

Theme: The resurrection is the ultimate triumph in the Christ story. Why do we apply that word to the cross? Is not faithfulness the key – Jesus is faithful to God’s intent to show his great love for us, no matter what.

That the World Might Be Saved Through the **Son**



Religious Education News

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 13

8:00 AM Month’s Mind: Robert Lombardo
4:30 PM Memorial: Marianne Bonelli & Carol Bonelli Basile

Sunday, September 14

8:00 AM Memorial: Della & Thomas Feehan
10:00 AM 1st Anniversary: Judge Francis Vignati
11:30 AM Memorial: Rita Brassil

Monday, September 15

6:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 AM For the People of St. Peter Claver

Wednesday, September 17

6:30 AM 10th Anniversary: Myrtle Mary Leary

Thursday, September 18

6:30 AM Memorial: Nancy M. O’Leary

Friday, September 19

6:30 AM Memorial: Barbara Mulhearn

Saturday, September 20

8:00 AM 10th Anniversary: James P. Curley
4:30 PM Anniversary: Mary Anne Coroso

Sunday, September 21

8:00 AM 5th Anniversary: Richard Larkins
10:00 AM 1st Memorial: Gertrude Petrilak
11:30 AM Memorial: Richard W. O’Connor



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, September 14

Religious Education Classes Begin

Thursday, September 18

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Hall



Banns of Marriage

1st Banns - Neil Helsley and Patricia Kennelly

MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE...

will be held on Tuesday, **September 16**, 7:30 pm at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, with rosary at 6:55 pm. Presider: Rev. Ray Introvigne with Judith Hughes, co-directors of the Charismatic Renewal, Diocese of Norwich. Trained prayer teams available after Mass.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The Law of Christianity in today’s gospel is the Law of Gravity in reverse. “No one goes up...except the one who has come down.” Today Jesus teaches us to lay “down” our self interests so we, and those we love, might have life more abundantly. Self interests can be obstacles to our happiness and the happiness of others.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to those who stepped forward to volunteer as Catechists for 2008-09!! We still have two openings for Catechists in Gr. 6 and 7. If you have considered sharing your faith with our children, please call the Religious Ed Office at 521-2904.



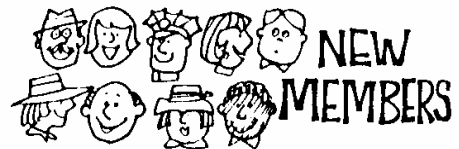
MOTHERS CIRCLE

If you have young children in the parish, ages birth to 5 years of age and are looking for a group to belong to, this is it!

We’re starting a group for mothers of young children who would like to get together for playgroups, story times, and workshops. This group will also sponsor the Breakfast with Santa Event, our Easter Egg Hunt and perhaps other seasonal events. If you have younger children that are not yet in the religious education program and would like to get involved in your parish, please consider joining this group. Moms who are interested in joining this group should call or email Janine Cote at 521-2904 or spcreled@sbcglobal.net.

BABIES AND CHILDREN....

are most welcome in our church and in at our services! However, please be aware that even happy noises may be distracting to others around you! The cry room (in the back of the church) is provided for parents’ convenience and the congregation’s ability to focus their attention. Our cry room is equipped with speakers in order that everyone is able to hear the service.



We are pleased to welcome the following new members who joined our Parish Community recently: **James & Le-An Flaherty, daughters Eilish and Cailin, sons Declan and Colum; Justin & Kelly Clark, daughters Myra and Penelope; Alan & Ashley Zapata, son John, daughter Elizabeth; Betty-Jean McAulay; Wilfer & Hope Zuleta, son Conner; Joseph & Nona Sposito, sons Matthew and Peter, daughter Mary.**

AN EXPERIENCE OF PARISH RESTRUCTURING

On **Tuesday, September 23, at 7 pm**, the West Hartford Parishes Adult Enrichment Team and the Greater West Hartford Voice of the Faithful are co-sponsoring a panel presentation entitled, **An Experience of Parish Restructuring: the Story of the Catholic Community of East Hartford-North**. The panel will include Rev. John Rohan, pastor of the three clustered parishes of St. Mary, St. Rose and St. Isaac Jogues, and lay members from those parishes who will share their experiences with others who are in the process of preparing for their own parish restructuring. The presentation will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford.

HAITIAN MINISTRY.....STOP & SHOP CARD SALE....

Please support the medical ministry of service to Haiti. Over the years, our parish has been supporting semi-annual medical missions to Haiti. For 2008/2009, the ministry would like to do even more to provide continual care for our fellow Haitians. Please consider purchasing Stop and Shop gift cards regularly after mass each week. Cards are sold in \$50 and \$100 increments. Each card can be used for its' full face value, there is NO COST to you. Since we buy in bulk, we receive a 5% discount which helps fund the medical mission. Parishioners will be available at the back of the church **after all weekend masses**, so please stop by to chase a card. If you would like to sign up for weekly email reminders so you'll remember to bring your cash or checks made payable to St. Peter Claver, email Sue Farrell at sfarrell03@snet.net.

MANY MUM THANKS!!!

