

## Women in the Bible

*The Biblical Study Series on the Women in the Bible that has been meeting on Tuesdays will take a break until **Tuesday, January 30, 2007.***

### attention: all faith formation classes & youth group

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, Faith Formation classes and Youth Group will not meet on:

Sunday, December 24	Wednesday, December 27
Sunday, December 31	Wednesday, January 3

Classes and Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, January 7 or Wednesday, January 10 at their regularly scheduled times.

### youth group

Some members of the Youth Group will help to prepare and serve lunch at Cornerstone on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:50am. Questions? Contact Rella.

### thank you

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Thank you for your continued support and generous donation of \$125.00 to the Cornerstone Foundation. As I reflect on Thanksgiving Day, I thank God for the volunteers who cheerfully gave their time to prepare a delicious meal for our soup kitchen and shelter guests. Television's Channel 30 made an appearance and with their permission interviewed a couple of people. It was heartwarming to hear one of our guests say that the Cornerstone was "like a home away from home." After all is said and done that is our goal, to make our guests feel comfortable while they are looking for permanent housing.*

*With Christmas fast approaching we are prayerfully completing plans for the children's Christmas party, our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas concert, and our Christmas day celebration at the soup kitchen. I want you to know that these events would not take place without your help. Thank you again. You have made a difference.*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,*

*Helen Syriac  
Executive Director  
The Cornerstone*

### readings for the week

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

### thank you

*Dear Friends,*

*Your generous support of the services of Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. is much appreciated. By participating in Adopt-A-Family this year, you gave us much needed help with Thanksgiving holiday dinners for families in need. Thank you for your large food donation.*

*Everyone at Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. extends sincere gratitude and best wishes to you, whose cherished support makes helping our community possible.*

*Thank you for helping Hockanum Valley help.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Kelly Pramberger  
Development Coordinator*

### thank you

*Dear Sacred Heart Parish Family,*

*Your expression of sympathy was a blessing.*

*Thank you so much*

*The Family of Carmine J. Colangelo*

### thank you

*"During a time like this, we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered."*

*Thank you, Father Stan, and also thanks to the Sacred Heart Parish Family for the Mass offerings on 6/24/07 and 10/21/07. God willing, I shall strive to attend those Masses with as many of my family members that I can gather.*

*Thanks again,*

*Robert J. Colliton  
and the family of Anna Colliton*

## Will your holiday gifts change someone's life?

For the poor of Haiti, there will be no Christmas tree, visits from Santa or wrapped gift but you can give a **Gift of Hope** for a brighter future. Your gift can give a child a chance for education, medical care or the luxury of a regular meal.

### How you can help:

Put Haiti on your holiday wish list by requesting a gift for Haiti and forwarding this on to your friends and family.

Give your friends and family a Gift of Hope for Haiti. It's a great way to show your loved ones and colleagues that you are thinking of them while making a difference for people in Haiti.

Give as a group. Instead of exchanging gifts this year suggest to your friends, colleagues, club members, classmates and/or family members that you give a gift as a group.

Your gifts are tax-deductible and Haitian Ministries will send a beautiful holiday card to gift recipients.

Please see the information at

<http://www.archaeoplan.com/HaitMin/haitmin.html>  
for more details

## thank you

*"Your kindness has brightened these dark days  
and brought us comfort.*

*With grateful hearts we remember your kind expression of  
sympathy and tribute to the lady who will always be the light  
of our lives."*

Sacred Heart Parish,

*Thank you so much for the Mass in memory of my mom. I truly  
appreciate it.*

*John Fortin  
and the family of Jackie Fortin*

## thank you

*Father Stan, Ernie, and all my many friends at Sacred Heart  
Parish,*

*A special thank you to all of those friends who were able to  
attend the Memorial Mass this morning for my husband, Fred.  
My heartfelt thanks goes out to the Caregivers committee who  
continue to carry on an important ministry in the Church. I  
always think of Sacred Heart Parish as a part of my family.  
My love and prayers go out to all of you as well.*

*Love,*

*Noreen Storo Deschenes*

## blood drive

Thursday, December 28, 2006, from 11:30am to 5pm at Court House Plus, 47 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon.

