

SAINT MAURICE PARISH, STAMFORD

Founded October 19, 1935 - Celebrating 73 Years!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 29	30	July 1	2	3	4 Fourth of July	5
8:00 AM Mass <i>Karen Strat</i> (Barbara & Tom McAuliffe)	8:00 AM Mass <i>For the Parishioners</i>	8:00 AM Mass <i>For the Parishioners</i>	8:00 AM Mass <i>Leo & Richard Arecco & Rosary Costello</i> (Arecco Family)	9:00 AM Bulletin Collating Barbara Bateman & Ann Finazzo	4:00 – 4:30 PM Reconciliation	8:30 AM Mass <i>Vincenza Falso</i> (Zinicola Family)
		7:15 PM Meditation Hour			5:00 PM Mass <i>For the Parishioners</i> Grants Collection	10:30 AM Mass <i>Francesco Gencarelli</i> (Sal & Angela Gencarelli)
						Grants Collection

Reflections

My Dear Friends,

In today's second reading, St. Paul offers the community at Corinth a spirituality of giving. He urges them to give and helps them understand that through their generosity, they will in turn be recipients of a spiritual abundance. They will receive from those who are the beneficiaries of their own giving; a reciprocal gift that amounts to an equality of giving through the generosity of Christ.

As we prepare to remember and celebrate the gifts and blessings we have ALL received as a result of the selfless giving of countless Americans throughout our history as a nation, a few good reflection items for each of us this week would be

- *Am I a 'giver' or a 'taker'?*
- *Do I freely offer who I am and what I have to help others?*
- *Can I recognize and name the "spiritual abundance" I have received through my responsible stewardship?*

Peace and Blessings

Fr. BERD...

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

In response to all the good our God has done for us, we are committed to returning our Time, Talent and Treasure to the Lord. Here are some highlights of our Stewardship.

TIME AND TALENT

Once again...to all who participated in selecting the NEW Liturgical Schedule...

THANK YOU... WELL DONE GOOD STEWARDS

TREASURE

Our Parish expenses can only be met by your Responsible Financial Stewardship. *Your financial contributions for June 21st totaled..... \$5,026.00*
Electronic Giving totaled \$ 256.50

We are doing our part to go GREEN! St. Maurice is pleased to offer electronic giving as an option for any parishioner who would like to go paperless. This is also a convenient way to ensure your contributions are made most especially during the summer months. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grade level Faith Formation classes for Kindergarten through 8 students are completed for this year. We will resume again in September.

Pre-registration for next year's Faith Formation classes

If you are new to the parish and have children in grades kindergarten through 8, call the Faith Formation Office to speak with us about the Faith Formation program which will be starting in September. If your children are currently in Faith Formation, please advise us of any younger children who will be starting this year and /or to let us know if you will be returning in the fall. If your child is in a Catholic or private school and are entering grades 2 or 9, please contact us about the First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation registration.

CONFIRMATION 2010 Confirmation class will start with an orientation meeting on June 28th @ 5:30pm. More information will be coming. It is important that you pre-register for Confirmation immediately. Confirmation candidates prepare in the 9th grade and most sessions are on Sunday evening. It is important that you contact the Faith Formation office to advise us if you have a child ready to begin this preparation process. For 9th graders in private or Catholic schools, the preparation takes place in the parish and not the school. Please call Debbie Ruffin at 348-8768 for more information or to register.

RCIA is a process for welcoming people into the Catholic faith. Please join us if you are an adult who is seeking the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation, or a Catholic adult seeking more information about the faith. For information call the Faith Formation Office at 348-8768.

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.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

Our next pre-Baptismal class is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28th** following the 10:30am Mass in Doran Hall. Please contact the parish office at 324-3434 for further information or to register for the class.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2009 goal for St. Maurice Parish is \$60,000. As of this week we have reached our parish goal. We thank all that have made this possible. For the first time in many years St. Maurice will not have to pay the difference to the Bishop's Appeal. We were fortunate enough to have some donors make contributions after June 30th 2008 which began our 2009 Appeal off to a great start. If you are considering a donation to the Appeal your contributions made after June 30th, will be credited towards our 2010 goal. What a great way for us to start our Bishop's Appeal goal for next year!!

Summer Parish Office Hours

June 29 – August 28

Monday – Thursday 9 AM - 1 PM

Closed Fridays



PRAY FOR . . .

All those serving in our Armed Forces, especially Douglas Bryant.

