

readings for the week

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

attention all sunday faith formation classes and youth group

All classes and Youth Group scheduled for Sunday, November 25 will not meet in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. These classes will resume next week at their regularly scheduled times.

please note

Rella will be attending a New England Convocation meeting in Springfield, MA on Friday, November 30. The Faith Formation Office will open at 1pm on this day.

felician sisters pre christmas fair

at Our Lady of the Angels Convent , 1315 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut. Saturday, December 1, 2007 10am to 5pm. Homemade food served 11 – 4, TURKEY BINGO 1 – 3. Babki, Craft Items, Pastry Holiday Items And Games. Mass in the Main Chapel at 4pm. Fun for everyone! Bring a friend.

enrich your life - become a healthcare volunteer

Rockville General Hospital and Woodlake at Tolland are seeking volunteers for a variety of interesting and challenging positions. Whether you prefer patient contact or clerical work, we have several opportunities available in the following areas: Concierge Desk, Coffee Cart, Gift Shop - Rockville Hospital, Gift Shop - Woodlake at Tolland

Flexible hours are available and full training is provided. To find out how you can become a valued member of our hospital family, please call the Volunteer Service Department at 872-5155, weekdays from 8am to 4pm.

what do you want to be when you grow up?

Catholic women, ages 21-45 – What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life? Come join with us for prayer, simple supper and sharing on Thursday, November 29 from 6-8:30pm at the Sisters of Notre Dame Provincial House, Windsor, CT. RSVP to Sr. Elaine Betoncourt, CSJ: sebcjs@hotmail.com or 860-586-8637. Sponsored by CT Convocation Council of Women Religious. **The focus of this evening will be discernment of one's vocation, not necessarily a vocation to religious life.**

~ Advent & Christmas Needs ~

Greenery

We are in need of **long-lasting** evergreen branches to be used for our holiday decorating.

If you have any evergreen branches that you can part with, please drop them off at any time at the Church. (If you can leave them outside the parish center kitchen door, that would be best.)

Questions? Please call Sandy at 875-4563.

Covent to Care Holiday Gift Tag Program

(for the impoverished, neglected, and abused children around us)

Holiday gift tags were distributed at Masses on November 17&18 and November 24&25.

This holiday season, Claire Crane is working with our adopted social worker, Jannette, to provide gifts for eleven families. The goal is to fulfill each child's gift tag "wish" and to provide additional items, such as grocery store and store gift certificates to make each families holiday a little brighter. These are families in great need, physically and emotionally.

Anyone who wishes to make donations by cash or check can do so by giving the donation to Claire in lieu of a gift tag, and she will do the shopping.

Checks should be made out to *Sacred Heart* and please also put *Covenant to Care* in the memo field. **All donations and gifts are due on the weekend of December 8&9 at one of the Masses.** Questions? Please call Claire at 870-8478.

join father on a trip to poland

Join Father John Gatzak, Executive Director of the Office of Radio & Television of the Archdiocese of Hartford, on a 10 day, 8 night pilgrimage to Poland, the homeland of our beloved Pope John Paul II, April 24 to May 3, 2008. Visit Warsaw, Poland's brave capital! Krakow, Europe's exciting and lively medieval jewel! Zakopane, a charming resort in the mountains! Pray at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Experience the Auschwitz Memorial. Visit Wadowice, John Paul II's birthplace. Explore the Wieliczka Salt Mines in Krakow.

Cost per person, double occupancy, from JFK is \$2,195 plus air taxes and fuel surcharges. Please call Scott at (203) 758-7367 or e-mail him at fjtours@snet.net for details or visit us online at www.ortv.org and click on Pilgrimages. Don't be disappointed reserve your place now!

thank you

Dear Neighbors,

We appreciate your support of the Basic Needs programs at HVCC. The Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers of HVCC want to thank you for your generous donation of food and school supplies to benefit our clients.

You have also given much needed moral support to the many volunteers and staff at HVCC who work hard to meet the needs of people who need help. We at Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes to you, whose cherished support makes helping our community possible.

Thank you for helping Hockanum Valley help.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Engelson
Executive Director
Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc

thank you

Dear Father Szczapa & Parish Family.

Thank you for your generous donation of three pallets of medical supplies, layettes, food, and miscellaneous items.

Your donation is a welcome gift of a brighter future to people who are trapped in a poverty not of their own making. They count on us for help.

The medical supplies and layettes will be used at our Center of Hope for severely malnourished children and women in high risk pregnancy. The food and miscellaneous supplies will be distributed to the poor of rural Haiti.

Your support is literally saving the lives of the very innocent in Jeremie, Haiti. Thank you for caring and sharing with God's poorest.

With warm regards

Jeremiah J. Lowney.
President, Haitian Health Foundation

a rite for the beginning of advent at home

On Saturday night, December 1, or the first day the wreath is in the home, the leader may say:

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,
we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--
and remember God's promise to our world:
Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.
Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:
The people that walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those who lived in a land as dark as death
a light has dawned.
You have increased their joy
and given them gladness;
They rejoice in your presence
as those who rejoice at harvest,
as warriors exult when dividing spoil.
Is. 9:1-2

Then all pray:

O God,
rejoicing,
we remember the promise of your Son.
As the light from this candle,
may the bless of Christ come upon us,
brightening our way
and guiding us by his truth.
May Christ our Savior bring life
into the darkness of our world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Then the first candle is lighted.

Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal -- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lighted on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lighted, a prayer may be said.

Daily Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath	
First Week O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.	Second Week O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people.
Third Week O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, come and show us the way to salvation.	Fourth Week O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in your hands, come and show us the way to salvation.

NOVEMBER 25, 2007

the work of the church

SATURDAY	CHRIST THE KING
5:00pm	Mass: <i>Salvatore Neri</i> , requested by Frank & Maria Neri
SUNDAY	CHRIST THE KING
8:00am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
10:30am	Mass: <i>Deacon Chuck White, Anniversary</i>
MONDAY	
9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY	
9:00am	Mass: <i>Deceased Members of the Labbadia & Davia Families</i>
WEDNESDAY	
9:00am	Mass: <i>Edward Marino</i> , requested by Joyce Melia
THURSDAY	
4:30-6pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation , Living Room
7:00pm	Mass: <i>Alice Szczapa</i>
7:45pm	Intercessory Prayer , Eucharistic Chapel
FRIDAY	ANDREW, APOSTLE
9:00am	Mass: <i>Joseph Favela</i> , requested by Art & Pauline Casey
SATURDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00pm	Mass: <i>Deceased Members of the Szczapa Family</i> , requested by Helen Jakielo
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00am	Mass: <i>Josephine & Benedict Tantillo, Jr.</i> , requested by Vivian Gisondi & family
10:30am	Mass: <i>Walter & Regina Kaszycki</i> , requested by Helen Jakielo

meetings

SATURDAY	
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass
NO	Faith Formation Levels K – 4, 6 – Conf Prep
NO	Youth Group
MONDAY	
	Offices Closed
WEDNESDAY	
4:00pm	Faith Formation Levels 1,2,4,5
5:45pm	Brownie Troop 697* , Northeast Community Rooms
8:00pm	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
SATURDAY	
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous* , Northeast Rooms
SUNDAY	Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass
9:10am	Faith Formation Levels K – 4
6:30pm	Faith Formation Levels 6 - Conf Prep
7:45pm	Youth Group

* Note: Some groups meeting at Sacred Heart including but not limited to *The Red Cross, Vernon r. Women's Club, Brownies, Cubs, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* and *Narcotics Anonymous* are not part of and not acting on behalf of the Parish or the Diocese