

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. **APRIL 12 (Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter)**
 † JOHN O'DELL (Jim & Rosemary Tyrrell)

SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. **APRIL 13 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**
 † POULIOT & BEAULIEU FAMILIES
 (Armand & Connie Pouliot)

10:15 a.m. † VICTOR MONTESANO (Labato family)

MONDAY 9:00 a.m. **APRIL 14 (Easter Weekday)**
 † ANN & CATHERINE MCCAUGHEY
 (Betty Marshall)

11:00 a.m. Crestfield Convalescent Home

TUESDAY 9:00 a.m. **APRIL 15 (Easter Weekday)**
 † ANN DUMAS (Donna Battistone)

WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. **APRIL 16 (Easter Weekday)**
 Intentions of JANICE WHITESELL
 (Lee Whitesell)

THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. **APRIL 17 (Easter Weekday)**
 † HENRY SCHUETZ (Edna Schuetz)

FRIDAY 6:30 p.m. **APRIL 18 (Easter Weekday)**
 Rosary

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. **APRIL 19 (Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter)**
 † ANN DUMAS
 (Dr. Jeremiah & Virginia Lowney)

SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. **APRIL 20 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)**
 † JOSEPHINE DICKENSON
 (Gail and Gene Dickenson)

10:15 a.m. † MARIA FRATTAROLI (Margaret Pompa)

Cantor and Presider Schedule

Apr. 19/20	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Cantor		Mary Jo Tomsic	Mary Jo Tomsic
Presider	Fr. Tom	Fr. Tom	Fr. Tom
Deacon	Ed Giard		Ed Giard
Organist	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

OFFERTORY REPORT

Apr.	Needed	\$ 6,981	Actual	\$ 8,329
Year to Date	Needed	\$ 97,714	Actual	\$ 106,842

Year-to-Date our budget is + \$9,128

Church Maintenance: \$2,977

Please remember in your prayers this week, *Wapping Community Church UCC*, a participating member of MACC (Manchester Area Conference of Churches).

THIS WEEK AT ST. BARTS.

SUNDAY 3:30-4:30 p.m. **APRIL 13**
 Bereavement Ministry
 SCC Potluck Supper

MONDAY 9:30 a.m. **APRIL 14**
 Small Church Community

6:00-8:00 p.m. K-8 Catechist Dinner

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary

7:00 p.m. RCIA

TUESDAY 4:00 p.m. **APRIL 15**
 Small Church Community

WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. **APRIL 16**
 Adult Choir

THURSDAY 9:45-11:30 am **APRIL 17**
 Small Church Community

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society

FRIDAY 10:00-12:00 pm **APRIL 18**
 Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. Rosary Prayer Group

7:15 p.m. Adoration

SATURDAY 8:00 am **APRIL 19**
 Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY 1:00 p.m. **APRIL 20**
 6:30 p.m. Youth Rally with Pope in NY
 Hunger Walk
 High School Youth Group

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES PRE K-8 Thank you for a great year.
CONFIRMATION – GRADES 9 & 10 The next Confirmation Class is Sunday, May 4 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 27 is the required **9th Grade Retreat**. Please remember to get your forms in.

2008/2009 REGISTRATION: Religious Education and Confirmation Program registrations are going on now. To avoid late fees, complete your child's registration now. If your child will be entering kindergarten next fall, please call or stop by to register. Also, those attending East Catholic High School next fall, register now for Confirmation classes. You may also go to the parish website to obtain registration forms for **PreK-8-Religious Ed.** and **9th & 10th Grade-Confirmation.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

The **Junior Youth Group** will meet on Sun., May 18, time TBA, at the Game Room in Vemon.
 The **High School Youth Group** will meet on Sunday, April 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class Members: All forms for the Walk and collected money is due from all participants after any Mass April 19/20, at the youth ministry office. **Parents must sign the forms.** The walk begins at 1:00pm Sunday April 20 at St. Bart's.

Please pray for our youth and adults going to the **Youth Rally with Pope Benedict** at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY next Saturday, April 19.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL 2008 Parishioners are invited to join in this Confirmation service project on **Saturday, April 26**. It will begin at 8:30 am from the St. Bart's parking lot.
 If you're interested in helping, please pick up a volunteer form from the Youth Ministry or Parish Office and return ASAP.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY will gather on **Sunday, April 13** from 3:30-5:00 pm. This is a sharing group for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. All interested in this healing group are invited to join us the second Sunday of each month. For more info or questions, call Mary Lonnemann or the office.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** at St. Bartholomew is looking for benefactors. Anyone interested in making a donation will greatly be appreciated. Please make checks payable to: **The St. Bartholomew St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. BART'S
SATURDAY, APRIL 19 at 8:00 am.**

Men, yes...

