

# SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY

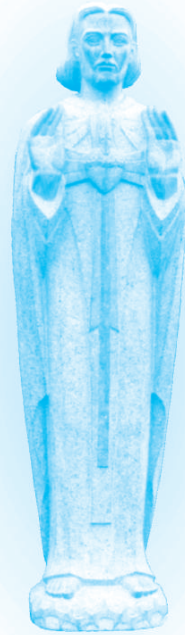
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## **SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT**

*"We the community of Sacred Heart are committed to serving God and each other through our faith in Jesus Christ. We strive to do this through a joyful celebration of the Eucharist, a spirit of hospitality, a commitment to community outreach, a sense of responsibility to others and through the ongoing nourishment of our minds and hearts."*

### **SUNDAY LITURGIES**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM

or by appointment

### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

As listed inside

**WE WELCOME YOU TO SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY.** If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to Father Stan after Mass. We would also appreciate it if you would come to or call the office and register. We need to know who you are so that we may serve you better.

### **SHUT INS**

Please notify us of parishioners who are in the hospital. If any parishioner is unable to celebrate Liturgy with us because of illness or handicap, please notify the office so that we may bring Eucharist to them.

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## Welcome

The parish family of Sacred Heart welcomes you!

Whether this is one of your first visits with us or your first visit in a while; know that you are always welcome here.

Whatever called you to be with us today; know that we were all called here once, just like you were. Pray with us. Celebrate with us. Walk together with us in faith. We eat together a lot; there's always plenty of food and it's always good so please join us for that, too.

Above all, please let us know when there is anything we can do, any question we can help you answer, any need we can fill – anything at all that we can do to help you on your journey of faith.

## Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

## Faith Formation & Youth Group News

Faith Formation and Youth Group will **NOT** meet on the following days because of the New Year holiday: January 2. We will meet again on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at the regularly scheduled time.

## Young Adults Group Events

### SuperBowl Party

Save the date! Sunday, February 6, 2011. More information to follow!

## Youth Group Fundraiser

The recent fundraiser for the Youth Group brought in \$316 that will be used to offset the cost of their annual retreat.

### Winners of the prizes are:

Floral arrangement from Wildflowers of Tolland –  
**Mary Oliver**  
 See's Candies – **Greg Bates**  
 Multifunction Radio – **Michelle Farris**  
 \$50 Rave Theaters Gift Card – **Joan Shaw**  
 Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Basket – **Kate Armstrong**

**Thank you to all who participated in the fundraiser or made a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

## The Deacon's Corner

A new year is at my door.  
 I wonder how I'll meet it.  
 Will I let His grace find me  
 and will I let Him charm me  
 and will I let His truth possess me  
 and will I let Him lead me  
 and will I take His love to heart  
 and fix my gaze on Him

I wonder how I'll meet this year  
 with this heart of mine  
 so often gone astray  
 so often found in desert

Will I give myself the chance  
 to rise and walk from sinfulness  
 to return and find Him waiting  
 to reach and know that He can heal  
 to turn around and give up all  
 and let Him be my treasure

A new year is at the door  
 my God is moving in again  
 and just like winter snow  
 He breathes my life full of freshness

*Joyce Rupp, OSM*

## Job Opening

There is a part time support staff opening for Foreclosure Intervention Program at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, 15 hours per week. Duties include answering phones, provide brief program descriptions (will train), register participants in database, file reports. Must be computer literate. Requires listening skills and confidentiality. Send letter of interest, experience to: Search Committee, 331 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Closing date- January 10, 2011.

## Retreat

Start the New Year off on the right foot with a retreat at **Immaculata Retreat House** in Willimantic. Retreat Weekend for Men entitled "**Riding the Storm with Jesus**" – Friday, January 7th to Sunday, January 9th. The storms of life can take many forms, but they all have one thing in common: the feeling of fear and loss of control. Can our relationship with Jesus free us from fear and anxiety? Join us as we discover that we, too, can learn to ride the storm with Jesus! Presented by retreat house staff. Suggested offering: \$180.

## Epiphany Chalk

By Paul Turner

Some Christians bless their homes on Epiphany each year. With chalk, they write an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2011, the line reads as follows: **20+C+M+B+11**.

The four digits designating the new year appear at the beginning and end of the line. In 2010, for example, the last number changed to a 10. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the new year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat.*" "May Christ bless the house." The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing.

The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal word in this holy season.