For an appointment to donate, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GiveLife (448-3543). Walk-ins will be welcome after 2pm.

Currently the Red Cross blood inventory is at less than 2 days of blood.

## scripture study

Scripture Study continues at Saint Joseph Church in Rockville in January with the study of the Book of Revelation. Classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning January 2nd at 10:00am. The same study will also take place on Sundays beginning January 7th.

Those interested are asked to call 871-1635 to obtain literature and register for the session.

## thank you

*"The family of  
Anna Viscogliosi  
acknowledges with grateful appreciation  
your kind expression of sympathy."*

Dear Sacred Heart Parish,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the love, support and kindness the Sacred Heart Parish Family offered to me and my extended family upon the death of my mother. The closeness and the compassion of our little parish family has been an enormous comfort to me and to my children. You will never know just how much we have hung onto each kind word.

With many thanks,

Lori Calabrese  
Tony, John & Marc Viscogliosi

## an evening of healing and peace

Spiritual Renewal Services will have an Evening of Healing and Peace on **THIS COMING MONDAY**, December 18th at 7pm at Saint Sebastian Church, Middletown, with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Judith Hughes.

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special prayers and ministry, closing with Benediction

## the work of the church

<b>SATURDAY</b>	
5:00pm	Mass: <b>Joseph Franek, Sr.</b> , requested by his wife, Anastasia
<b>SUNDAY</b>	(Babysitting is available during 10:30am Mass)
8:00am	Mass: <b>Kathleen Horvath</b> , requested by her family
10:30am	Mass: <b>Henry Jakielo</b> , requested by Denise Zajac and Cecile Roberts
<b>MONDAY</b>	
9:00am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
9:00am	Mass: <b>Al Bousquet</b> , requested by his family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
9:00am	Mass: <b>Gaspere Davia</b> , requested by Maria Davia
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
7:00pm	Mass: <b>Jose Ramos</b> , requested by Helena, Betty & Margaret Daly
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
9:00am	Mass: <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
5:00pm	Mass: <b>Kostas Stajos</b> , requested by Rich & Rella Bernabucci
<b>SUNDAY</b>	(Babysitting is available during 10:30am Mass)
8:00am	Mass: <b>Michael Chasse</b> , requested by Amanda Chasse
10:30am	Mass: <b>Henry Jakielo</b> , requested by Helen Carlson
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE: SUNDAY</b>	
4:00pm	Mass: <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
7:00pm	Mass: <b>Kenneth Krueger</b> , requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY: MONDAY</b>	
12 Midnight	Midnight Mass: <b>For Peace in the World</b> (No 8am Mass)
10:30am	Mass: <b>Father J. Ralph Kelley</b>

## meetings

<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , Northeast Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Good Fellowship &amp; Tasty Goodies after Mass</b>
9:10am	<b>Faith Formation</b> – Levels 1 – 5
6:30pm	<b>Faith Formation</b> Level 6 – Confirmation Prep
7:45pm	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Offices Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
4:00pm	<b>Faith Formation</b> – Levels K – 5
8:00pm	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
10:00am	<b>Bible Study</b> , South Community Rooms
7:45pm	<b>Intercessory Prayer</b> , Eucharistic Chapel
8:00pm	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*</b> , South Community Rooms
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7:00pm	<b>Narcotics Anonymous*</b> , Northeast Rooms
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Good Fellowship &amp; Tasty Goodies after Mass</b>
NO	<b>Faith Formation</b> – Levels 1 – Confirmation Prep
NO	<b>Youth Group</b>

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\* Note: *Alcoholics Anonymous*, *Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book* and *Narcotics Anonymous* are not part of and not acting on behalf of the parish or Diocese