


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
29	30	31	SEPT. 1ST	2	3	4 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:55 am Novena 8:00 am Mass (DC) <i>Nancy Pinciaro r/b Bobby & Chris McDonald</i>	8:00 am Mass (DC) <i>For the Parishioners</i> 9:30 am Meditation (DC)	8:00 am Communion Service w/ Holy Hour	8:00 am Mass (DC) <i>For the Parishioners</i>	Parish Office Closed	3:00 pm-3:30 pm Reconciliation 3:30 pm Rosary 4:00 pm Mass <i>Patty Sullivan Mostowy r/b Rich Gabriele</i>	8:30 am Mass <i>John Mallozzi r/b Family</i> 10:30 am Mass <i>For the Parishioners</i> 2:00 pm Wedding
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Reflections

A reflection on the "Family"

Sometimes Parishioners complain that they are tired of coming into a church in which social conversations are carried on in such a loud voice that they find it difficult to concentrate on their prayers. As with most things it's a matter of the proper balance. Sometimes we do forget that the purpose of our gathering is to worship God. Sometimes the chatter is carried too far. However, we also need to remember that we come to Mass to worship together, not as isolated individuals each praying our own set of prayers. There is a time for quiet, individual prayer but that is not the purpose of our Sunday Mass. The ritual of the Mass is, and always has been, the celebration of a meal and so we gather as the family of God. Therefore we need to remember that whatever we do is done together. It is appropriate that we take time for one another as we gather. We greet one another and we recognize that the church is first and foremost a gathering of God's people. Often enough we find the Lord in the Eucharist that we receive and in the Word that we hear. It is also important to discover God's presence in the people who have gathered in his name. We share our history together in the hearing of God's word in Scripture. We share faith as we sing and pray together. We share together in the meal that is God's gift of God's own Son.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. BERD...

Stewardship Highlights

TREASURE

Income as of 8/21/2011

Offertory	\$5,674.90	Mass Stipend	\$ 70.00
Electronic	\$ 704.94	Other Income	\$ 50.00
Assumption	\$ 122.00		

Total Income: \$ 6,621.84

TOTAL INCOME vs. EXPENSES

	August	Year To Date
Income:	\$24,262.71*	\$ 47,877.28*
Expenses:	\$25,122.27	\$ 56,505.00
Bottom Line:	-\$ 859.56	-\$ 8,627.72

* includes "restricted" income to be allocated for Grants & Sponsorship

2011-2012 Offertory Income Actual vs. Budget Summary

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offertory Income	\$37,591.54	\$40,809.20	-\$3,217.66

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 bring other people into its worship & fellowship
if I invite them.
It will be a church of loyalty & love, of fearlessness & faith,
and a church with a noble spirit
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task of being
all the things that I want my church to be.*

St. Maurice, Pray For Us!

TWENTY SECOND 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 the parish office at 324-3434.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS! JOIN THE R.C.I.A. TEAM!



We are searching for men and women who would like to work with adults interested in exploring Catholicism or continuing their faith journey as a Catholic. All that's required to join the RCIA team is a desire to share our Faith and the dedication to work as a Team member beginning this Fall. We will provide materials, coaching and never-ending support. All sessions with aspiring Catholics are co-led by at least two Team members. Many of you have witnessed the joy of our candidates over the years as they received all or some of the Sacraments for the first time at the Easter Vigil. It's an experience like no other to be a part of their formation and reception into the Church. If you want to learn more about this very special stewardship opportunity, contact Kathy Dechant via phone (203-921-1999) or email: dechantkathleen@yahoo.com.



The victims of Natural Disasters

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

...*Those who are ill* . . . Marge Altomare, Minnie Balzarano, Elaine Berkowitz, Marianne Cardillo, Kathy Carella, Michael Carella, Pete Cavanna, Wayne Charles, Christine Chimblo, Naida Cognetta, Julie Czamanski, Isabel Detje, Robert Diesso, Peter Dombroski, Mary Elliot, Joe Ezzo, Frank Fuda, Theodore Giannitti, Letisha Hammock, Kate Hoelscher, Alice Hughes, Ilene Ianneillo, Bernadette Jachinczyk, Yasuko Kabayashi, Kathy Krenicki, Susan Lampros, Lori Legierse, Carol Lovello, Brenda Lydecker, Eleanor Macari, Wayne Malloy, Jacqueline Moranski, Barbara Punzi, Rose Rubino, Paul Spisto, George Sutherland, Mary Ann Totaro, Graham Wallace, Susan Weil, Keith Yezzi and Jack Ziolkowski.

May God strengthen and heal you!

...*The repose of the soul of* Nancy Pinciario, Sonny Costanzo and all the faithful departed.

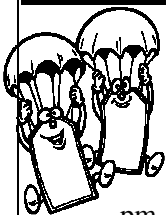
Please Note: When we learn that someone is ill, the individual will be added to our prayer list and will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. Kindly call the parish office if you, or someone you know, would like to remain on the prayer list for a longer period of time. Thank you!

