

**SAINT MAURICE PARISH, STAMFORD**

*Founded October 19, 1935 - Celebrating 75 Years!*

Our MISSION is That ALL may find a welcome home and a place to pray, grow, serve and know Our Lord, Jesus Christ, TOGETHER, here, at St. Maurice Parish.

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
7:55 am <b>Novena</b> 8:00 am <b>Mass</b> (DC) <i>Angelo &amp; Mary Mazacapa r/b Family</i>	8:00 am <b>Mass</b> (DC) <i>Don Donahue r/b Kathy Donahue</i>  9:30 am <b>Meditation (DC)</b>  4:00 pm <b>GOF MARDIS GRAS</b>	7:00 am <b>Mass w/Ashes</b> <i>For the Parishioners</i>  12:05 pm <b>Liturgy of the Word w/Ashes</b>  6:45 pm <b>Faith Formation</b>  7:00 pm <b>Mass w/Ashes</b> <i>For the Parishioners</i>	8:00 am <b>Mass(DC)</b> <i>Catherina Zinicola r/b Family</i>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>         7:15 pm <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	3-3:30 pm <b>Reconciliation</b>  4:00 pm <b>Mass with RCIA Rite of Sending</b> <i>Lazarus and Larry Lampros r/b Family</i>  <b>Monthly Food Collection</b>	8:30 am <b>Mass</b> <i>For the Parishioners</i>  8:45 am <b>RCIA (DH)</b>  10:30 am <b>Mass</b> <i>Betty Gallagher r/b Kieran &amp; Una O'Connell</i>  <b>Monthly Food Collection</b>

**Reflections**

Dear Friends,

This weekend we will remove the green plants, the green material adorning our sanctuary and the white altar linens from our worship space. We will sing the last ALLELUIA'S as we ready ourselves to enter the joyful season of rebirth we call LENT.

Lent offers us an opportunity to take stock of our lives as God's children and disciples. It is a forty day retreat into the depths of our hearts when we are invited-nay IMplored to refocus, realign and remake ourselves in the image of our God. NO EASY TASK! However, in the words of the Hebrew Scriptures, "**Remember, and Never Forget**" that we DON'T do this in a vacuum. We enter into the practices, disciplines, and work of Lent as individuals, yes, **BUT** we also journey through this season in COMMUNITY; with one another and with our God. God will give us the STRENGTH we need to make this journey well!

Please make time to gather with your brothers and sisters in faith- your St. Maurice Family members for any or all of the varied opportunities offered for your spiritual growth and affirmation. You'll find these listed on page 2 of the bulletin and in the Lenten brochure we sent home a last week.

I'll close this short reflection with the prayer we will offer each week during the upcoming Lenten Season and invite all of us to pray this daily.

*Lord God, Our companion and strength,  
Hear our prayers. Be with us on our  
Lenten Journey of Renewal and Awakenings.  
Lead us inward to be at peace with you and  
Impel us outward to be reconciled with one another.  
Help us open our hearts to you  
and trust in your abiding presence.  
This we ask in Jesus' name.  
Amen.*

**Peace & Blessings!**

*Fr. BERD*

**Stewardship Highlights**

**TREASURE**

**Income as of 3/1/11**

Offertory	\$4742.76	Sponsorship	\$ NA
Electronic	\$ 607.85	Rental Income	\$ NA
Mass Stipends	\$ NA	Fuel/Snow	\$ 235.00
Total Income:			\$ 5585.61

**CONSISTENT GIVING IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL!**

We now have **19** families enrolled in the Electronic Giving Program and 4 families that give through automatic withdrawal through their personal checking account.

If you would like more information on either of these options, **please call the office.**

**TOTAL INCOME vs. EXPENSES**

	February	Year To Date
Income:	\$27,467.14	\$352,144.71
Expenses:	\$33,196.56	\$296,899.10
<b>Bottom Line:</b>	<b>\$-5,729.42</b>	<b>\$ 55,245.61</b>

**2010-2011 Offertory Income Actual vs. Budget Summary**

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offertory Income	\$191,793.00	\$189,632.00	\$2,161

**Heat & Snow Removal:**

<b>Total Expenses (so far)</b>	<b>\$29,841.00</b>
<b>Special Collection Subsidy</b>	<b>\$2,874.00</b>
<b>Sponsorship Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

**Our Stewardship Prayer**

*My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be full, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many  
causes if I am a generous giver. It will be a church of loyalty and  
love, fearlessness and faith and a church with a noble spirit if I,  
who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with God's help,*

*I dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that*

*I want my church to be.*

*St. Maurice, Pray For Us*

## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

If you have any questions or needs regarding Faith Formation OR if you would like to offer your time and talent to assist with Faith Formation activities and events, please call Debbie in the Faith Formation Office at 348-8768.