If you want to bless your home this Epiphany, read the opening verses of John's Gospel, pray the Lord's prayer, then write the inscription for this year above your front door with chalk.

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If you think the Lord may be calling you to explore the possibility of becoming a priest or consecrated religious, or if you would like more information on discernment activities of the diocese please contact:

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## Attention: Laws Change

# What Do I Need To Do To Get A Marriage License?

If you are planning to marry, you and your spouse-to-be must appear in person at a local vital records office to apply for a marriage license. The marriage license is issued to ensure that you and your spouse-to-be are eligible to be married. You must apply for your marriage license at the vital records office of the town where the marriage is to take place.

You will need to complete the marriage license application, provide identification and make a sworn statement that the information that you provide is true. You no longer need to have a blood test to obtain a marriage license in Connecticut.

Once the marriage ceremony takes place, the marriage officiator will submit the license to the registrar of vital records of the town where the marriage took place. The registrar will then register the license and place it on file for permanent record. Once registered, the marriage license becomes a vital record and is referred to as a marriage certificate.

*Just a reminder the license is only good for 65 days from issue so the couple should not obtain a license too early. We recommend no earlier than 30 days before the marriage. The cost of the license is \$30.00 and the cost per certified copy (vital record) is \$20.*

## Pro-Life Mass

On Saturday evening, January 22, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., there will be a solemn Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Brown, Chancellor, will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. All priests are invited to concelebrate and all deacons are invited to participate. The theme will be: "The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure."

## March for Life Buses to Washington - Pro-Life rally at the Nation's Capitol

On Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 9:00 P.M., buses will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 80, I-395) and travel to D.C. for the March For Life on January 24, 2011. The first stop in Washington will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bus fare is \$58. If you are unable to attend the March For Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

## The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

### TODAY\*

**Isaiah 60:1–6**  
**Ephesians 3:2–3A, 5–6**  
**Matthew 2:1–12**

### MONDAY

**Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25**  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

### TUESDAY

**Mark 6:34–44**  
“You give them something to eat.”

### WEDNESDAY

**Mark 6:45–52**  
“Take heart, it is I.”

### THURSDAY

**Luke 4:14–22A**  
“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

### FRIDAY

**Luke 5:12–16**  
“Be made clean.”

### SATURDAY

**John 3:22–30**  
“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

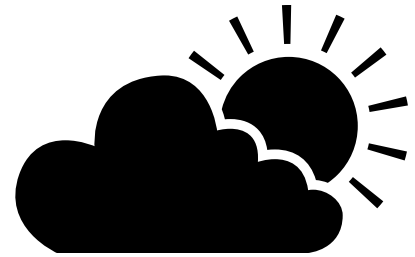
\*\*Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

## Jesus, Light of the Nations

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is also sometimes called “Little Christmas.” It is an extension of our celebration of the mystery of the Incarnation—the Word made flesh who came to dwell among us.

This feast celebrates Jesus’ manifestation. The Greek word *epiphania* means precisely a manifestation or a shining out. This is the moment anticipated by the prophet Isaiah who speaks to Jerusalem and announces, “Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” Jesus comes among us as light not only for the people of Israel but for all the nations. And Saint Paul is clear about the universal value of Jesus in the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians. Jesus is light for Jews and Gentiles alike.

The Gospel account of the Epiphany contains two important details for our own journeys of faith. The first is that Jesus is revealed to those who



search for him. The Magi, or wise men from the East, set out on a long and arduous journey guided not only by a star but by a hope of encountering the newborn King of the Jews. Their patient and persevering journey and search becomes a model for our own quest to encounter the Lord.

The second detail has to do with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Saint Matthew tells us that the Magi saw the child with his mother. She is holding him and presenting him. Jesus is manifested through the hands of Mary who presents him to the world. The Lord’s manifestation uses human instruments. We all have a part to play in His story.



## The Faith of the Church

The Church believes that Jesus is the light of all humanity, *lumen gentium*, as the opening words of the Second Vatican Council’s *Constitution on the Church* indicates. The Church understands its sacred mission and purpose in sharing that light with all people, so that all humanity may be one in God (Cf. the Second Vatican Council *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, no. 1).



## Questions of the Week

We are not alone on our spiritual journey. We, all nations move toward God. We seek Jesus not only with the wise men of the East but of the North and the South and the West as well.

### Adults

How does my life reflect a true and patient search for the Lord? What sacrifices am I ready to make to pursue this search?

### Children

Where can I look for Jesus and find him?