Our snowed out Breakfast is rescheduled!

only \$5

Join with other men of the parish for food and fellowship in Father Hussey Hall at St. Bart's from 8-9 am on Saturday, April 19.

The menu will be scrambled eggs, bacon, corned beef hash, toast, coffee and juice. Good food and good fellowship mixed with spirituality makes for a great way to start the day! Please let us know that you will join us by signing the sheet at the parking lot entrance or calling or emailing Diane in the parish office at 646-1613, dgluhosky@aol.com. **Sign up by April 14.** We'll collect the \$5 fee at the door on the morning of the breakfast. **In by 8:00 - out by 9:00.**

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS 3500 non-citizens are serving in the U.S. military. 8,000 permanent resident aliens enlist every year.

Source: Dept. of Defense website, 3/7/08. *About 7200 service members or people who have been recently discharged have citizenship applications pending which may take as long as 18 mos. to process. Says Sen. Charles E. Schumer of N.Y. "These are men and women who are risking their lives for us. They've met all the requirements for citizenship, they have certainly proved their commitment to our country, and yet they could lose their lives while waiting for a bureaucratic snafu to untangle."*

N.Y. Times 2/24/08

RELAY FOR LIFE MEMORY QUILT On Friday and Saturday, June 6/7, the American Cancer Society will be sponsoring the "Relay for Life" at Northwest Park in Manchester. Over the past 6 years a memory quilt for Sue Rowe, a parishioner who died of cancer, has been raffled. Because the quilt maker is unable to continue, **this will be the last year for the raffle.** This is unfortunate as the quilt has raised almost \$10,000 for the Relay. **This year the quilt will be displayed after the Masses on May 3 and 4.** Raffle tickets will also be available. They will be \$2 each. The quilt will be raffled on Saturday, June 7. The winner need not be present. In past years St. Bart's parishioners have been very generous. **Let's keep the tradition going and have the quilt's final year be very successful!**

Equal Exchange Coffee & Chocolate The coffee is sold out for now but we will order again during the summer to begin sales again in September. We still have chocolate available for sale in the parish office.

**SCC – SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES
Focus Questions on Sunday Readings
April 13, 2008 –4th Sunday of Easter**

John 10:1-10
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25

Every once in awhile you and I get lost in our search for what we sense is missing in our days, and so we wander in search of soul, only we don't call it that. We say we need to put some life back into our lives or that we need more air in our balloon.

The trait we call "soul" is a curious thing. We're not always sure how to find it or even what it might be. Richness or depth perhaps, or sometimes meaning. Maybe it's energy, or gusto. Whatever soul is, without it, everything goes flat. When their lives go flat, a lot of folks end up tossing that portion of life away, like an unexciting job or stale marriage. At such times, we realize that if our lives have lost their soul, then so have our very beings. Then it feels like life without purpose or meaning or maybe even God. At that point we desperately long for someone to show us how to find our way back.

Enter Jesus, the Shepherd. Peter's letter on this Sunday notes how "you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25). In truth, whenever you and I live the way of the shepherd, our lives seem richer. They seem to have soul when we care for others more than for ourselves, when we forgive (even though it may be grudgingly), or are generous or peaceable or faithful.

1. Has your life ever been drained of soul? What was it like? What brought soul back to you?
2. What's the role of God in your need for life to have soul?
3. Which way might God be leading you?

(Reference: Living the Word)

CANNED FRUIT is the fruit of the month. Place your donation in the boxes at the church entrances. Help FEED THE HUNGRY.

Look for the Confirmation Class members after each Mass this weekend, and next weekend, collecting for the **1st Annual Walk to Tie Up Hunger for MACC.** One hundred percent of your donation supports Manchester Area Conference of Churches' ability to provide food to the hungry in our communities. Every \$1 raised purchases food worth \$10 from Foodshare-great leverage of your hard earned dollars! If you would like to raise money from sponsors and walk with us April 20, see the MACC bulletin board for forms and information. You can walk 2 or 4 miles right here in Manchester, beginning at St. Bart's at 1:00pm.

"The Three Divas" Concert

Saturday, April 26 7:00pm

Trinity Covenant Church

302 Hackmatack St., Manchester, CT

860-649-2855 for directions

FREE ADMISSION – all donations received will go directly to **MACC charities**