

**Second Collection**

**Celebrate the Hope that Saves**

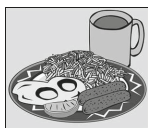


Today is World Mission Sunday. We are called to this Eucharist celebration – along with Catholics in every parish, chapel and church throughout the world – to fulfill the call we first heard at Baptism, the call to be missionaries, to share our faith. On World

Mission Sunday, we are invited to “celebrate the hope that saves” through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Let us pray especially at this Mass for all who long to hear the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus, and for the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that “Good News.”

**PARISH MISSION AT  
ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH**

Passionist Father Vincent Youngberg of Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford will present a parish mission at St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol Monday-Thursday, November 7-10, after the 8:00am Mass and again at 7:00pm daily. The theme of the mission will be “From Fragmentation to Wholeness.” All are welcome to attend. For further information call the rectory at 860-583-4242.



**Benefit Breakfast  
For  
St. Vincent DePaul Homeless Shelter**  
Sunday, October 30, 2011  
8:00—11:00am  
\$6.00 admission  
Sponsored by and held at the Elks Club  
South Street  
Bristol

**The Guild of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday, October 25 is our next Regular Meeting. **Sheila Orefice** will be our guest speaker. She is a parishioner here at St. Matthew's and is a family historian. All are welcome.

The Guild is sponsoring two bus trips for the Holiday season.

Saturday, November 26, *La Salette Shrine* in Attleboro, Mass. Cost: \$40/ pp, and includes motorcoach, donation to the Shrine, and driver's gratuity, plus a Christmas Fair, concert by Father Pat, mass, and a large display of Christmas lights.

Thursday, December 1, *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* in NYC, with lunch at Pietrasanta. Total cost: \$130, includes motorcoach, lunch, 2pm show, and driver's gratuity. Call Diane Malena @ 860-585-9331 for reservations.

COMING SOON – Once a Month – Thursday Afternoon Get-Togethers at the Resource Center....Cards, Scrabble, Board Games. **Watch for Details.**



**Open to all Parishioners  
\*\*\*New Adventure\*\*\***

**Guild of the Blessed Sacrament Book Club**  
“The Ultimate Gift” by Jim Stovall  
Join us for a night of discussion at the Resource center, Thursday, November 17, 7-8:00 pm.

**Please Call to Reserve a Seat**  
Call Natale Barrett 860-582-6344 or Ann Conroy 860-589-7190  
Books are available at the local libraries and book stores.

**Wedding  Banns**

1<sup>st</sup> Banns

*Lee Keokoummane & Kristen Boucher*

 **Rest in Peace**

The parish Family of St. Matthew expresses its deepest sympathy and prayerful support to the family of **Carl A. Provenzano** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Matthew's Church recently.

## SCHOOL NEWS



**Prek 3** enjoyed a visit from the Fire Dept. this week and learned many important lessons about fire safety. They have been practicing their fire drills and are doing very well. Next week the Bristol Public Library will be coming to the classroom for a visit. We are all looking forward to it very much!

**Prek 4** are praying for sunshine for our trip to Minor's Farm. The children are also working to learn their correct phone numbers and addresses. They are also anxiously awaiting a visit from the Bristol Fire Dept. and practicing their stop-drop and roll.

**Kinders** had a great time at Minor's Farm. They played, had a hayride and picked a pumpkin. We enjoyed a picnic lunch at the farm.

**First Grade** is busy preparing for their Saints Day Prayer Service on Wed. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Second Graders** are learning about the different parts of reconciliation and also how to graph on a coordinate grid using ordered pairs. They are also reading a new story in the Henry and Mudge series.

**Third Grade** is learning about different types of communities and how communities change over time.

**Fourth Graders** made an elevation map out of clay to represent the different landforms of the United States. They have chosen an animal and are learning about how their animal meets its basic needs. They will present what they learned to the class when their reports are completed.

**Fifth Grade** is presenting their Character Can book reports and studying the early Native American tribes of the Americas.

**Sixth Graders** are busy writing business letters to companies to see if they can send them any information about their science fair projects.

**Seventh Grade** has been busy the past week constructing their Cell Cities - and the finished products are beautiful! We will now be focusing our attention on literature, as we compare the Cinderella stories from various world cultures.

**Eighth Grade** is both the student and the teacher as we form groups and make power point presentations to teach/learn about the rise of a new economic order changed the way people worked, ran their businesses, and lived their lives in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

### Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will be held on Sundays at the 10:00am Mass.



We are looking for at least two more adults and two more high school students to help out one or two Sundays each month during the 10:00am Mass. We meet from September through May. If interested please contact Carrie Patterson at 860-314-2954.