Visit us at [www.FaithFirst.com](http://www.FaithFirst.com) (click on “Gospel Reflections”) and share today’s Gospel reading as a family.

# Responding to God's Word . . .

In today's second reading, Saint Paul speaks of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to him for the sake of the people he serves. In other words, Paul is very conscious that an extraordinary responsibility has been entrusted to him. He is aware that God has revealed himself in Jesus Christ and that Jesus is a Savior destined for all people. At the same time, Paul is aware of his own responsibility to bring this message and, indeed, the very person of Jesus to those entrusted to his care.

We can easily translate Paul's sense of responsibility to our own lives. We

are aware of Jesus, of the healing grace he brings to all humanity, and of the hope he offers everyone.

This awareness is not given to us to safeguard as a private possession. Like Paul, we need to recognize that we are instruments of the manifestation of Jesus to the world.

We do not need to think in dramatic terms. All we need to do is examine the circumstances of our lives, the places of daily living and work, and the faces of those we encounter on a regular basis. In these places and with these people, we can share—in what we say and do—Jesus who is light.

## SUGGESTIONS

*Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.*

**In the home.** For a week, when family members pray together, at meals or at bedtime, pray for people in different parts of the world.

**In the workplace or in school.** Identify and address one "dark" area of life at work or in school that could use the light of Christ.

**In the community.** Make yourself available through your parish evangelization committee to walk with someone who is exploring faith in Christ.



## Meditation Moment

A "puzzle page" in a newspaper showed a drawing of an outdoor scene. Beneath it was this question: "Can you find the girl in the drawing?" A close examination of the drawing showed the girl's eyes and eyebrows concealed in a tree branch. Another branch hid her mouth and nose. A cloud revealed her flowing hair. After you discovered the girl, the drawing was never the same again.

### For reflection . . .

*It is like that with Jesus. He is in our lives, waiting to be found. Once we find him, our lives will never be the same again. This raises a question: Why might I be finding it hard to find Jesus in my life?*

ONE DAY HE WILL COME. ONCE IN THE STILLNESS . . . YOU WILL KNOW . . . NOT FROM A BOOK OR THE WORD OF SOMEONE ELSE, BUT THROUGH HIM.

ROMANO GUARDINI

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

## Let Me Stay on the Journey

Lord, help me  
to stay on the journey  
in search of you. Help me  
when I am tired. Help me when  
I've lost my way. Help me when the  
destination is not clear. Help me  
when discouraging voices crowd  
out my hope. Lord, help me to stay  
on the journey with the sure  
knowledge that you wait for  
me and are my  
final destination.  
Amen.

*Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.*

The Magi found Jesus and returned home to share the one they found with all those whom they met. Go out and share the One who has brought you into the light.

## Profile in Faith

### The Magi

Tradition has given us the name of the three Magi (although the Bible itself does not say there were three) as Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar. Again, tradition represents one as Caucasian, one as African, and one as Asian to underscore the universal value of Jesus, light of the nations.

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## The Work of the Church

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *For Peace in the World***

#### SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *Robert Deschenes***, requested by  
Sallie White & Family

10:30am **Mass: *Ernest Golnik, Sr.***, requested by Art  
Martineau

#### MONDAY

#### TUESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *Terri Casavant, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary***,  
requested by Pauline & Art Casey

#### THURSDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For the Sick of the Parish***

NO **Sacrament of Reconciliation** today

7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel

#### FIRST FRIDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***

9:30am-4:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30pm Close of Adoration

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *For All Who Were Baptized in 2010***

#### SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***

10:30am **Mass: *For All Those In Whose Memory  
Christmas Flowers Were Donated***

## Meetings

#### SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, North Activity  
Rooms

**SUNDAY - Fellowship before and Pancake Breakfast  
after Mass**

**MONDAY OFFICES CLOSED**

**TUESDAY OFFICES CLOSED**

#### WEDNESDAY

8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**, South Community  
Rooms

#### THURSDAY

10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms

7:30pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South  
Community Rooms

#### SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, North Activity  
Rooms

**SUNDAY Fellowship before and after Mass**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **– BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Parents please call three months prior to baptism date for an appointment with a Pastoral Team member who will detail the program for parents.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY –**

Couples planning to marry take part in marriage information program at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

## **FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS –**

October through May  
Call 875-4563 for information

## **MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Oratory**

The first Friday of each month  
– 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

## **ROSARY – Oratory**

Monday Thru Friday - 8:30 AM

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Oratory**

Thursday - 7:45 - 8:15 PM

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