WEDDING BANS



II Marvin Alfaro & Luisa Betances

ST. MAURICE TAG SALE NEWS



St. Maurice Tag Sale is scheduled for September 24th from 9am-3pm! Mark the date and start getting your items together now! We will be collecting donation items for the Tag Sale on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm and after all Masses on the weekend. Tax donation letters will be available upon request.

MUSIC MINISTRY

ARE YOU READY?!? *St. Maurice music ministry begins rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Any and all invited to attend!* Any questions, please call Sue at 203-334-3434 or email susan.hicks@sbcglobal.net. New voices WELCOME!

ST. LEO PARISH FAIR

St. Leo Parish will hold their annual Fair from Tuesday, August 30, through Saturday, September 3. Every year the fair is known for good food, friendly surroundings, raffle, live entertainment, games and amusements! Questions or more information? Contact Denise Esposito at 203-322-1669, ext. 227.

MARK THE DATE!

St. Maurice will once again host a

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

September 12, 2011
1:30PM—6:45PM

Please call the Red Cross at
1-800-RED CROS
for more information and to
register for this blood drive.



MORE COMMUNITY - MARK THE DATE!



**Friday, November 4, 2011 at
Glenbrook Community Center**

Life Line Screening will be offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-800-690-6313 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159. There is no time like the present to take action!



AUGUST 28, 2011



Our Journey Through Ordinary Time

This weekend's Scripture Readings: *Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27*

Next weekend's Scripture Readings: *Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, Mathew 18:15-20*

A REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

GET BEHIND ME SATAN! Do you think that if Jesus had the capability to feed thousands, calm tempests, cause the blind to see and the lame to walk, that he could at least have saved himself? Well it was more than a faith crisis for Peter. It was a counterimage of Jesus that shook Peter's inner core. What Peter did not understand was that the power of Jesus to do all these miracles was not for himself.... it was for the starving, the drowning, the blind, the diseased, the troubled; all those who came to him with hands outstretched and hearts breaking. His feeding the multitudes, his feeding his disciples at the evening meal, his embracing the children—all of these miracles transformed lives. When difficulties trap us, then we need to analyze what they are doing **for** us, not so much what they are doing **to** us. They give us another moment to do what Jesus told us to do—"Take up your cross and follow me."



A REFLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK

Jesus in today's Gospel attends to this destructive side of our human nature. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that "anything goes." It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves. And we know when these qualities are taking deep root in us because answering a question like, "What do you really like about yourself?" is a piece of cake!



Welcoming the
ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION
Deponere. Nutrire. Celebrare

PART 2: THE MEANING BEHIND CHANGES

The Liturgy of the Eucharist: Communion: The communion procession is supported by the Communion Hymn, a hymn in praise of Christ sung by the united voices of those who believe in him and share his life. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* takes this hymn very seriously, mandating that it should begin at the Communion of the priest and extend until the last person has received Communion. For some, however, the singing of this hymn is perceived as an intrusion on their own prayer, their private thanksgiving after Communion. In fact, however, this hymn is prayer. When we come together to participate in the Eucharistic celebration we come, not as individuals, but as united members of Christ's body. In each of the Eucharistic Prayers, though the petition is worded in slightly different ways, God is asked to send his Holy Spirit to make us one body, one spirit in Christ; the *General Instruction* says that the faithful should become **one body**, whether by hearing the word of God, or joining in prayers and singing ... (GIRM, no. 96) it describes one of the purposes of the opening song of the Mass as to ... intensify the unity of those who have been gathered and says the Communion Hymn's function is to express outwardly the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, ... and to highlight the communitarian nature of the procession to receive Communion. It seems appropriate to conclude this reflection on the Communion Procession and the reception of Communion with a quote ... If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond 'Amen' ('yes,' it is true!') and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, 'the Body of Christ' and respond 'Amen.' Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true. (St. Augustine) 'CCC n.1396)

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

August 27th & 28th
22nd Sunday In Ordinary

Mass	Presider	Lector	Leader of Song	Special Minister
4:00 PM	Fr. Bert	A. Hughes	Scanlon	Sarantos/Lombardo/ Griffiths
8:30 AM	Fr. Bert	J. Mossa	Scanlon	Sabanski/ Della-Penna
10:30 AM	M McGr.	N. Ambrosecchio	Scanlon	S. DeLeo/McKeen/ Hughes

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

September 3rd & 4th
23rd Sunday In Ordinary

Mass	Presider	Lector	Leader of Song	Special Minister
4:00 PM	M McGr. Grieco	C. Happel	Scanlon	Anderson/Gibson/ Sabanski
8:30 AM	TBD	P&A. Hammerl	Scanlon	Blakeslee/ Della-Penna
10:30 AM	Fr. Bert/ Deacon Ralph	S. Pritting	Scanlon	Sarantos/Aquila/ Lamonte

??? QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK ???

Adults: In what ways have you had to "take up your cross" and still tried to live in a positive and hopeful way?

Children: If you were Peter in this story, how would you have reacted to Jesus?

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Labor Day Parish Office Closed					Catholic Universities of America Monthly Food Collection	Catholic Universities of America Monthly Food Collection