Hannah wreaked no havoc on our MUM SALE! Despite storm predictions changing our venue to inside the Parish Center, you definitely found those Mums, and a whirl wind of sales swirled through the hall with a total of 272 plants swept away. THANK YOU for stepping in to so generously support HOPEWORKS and its Mum sale this year, particularly those who chose to donate their change or a check. We also appreciate our Knights of Columbus for helping out as usual with the Mum set-up and our staff of sales volunteers. **AGAIN MANY MUM THANKS!**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKENDS

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese, located at St. Stephen's Church in Hamden, sponsors the weekend program Beginning Experience, for people grieving the loss of their marriage due to death, separation or divorce. This is an international peer support program designed to be a time of closure on the past and renewed hope for the future. For information and dates of weekends call 203-230-2460 or Yvonne at 860-693-1913.

The flowers by the altar this weekend have been donated in loving memory of Marianne Bonelli & Carol Bonelli Basile by the Bonelli Family.



HOSPICE CARE

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is sponsoring a volunteer orientation course in Farmington for prospective volunteers in all aspects of hospice care. Representatives from the nursing and medicine, social work, pastoral care and bereavement departments will make presentations describing their individual roles in interdisciplinary care of hospice patients in the home care setting. If interested contact Pat A. Corradino at 1-(800) 8 HOSPICE ext. 510 or pnowak@hospice.com

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from Whom they came and am grateful?

LITURGY NEWS

Newly Baptized

We wish to welcome **Cecelia Grace Peck** daughter of **Christopher and Johanna Peck** who will be baptized this weekend. We give thanks that our parish family is growing. As a parish family, we pray that she will grow into the faith into which she has been baptized.

BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS PROGRAM

The next presentation of the Baptismal Catechesis Program will be held on **Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm** in the Music Room of the Parish Center. Parents anticipating the Baptism of a child at St. Peter Claver during the months of **October** and **November** should call the rectory office at 561-4235, to sign up for the program. Godparents are also encouraged to participate. Parents must be registered members of St. Peter Claver Parish and regularly attending Sunday Mass in order to have their child baptized in our parish. The selection of godparents should be done with careful thought.

DISCERNMENT EVENING

Single Catholic Women with an interest in vowed religious life, ages 21-45, are invited for prayer, simple supper and sharing on the topic, "What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" The gathering is sponsored by the CT Vocation Council of Women Religious and will be held from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, the 4th Monday of this month, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Provincial House, 27 Park Rd. W. Hartford. To attend, contact Sr. Elaine Betoncourt, CSJ via email at elainebetoncourt@hotmail.com or (860) 586-8637.

REFLECTION ON THE HOLY CROSS

Because of this, God greatly exalted him. Scripture this week is packed with a lot of things to consider; ascents and descents, sin and repentance, servants and lords, death and eternal life, but one word in the Philippians reading says a lot: *because*. Not merely reciting facts – Jesus descended, then was raised – Saint Paul says **because** Jesus humbled himself, God exalted him. The act of "descending" – in the Incarnation and the Crucifixion – leads to the lifting up of Christ at the cross and in His Resurrection. Here is a pattern for Christ's followers: See the humanity of Jesus, of God choosing to take on our nature and be in solidarity with human beings, even to the point of emptying Himself for the sake of others. This suffering servant becomes the exalted Lord before whom every knee bends. He did not exalt himself; He was exalted. The humble, the servants, the repentant see in his rising their own exaltation: being taken up into life with God forever.

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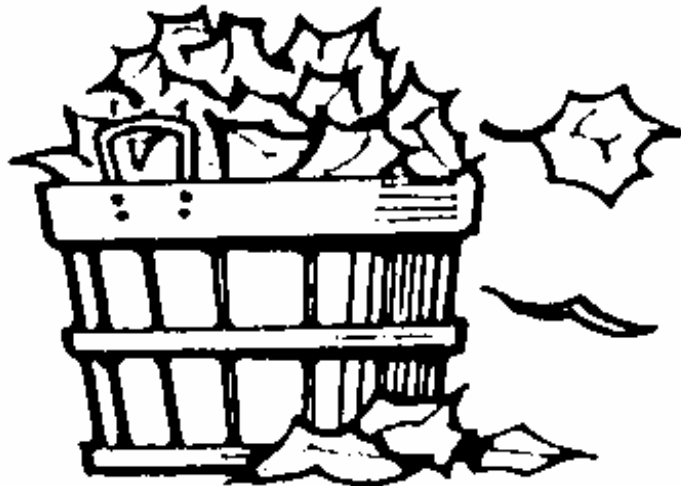
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AUTUMNFEST



Join Us on
SUNDAY, September 21st
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m
Saint Peter Claver Church

Parking Lot

Questions or Volunteers contact Theresa Ravalese ravalese@comcast.net
or Audrey Byrnett aobyrnett@aol.com

Food

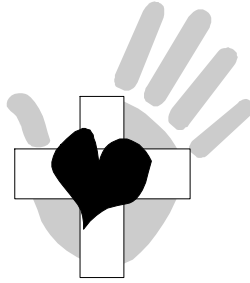
Hay Rides

Bouncers

Pumpkin Painting!

“Speaking with our Hands”

A Ministry Fair



Our Stewardship committee has planned a ministry fair to help us learn more about the many and various ways that we can follow St. Peter Claver’s example of discipleship by speaking with our hands right here in this community.

It will be held after all masses on **Sept 27th and 28th**

Join Us
Enjoy refreshments
Enter a raffle for prizes
Bring the whole family

The ministry fair will be followed by a witness/sign up weekend where we will listen to stories of discipleship and then everyone will be given the opportunity to express their interest in ministry.

Witness/ sign up to “Do One Thing” weekend **October 4th and 5th** at all masses.

“We must speak to them with our hands before we speak to them with our lips”.

~St. Peter Claver