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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009

January/February Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 25

11 AM 7PM 9 PM

Sunday, February 1

11 AM 7PM 9 PM

Sunday, February 8

11 AM 7PM 9 PM

Sunday, February 15

11 AM 7PM 9 PM

Sunday, February 22

11 AM 7PM 9 PM

Weekdays: 8 AM Chapel at Donahue Hall
& 12:05 PM Chapel of Mary
Confessions: Please come to Campus
Ministry or call ext. 1487 for
an appointment to see one of
the priests to celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

STONEHILL ENCOUNTERS CHRIST NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY



Under bright blue skies, 40 Stonehill students enjoyed the beauty of Camp Burgess in Sandwich, Massachusetts. With the deep woods all around and the shimmering reflection of sunlight on the lake, it is easy to experience the presence of our creator and to relax and enjoy the company of fellow students. A team of twelve students spent many weeks preparing for the

arrival of the yellow school bus filled with retreatants wondering what lay before them as well as those who have been here before. All four classes were represented and very quickly the busyness of Stonehill life gave way to the peacefulness of the place and the welcome and laughter of old and new friends. There were the talks delivered by peers that told of struggles and journeys of faith. There was the sharing that naturally takes place in small groups. There was the quiet time to reflect, the wonderful meals shared, the rituals of prayer, the crackling of the fire in the big lodge, the bible stories told through the medium of skits that were incredibly entertaining and sometimes irreverently performed. The evenings spent in conversation and games created a space where people could meet and enjoy each others company. Once again the Spirit worked its magic and time flew by. All too soon the weekend came to a swift end and like satisfied campers, we climbed aboard the yellow school bus and made our way back to campus. Life would return to its normal routine, but somehow all of us would see it in a new way. Grateful for the weekend shared we came back excited to share our journey with our friends and housemates.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT ENCOUNTERS CHRIST RETREAT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH AT CATHEDRAL CAMP ON CAPE COD. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RELAX, MEET SOME GREAT PEOPLE AND BEGIN A NEW JOURNEY TO A DEEPER KNOWLEDGE ABOUT YOURSELF. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT CAMPUS MINISTRY.

QUEST FIRST YEAR STUDENT RETREAT



Question, Unify, Explore, Serve, Transition to Tradition

Where have I come from? Where am I now? Where am I headed? These are all questions that first year students may have while adjusting to college life. The QUEST retreat is available to any first year student beginning their 2nd semester at Stonehill. This one day retreat gave students the opportunity to take a break and reflect on where they have been and where they hope to go. The retreat took place in Campus Ministry from 10:00AM-3:30PM on Saturday **January, 17**.

SENIOR RETREAT



This is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to go away for a weekend, reflect upon their time at Stonehill, and prepare themselves for their last semester. The weekend is organized by the Campus Ministry team and is one of their favorite events of the year. The retreat is taking place from **January 23-25** at the Craigville Beach Conference Center on beautiful Cape Cod. It's the best way

ever to begin the final semester of your journey at Stonehill. Create a memory that will stay with you for a lifetime. Juniors keep this retreat in mind for next year, you don't want to miss it!

Sign ups are now closed. The retreat is full.

JANUARY 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
11	12 Classes Begin		14	15	16	17 QUEST Retreat
18	19 MLK Day	20 ITS Volunteer Fair	21	22	23	24
25	26 Moreau Dinner Series	27	28	29	30	31
Senior Retreat					Senior Retreat	



FEBRUARY 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Moreau Dinner Series	3	4	5	6	7
8 Boston Black Catholic Choir at 7 PM Mass	9 Moreau Dinner Series	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
					Encounters Retreat	
15	16 Presidents' Day	17	18	19	20	21
Retreat						
22	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMPUS MINISTRY,

January Events

Jan 1. Happy New Year!
 Jan 11. Come back from Christmas break
 Jan 17. QUEST Retreat
 Jan 20. ITS Volunteer Fair 7PM in the Commons
 Jan. 23-25 Senior Retreat

February Events

Feb 8 Boston Black Catholic Choir 7pm Mass

Feb 13, 14, 15 Encounters Retreat

Feb 18 Invisible Children 6:30pm

Feb 25 Oscar Romero play 6:30pm

Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday

POPE BLESSES OBAMA ON HISTORIC DAY JANUARY 20, 2009



Pope Benedict XVI has given new US President Barack Obama his blessing and prayers as a host of world religious and political leaders welcomed him to office. The Vatican released the text of a telegram Benedict sent Mr. Obama a few hours before the presidential swearing-in ceremony. In the telegram, the Pope told Mr. Obama he was praying that God would grant him "unfailing wisdom and strength" in carrying out his responsibilities. Benedict also urged Mr. Obama to stick to his resolve in promoting understanding and peace among peoples. The pontiff also expressed hope Obama's leadership would help Americans use ethical principles and spiritual values in building a just society. Benedict said attention must be paid to the poor, the outcast, the hungry and "those who have no voice".

Meanwhile, German Chancellor Angela Merkel wants Barack Obama to seek an international consensus on battling the global financial crisis. Ms Merkel said that Germany is wishing Mr. Obama and his new administration the strength to combat the financial crisis, noting that until the US economy improves, turbulence will continue on international markets. "The US is the key for the improvement of the financial situation around the globe," Merkel told reporters. "If things do not improve for America, then it will be very, very difficult for the other regions of the world."

And across Kenya, neighbors engulfed in political violence only a year ago have come together to celebrate the US presidential inauguration of the East African nation's favorite son, Barack Obama. The celebrations have helped bring together Kenyans from different ethnic groups who were drawn into the country's political violence last year. The struggling country of 38 million is proud to boast the birthplace of Mr. Obama's father and it is hard to exaggerate the enthusiasm Kenyans feel for America's new president.

"Give to our new president, Barack Obama, the wisdom to lead us with humility, the courage to lead us with integrity, the compassion to lead us with generosity. "

INVISIBLE CHILDREN RETURNS TO STONEHILL

In the spring of 2003, three young filmmakers traveled to Africa in search of a story. What started out as a filmmaking adventure transformed into much more when these boys from Southern California discovered a tragedy that disgusted and inspired them, a tragedy where children are both the weapons and the victims.

After returning to the States, they created the documentary "Invisible Children: Rough Cut," a film that exposes the tragic realities of northern Ugandas night commuters and child soldiers. Invisible Children came to Stonehill last year and was praised by students.

Now on **February 18th at 6:30 pm** in the Martin Institute, the Invisible Children team returns to Stonehill to show their new film entitled "GO!"

For more information about the war in Uganda, Invisible Children , and their videos and merchandise, visit:

<http://www.invisiblechildren.com/home.php>

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Chapel and Office Hours during Academic Year: Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM to 9:00 PM, Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Chapel of Mary is open every Sunday through Thursday, twenty four hours a day, when classes are in session, for *prayer and quiet reflection*. The Chapel is also open Fridays until 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. You are invited to use this beautiful sacred space