveling over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house, calling the "how-to-cook-the-turkey" hotline, football games and parades. Strive to keep a special spiritual dimension to the day. Attend Mass as a family. Try a creative meal prayer that includes a number of participants or the reading of a psalm. Suggest a spontaneous shared prayer experience, joining hands, singing a favorite hymn, or involving the children and teens in some way. The special nature of the day and its festive meal make those gathered around the table open to a different approach of giving thanks.

The first Thanksgiving is credited to foreign settlers who arrived in the New World and developed a relationship with the Native Americans. The group of English Puritans immigrated to escape political repression and search for religious freedom. They arrived on the Mayflower in 1620, at Plymouth Rock.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That the bounty of the earth, remind us not only of your providence but our role as stewards, Lord, hear our prayer.

That we not take for granted our freedom to worship God in our chosen faith, Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have been abundantly blessed, share their gifts with those in need. Lord, hear our prayer.

That we are true beacons of light in a world darkened by sin, Lord, hear our prayer.

That our very lives echo our thankfulness and mirror your goodness. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord of creation, grant our needs, and teach us to be your wise and loving servants. In Jesus' name we pray.

THE CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR will rehearse beginning Saturday, Nov. 29th and Sunday Nov. 30th, after the respective Masses. What Mass you attend on the weekend will determine the rehearsal your child/children will attend.

The **Christmas Youth Band** will begin rehearsals Saturday morning, Nov. 29th at 9:00 A.M. at the church.

We encourage all the children of the parish to join in the Christmas Music to proclaim and celebrate the Birth of Baby Jesus.

HEADS UP

THE ANNUAL SHARE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

THE TREE IS UP, THE BELLS ARE BACK,
CHRISTMAS IS COMING QUICKLY,
ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS YOUR HELP.
WHITE BELLS ARE FOR BOLTON FAMILIES,
RED BELLS ARE MACC WISHES
GREEN BELLS ARE HELP FOR WAIM

If you choose a green bell: a check made out to St. Maurice, placed in an envelope and attached to a green bell and returned will be consolidated with others, and one check will be sent to WAIM. WAIM will then make out vouchers to participating stores in the amounts they deem appropriate.

All gifts must be returned by December 14, unwrapped, with bell attached.

ADVENT EVENINGS FOR

YOUTH 2008 Monday,

Monday Dec. 1, 2008

St. Pius X Parish

310 Westfield St.

Middletown, CT 06457

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008

St. Mary's Parish

218 Providence Street

Putnam, CT 06260

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

WHO KILLED CHRISTMAS – A MYSTERY FOR MODERN TIMES

&

MAKING ROOM – THE STORY OF THE INNKEEPER'S WIFE

MUSIC-THEATRE –PRAYER-REFRESHMENTS

Appropriate for all ages

\$10.00 per person (Pre-registration required)

Registration deadline- November 25, 2008-11-14

Call Office for Faith Formation

1575 Norwich-New London Tpke.,

Uncasville, CT 06382-1319