**EUCCHARIST/RECONCILIATION** – The next CLASS is scheduled for Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. in Doran Hall. **There will be a parent meeting from 9:30 to 10:20 on that day. All parents of children making first communion this May are expected to be there.**

**THE NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS** is Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. in Doran Hall.

**CHILDREN ARE SPECIAL**- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Children Are Special mass will be celebrated on the Feast of St. Joseph, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 Mass. The Bread and Soup Dinner will follow in Doran Hall. All are welcome. A FREE WILL Offering will be accepted at the dinner.

**THE MARDI GRAS GENERATIONS OF FAITH CELEBRATION** will take place THIS Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. **Faith formation families who did not attend last week are expected to attend this session.**

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)** is an ongoing process for adults who want to learn more about becoming Catholic, who need to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, or who want to know more about the faith. Our next session will be on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in Doran Hall. Please contact Debbie Ruffin at 203-348-8768 for more information. New participants are always welcome.



### PRAY FOR . . .

#### All those serving in our Armed Forces...

*...Those who are ill . . .* Marge Altomare, Minnie Balzarano, Fr. Nick Calabro, Kathy Carella, Michael Carella, Pete Cavanna, Wayne Charles, Christine Chimblo, Naida Cognetta, Thomas Covino, Julie Czamanski, Isabel Detje, Carolina Dianis, Robert Diesso, Mary Elliot, Joe Ezzo, Frank Fuda, Theodore Giannitti, Msgr. Nick Grieco, Letisha Hammock, Kate Hoelscher, Alice Hughes, Ilene Ianneillo, Yasuko Kabayashi, Evelyn Keller, Kathy Krenicki, Lori Legierse, Brenda Lydecker, Eleanor Macari, Philip Martel, E. Paula Molgano, Jacqueline Moranski, Nancy Pinciaro, Rose Rubino, Richard Scanlon, Paul Spisto, George Sutherland, Mary Ann Totaro, Graham Wallace, Keith Yezzi and Jack Ziolkowski

**May God strengthen and heal you!**

*...The repose of the soul of Pasquale Pinciero* and all the faithful departed.

When we learn that someone is ill, the individual will be added to our prayer list and will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. Kindly call the parish office if you, or someone you know, would like to remain on the prayer list for a longer period of time. Thank you!

### REMINDER:

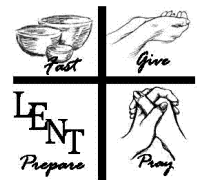
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS IS MARCH 13!**



Change your clocks...Check your batteries

### PREPARE NOW FOR LENT

As a reminder, the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is March 9<sup>th</sup>! Below is a summary of upcoming Lenten activities.



#### **Prepare the Church for Lent!**

Help prepare the church for the Lenten season this **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass.**

#### **Palm Burning**

We will be burning last year's palms at a prayer service on **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Plan to bring any palms you may have at home.

#### **Ash Wednesday**

March 9<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Our Liturgical schedule is **7 AM (Mass), 12:05 PM (Liturgy of the Word), and 7 PM (Mass)** Ashes will be distributed during each service.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be **every Friday** at 7:15 PM Keep watch in the bulletin for information regarding special devotional Stations of the Cross.

#### **Lenten Evenings of Reflection**

Join us every Tuesday during Lent at 7:15 pm as we reflect on our Lenten Journey. These will be held in the Day Chapel.

#### **"Be Reconciled to God"**

We invite you to celebrate the tender mercy of God every Tuesday evening in Lent from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available each of these Tuesday evenings.

#### **Loaves and Fishes Campaign**

A campaign to feed the hungry of Fairfield County will be held throughout Lent. The funds raised will help support emergency food centers and soup kitchens in the diocese.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT AND EASTER

There are many ways that we, as stewards of the church, can more fully and actively participate in the beautiful Masses and Services during the Lent and Easter seasons. Every Friday of Lent we offer Stations of the Cross. Do you have an interest in helping? The Liturgies of Holy Week, from the Holy Thursday Service, through Easter Sunday, offer many opportunities to help with time, talent and treasure and make them more meaningful and beautiful. For more information or questions please see Sue after all the masses or email [stmauricegb@optonline.net](mailto:stmauricegb@optonline.net).

### DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS!

#### CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB

Catholic Widows and Widowers Club will meet the evening of Tues. March 15 NOT on March 20 as previously stated. The time is to be determined. Please contact Donna Hughes at 203-595-0603 or [donnahuz@aol.com](mailto:donnahuz@aol.com).

### ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTERS

Mass	Presider	Lector	Leader of Song	Special Minister
7:00 AM	Fr. Bert	R.DeCamillo		Hogan/Fahey/
12:05 PM	Deacon	J.Sarantos	Scanlon	Aquila/McKeen/ Saverine
7:00 PM	Fr. Bert	S.Cunningham	Choir	Hammock/Lamonte/ Della-Penna

MARCH 6, 2011

# Our Journey Through Ordinary Time



This weekend's Scripture Readings: *Deut. 11:18, 26-28, 32, Romans 3:12-25, 28, Matthew 7:21-27*

Next weekend's Scripture Readings: *Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11*

## A REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK



We, I, should be less doing and more listening. Jesus says "Everyone who listens to these words of mine [the Sermon on the Mount] and does them will be like a sensible person who built his house on rock." Will this spare us, me, from the storms of life? No, there will be rain, flood and gale force wind. But the house of our life will still be standing at the end. We all build our lives on some foundation or another: money, prestige, self-indulgence, or even preaching or healing or wonder-working in Christ's name. These are not the foundation for a life which will see us welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven. Time for examination of conscience! "These words of mine" refer to nothing but the Sermon on the Mount. Take quiet time to read these words. Take quiet time to understand them. This may be the only opportunity you will have for Jesus to really know you when the storms come, especially the final storm of Death. Building your life on any other foundation is to live by someone else's words, and it will all come crashing down: "And its fall was great." There is a beautiful prayer composed for the Lambeth Conference of Bishops in 1948. Let us take it to heart as we attempt to listen to the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, and to do them.

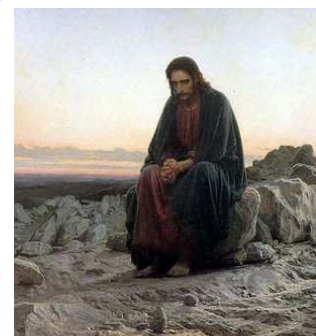
Almighty God,

give us grace to be not only hearers, but doers of thy holy word,  
not only to admire, but to obey thy doctrine,  
not only to profess, but to practice thy religion,  
not only to love, but to live thy gospel.

So grant that what we learn of thy glory  
we may receive into our hearts, and show forth in our lives:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

## A REFLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK

The last verse in today's gospel introduces ministering angels. The scene is Jesus' version of a forty day retreat in the desert. It seems that Jesus is "OK" from the tempter's snare and ready to receive angelic ministrations, perhaps even food. In verse 3 he is cajoled to turn stones into bread. He declines. The third temptation is an incredible property deal (all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, not bad!) that will be given to Jesus if he would commit satanic worship. Jesus nixed that offer with a direct command complete with an exclamation point, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" A revelation of God's glory occurs; "then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him." He feeds, he teaches, and he heals. With Jesus, we meet the woman at the well, witness the raising of Lazarus to life, the healing of the blind man—all move us closer to a deeper understanding of Jesus as one who "comes in the name of the Lord," which we will sing on Palm Sunday. That journey begins today with angelic ministers. Next Sunday we are taken to the mountain top for the transfiguration of Jesus. There will be extraterrestrials there too—Moses and Elijah. With company like that, we are ready for the annual journey to the cross and tomb.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Presider	Lector	Leader of Song	Special Minister
4:00 PM	Fr. Bert	C. Happel	Scanlon	Breman/Griffiths/ Urso
8:30 AM	Fr. Bert	J. Mossa	Scanlon	Harris/ Della-Penna
10:30 AM	Msgr. Nick Grieco	J. Sarantos	Choir	Hughes/Hogan Ezzo

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mass	Presider	Lector	Leader of Song	Special Minister
4:00 PM	Fr. Bert	R. DeCamillo	Scanlon	Lombardo/Griffiths/ Sabanski
8:30 AM	Fr. Bert	P&A. Hammerl	Scanlon	Vega-Cruz/ Della-Penna
10:30 AM	Fr. Bob Uzzilio	M. Lamonte	Choir	DeLeo/Aquila/ Pritting

## ??? QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK ???

**Adults:** Have I ever asked the Lord to help me, while at the same time, I do not have any concern for actually following Jesus' ways?

**Children:** Am I trying to follow the teachings of Jesus the best I can?

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

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<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
7:55 am Novena 8:00 am Mass (DC) John Serafin r/b John & Marge Hogan	8:00 am Mass (DC) For the Parishioners 9:30 am Meditation (DC) 3:45 pm Faith Formation (K-5) 7-8:30 pm Reconciliation (CH) 7:15 pm Evening of Reflection (DC)	8:00 am Mass w/ Holy Hour For the Parishioners 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm Faith Formation	8:00 am Mass (DC) Frank Ryan r/b Al & Adele Aquila	Parish Office Closed 7:15 pm Stations of the Cross	3-3:30 pm Reconciliation 4:00 pm Mass CAS 6 For the Parishioners Bread and Soup Dinner following the 4 pm Mass Blood Pressure Screening Loaves and Fishes	8:30 am Mass For the Parishioners 8:45 am RCIA (DH) 9:30 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Ssn 1 10:30 am Mass Peggy Lanphier r/b O'Dwyer Family Blood Pressure Screening Loaves and Fishes 5:00 pm Confirmation Ssn 8
7:15 pm Finance Committee (Rec)						

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