...Those who are ill . . .

Ruth Alexander, Christopher Anderson, Lynne Ansani, Minnie Balzarano, Kathy Carella, Naida Cognetta, Rosalie Covino, Connie DeFazio, Marge Denicola, Anne Duddie, Joe Ezzo, Mary Fahey, Alice Hughes, Bert Longo, Marisol Olavarria, Louis Olive, Anne Perna, Rose Rubino, Frank Ryan, Nancy Simpson, George Sutherland, Kevin Sutton, Mary Ann Totaro, and Ed Wakin.

May God strengthen and heal you!

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of 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!

WHEN SOMEONE IS ILL.....

When members of our parish are homebound, hospitalized or need to enter a nursing home the

ONLY WAY WE KNOW

is if a family member or friend tells us. PLEASE let us know by calling the office. ALSO if you are aware of someone NOW who you think would appreciate a call or visit from one of the staff members...LET US KNOW! Call the office at 324-3434.

CATHOLIC GUILD BOOK SALE

Representatives from the Catholic Guild will be at St. Maurice Parish this weekend - **June 27th – 28th**. Their mission is to promote the reading of Catholic literature and they make it simple by bringing books to our parish. Various Catholic books, prayer books and Bibles (English and Spanish) will be available for sale after all Masses. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to stop by their display in the back of the Church.

KIDUCATION CLOTHING BOX

Our KIDUCATION clothing drive container has moved! We are still collecting clothes but have moved the container to the other side of the garage.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

We mailed out to every Family in our Parish forms for electronic giving. We have had a good response and would like to add more to the program. Electronic giving has benefits for both the Parish and the Parishioner. If you have any questions concerning how the process works you can contact Trish at the Parish Office during business hours.

Our Journey Through Ordinary Time

This weekend's Scripture Readings: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43
Next weekend's Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

A REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

Pilgrims canter to Canterbury, saunter to the Holy Land (terra sancta) and roam to Rome. These terms for different kinds of paces have entered English, not just as words for speed but as part of an ancestral memory of these important destinations linked to change and holiness. The tombs of Peter and Paul, the first apostolic witnesses to the Church, bring us close not only to history but also to the one who sent them. Rome is not heaven, but it is the diocese of the successor of Peter and Paul. We receive the message of the apostles: "Repent, the reign of God is at hand." Do we hear that message? Do we act on it?

REFLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK

"No prophet in prophecy." In his hometown, Jesus found people were too close to him to have faith in him, his words and his work. Amazed at their lack of faith, he felt the strength of his weakness. Our task is to learn the fragility of our own status and find our strength in the Lord. Then we can prophesy: tell the truth about reality and speak of the Lord's steadfast care for each and every one of us. Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

June 27th & 28th
 13th Weekend of Ordinary Time

Mass	Presider	Lector	Leader of Song	Special Minister
5:00 PM	Fr. DeMarco	B. MacInnis	D. Bodofsky	P.Griffiths/ B. Breman/L. Lombardo
8:30 AM	Fr. Ayub/ Deacon Ralph	J. Sarantos		N. Sabanski/M. Hogan
10:30 AM	Fr. Bert/ Deacon Ralph	S. Pritting	J. Pritting	M. O'Connell/ M. Fahey

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

July 4th & 5th
 Fourth of July Weekend

Mass	Presider	Lector	Leader of Song	Special Minister
5:00 PM	Fr. Bert	P. Molgano	D. Sugrue	S. Deleo/ B. Breman/T. Olive
8:30 AM	Fr. Ayub	P. Keltos-Kelly		D. Ambrose/F. Blakeslee
10:30 AM	Fr. Bert	S. Cunningham	J. Pia	D. Ezzo/ G. Saverine/S. Pritting

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July 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Summer Office Hours Mon-Thurs 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	6:30 PM Prayer Shawl (CAT)	6:00 PM Al-Anon (CAT)		Parish Office Closed – Summer Hours	**New Mass Schedule	**New Mass Schedule
6:00 PM Liturgy Comm. (Rectory)	7:30 PM Social Activities (DH)	7:15 PM Meditation Hour (DC)		9:00 AM Bulletin Collating: Eleanor Kohn & Betty Genter	4:00-4:30 PM Reconciliation	8:30 & 10:30 AM
					5:00 PM Vigil** Food Collection	Food Collection

A Fourth of July Prayer

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful. On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

AMEN!

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