Several opportunities are available for any retired banker or accountant in the parish who would like to volunteer their time. Please contact the rectory for more information

### Our School Needs You!!!

If you believe in Catholic Education, please consider being part of our Advancement Team now forming. Any skills in marketing, fund-raising, brochure design or public relations are welcome along with enthusiastic parishioners who want to assist in promoting St. Matthew School! Please contact Chris O'Dell at 860-589-5512. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents!



### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Matthew School HSA Craft Show

St. Matthew Schools HSA Craft Show will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 8:30am to 4pm. We are looking for donations of handcrafted items for the Friends of St. Matthew table. Donations may be dropped off at the school office during school hours. We will also be looking for high school helpers to work that day who may need community service hours. Please direct questions to Sally at 860-583-6582.



*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* It's a big world in need of lots of neighborly people. Extend your hand today, tomorrow, for the rest of your life. If you want to extend your hand to God as a priest or religious, call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-761-7456, email [vocations@st.seminary.org](mailto:vocations@st.seminary.org) or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).



Father Arthur Audet, Carol Babine, Mary Bailey, Charlotte Blanchard, Jean Blais, Jamie Botteon, Josephine Camerato, Rejeanne Cormier, Connie Czlapinski, Claudette Desprey, Florence Dlugosz, Gracie Dory, Jillian Duffy, David T. Faitani, Gail Faitani, Tom Filipetti, Frank Foligno, Betty Franklin, Robert Gibson, Doris Gonya, Jeanne Graham, Cameron Greenwood, Margaret Hennessey, Maureen Hennessey, Linda Hill, Rose Ingham, Jonathan Julia, Rose Kozikowski, Joan Lafountain, Thomas Leahy, Daniel Long, Al McCue, Helen Mantie, Bertrand Marquis, Jane Moore, Jessica Mussell, Kathy Narcum, Ed Nixon, David Parker, Philip Pelletier, Dorothy Perkins, Chris Perotti, Wesley Phoenix, Jaimie Przygocki, Beatrice Salvatore, Charles Schleicher, Marie Sebastian, Gloria Semplice, Robert Silva, George Simpson, Joseph Skelskey, Phyllis Spooner, William Stevens III, Timothy Walsh, Ethel Zanetti, Mandy Zanetti, Anna Matthews, Phyllis Heath, Darrell Daigle, Michelle Bouchard, Kyle Errato, Donald Cyr, Margaret Follo, Janice Rivard, Natalie Cosman, Sherry Gillette, Amelia Mahar, Theresa Cyr, Shirley Andrew, Betty Sherman and Wilma Matulka (Sister Regina's mother).

**Fourth Annual Warm a Body,  
Warm a Heart Coat Drive**

*To Benefit the Bristol Community Organization*

Collecting gently used coats, mittens, scarves and hats throughout the month of October to be donated to the BCO. Donations can be dropped off at the Bristol Senior Center, St. Matthew School and St. Matthew Church. If you need items to be picked up or for further information, please contact Felicia Knight at (860-583-3642).

**Warm a Heart Bag of Love Campaign**

**Sleeping Bags Needed!!!**

We need your help collecting new and gently used sleeping bags to donate to the homeless for the winter. Please place donations in the box in the foyer of the church from now until Thanksgiving.

**A Family Perspective**

In Today's gospel the Pharisee was talking about commandments (something we are forced to obey by external pressure) and Jesus was talking about love (an internal exhortation to give our heart, soul and mind to another). One demands allegiance, the other requires personal commitment. In our families we daily lay down our lives for each other not because we 'gotta' but because love completes us.



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
4:00	Andrew Romegialli, Sr. by his family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
7:00	Leon Abramczyk by his daughter
8:30	Pauline Mailette by Mr. and Mrs. Newman Masse and family
10:00	Paul Fournier by his family
11:30	Josephine Zalewski by her daughter and family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>
7:30	Christopher Sirois (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his mom, dad and family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 25<sup>th</sup></b>
7:30	Rose Coviello by her family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 26<sup>th</sup></b>
7:30	St. Matthew's Parishioners living and deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>
7:30	Derek Jerome by Nancy Jerome and Janet Slate and family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b>
7:30	Irene Janazzo by her family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b>
8:30	Fernand Blanchette by his wife and family
4:00	Henry Fiamengo by his wife and children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>
7:00	Alma and Loran St. Denis
8:30	Francis, William and Betty Collins by their family
10:00	Esther Heatherly by her family
11:30	Enrica Santgata by the D'Amico Family

**Readings for the Week of October 23, 2011**

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40  
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35  
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16  
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12