

SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY

550 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066-5000

(860) 875-4563

Website: www.sacredheartchurch.net

Fax: (860) 872-2535

E-mail: info@sacredheartchurch.net



PASTORAL TEAM

Rella Bernabucci
pastoral assistant

John Crane
trustee

Larry Deraleau
deacon

Donna Gessay
trustee

Ernie Golnik
liturgy and music

Sandy Rice
administrative assistant

Fr. Stan Szczapa
pastor



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.

“Handicapped Accessible”

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus encourages his disciples to let their light shine: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Scholastica, virgin**.

For the next two weeks, our first reading on the weekdays will be from the Book of Genesis. This week begins with the stirring story of creation, one that will be repeated at the Easter Vigil.

Mark's Gospel continues with stories of Jesus' healing and of his challenging and being challenged by the religious authorities. "People immediately recognized him. They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats." The Pharisees and scribes question Jesus asking, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" A frustrated Jesus responds, "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." Jesus challenges the people to disregard rules about being defiled by food but to avoid the evil desires and deeds that defile their hearts. Traveling north into pagan territory, Jesus visits a woman whose daughter has an unclean spirit. Jesus heals her because the mother believes in him. On his way back, Jesus heals a man, allowing him to hear and speak again. Jesus feeds 4,000 people for whom he is moved with pity.

On the **Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time** we hear Matthew's Gospel. Jesus speaks to his followers about religious laws and also of our own relationships. Go to offer gifts to God at the altar, but first, Jesus says, "Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20---2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

Daily Prayer This Week

Every week we are trying to find intimacy with our Lord in the midst of our everyday life. We use the stories about Jesus in the readings of the week to help us. Because our days are so busy, those stories make connections among what we are experiencing, God's Word to us and the desires that are coming to the surface in us.

This week we can let various parts of this week's rich scripture readings touch us, depending on what is going on in us. It all begins with our beginning the day, establishing a connection. With the briefest of rising prayers, we can talk with our Lord about what we anticipate needing that day.

One day I might know that, with what I have to face that day, I need to ask that the healing Jesus be with me. I might be able to name what needs healing. "Lord, you know the fear that is developing in me as I face this meeting today." "Lord, take this anger away from my heart." "Most loving Lord, have mercy on me and heal this pattern that plagues me and takes away my happiness, my freedom, my ability to love."

On another day, I may know that I'm right in the middle of the struggle over my disregarding what God really wants me to do, using legalistic excuses to avoid God's will. I might beg, "Lord, I've become such a hypocrite. Purify my heart so I can see as you see, judge as you judge and love as you love. Help me be truly religious, truly compassionate, truly your disciple today."

On other days, I might be in a "foreign" territory, or at least one that seems quite a distance from believing territory. I might ask, "Dear Lord, keep me safe here. Give me courage here. Help me find intimacy with you here. And let me see the faith of so many of your people here."

Some day this week, let's imagine how Jesus has pity on our hunger and feeds us. And every night this week, let's express our gratitude for receiving what we asked for in faith, from the One who is waiting to give us what we need.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

Let's Brighten Someone's Valentine's Day

**Please select a slip from the Valentine poster
and send a Valentine greeting card to that person.**

These names have been submitted by many parishioners of Sacred Heart. If you don't know the person, that makes the message even more unexpected. Include some information about yourself, a prayer, or enclose this article. Let them know that they are loved and not forgotten.

Thank you and God bless you for caring.

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.

The Deacon's Corner

IN PRAISE OF THE HEART OF JESUS

The heart of Jesus
nearest to the Father's heart
a wellspring full of love
richness for my poverty
wholeness for my brokenness
home for my wandering
fullness for my emptiness
loving care for my selfishness
healing for my hurts
faith for my faithlessness
courage for my fears

The heart of Jesus
nearest the Father's heart
drawing all of me to him
reaching from his heart to mine
tender, compassionate, true
wanting one thing only:

My loving response.

Joyce Rupp, OSM

Thank You

Father Stan and the Sacred Heart Parish Family

Thank you very much for your help with Sandy's Mass. I know in my heart Sandy is at peace and happy now.

I also extend my thanks to Sandy and the others who also assisted with Sandy's service.

Suzie Bair

Attention: Sunday Evening Faith Formation Sessions

All Sunday EVENING Faith Formation Sessions (Levels 6, 7, & 8) will NOT meet on Sunday, February 6th in order to allow the families of these teens (and the catechists) the opportunity to enjoy the SuperBowl Game and the parties that go along with the game. These sessions will resume next Sunday, February 13 at the regularly scheduled time.

PLEASE NOTE: All Sunday MORNING Faith Formation sessions will meet as scheduled.

Youth Group – Rose Commons Valentine Party

All members of the Youth Group will be hosting a Valentine Party at Rose Commons on Sunday, February 13th. We will meet in the Fellowship Rooms at 4:30pm on this day. Youth Group members are reminded to bring dessert with them to share at Rose Commons.

First Eucharist Parents Meetings

The parents of children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion have received letters informing them of parent meetings. The dates for the parent meetings are:

Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms

Monday, March 21 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms

If you have not received a letter, please contact Rella as soon as possible. Thank you!

First Reconciliation Parents Meetings

The parents of children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time have received letters informing them of parent meetings. The dates for the parent meetings are:

Monday, February 7 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms

Monday, February 28 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms

Monday, March 14 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms

If you have not received a letter, please contact Rella as soon as possible. Thank you!

Thank You

Father Stan, the entire Staff and the Sacred Heart Parish Family,

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers, your care and concern over my Mom, the beautiful church Mass and words, and the "awesome" luncheon.

It will never be forgotten.

The Chuck Family

February 6, 2011



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 58:7–10
1 Corinthians 2:1–5
Matthew 5:13–16

MONDAY

Mark 6:53–56

"... all who touched [his cloak] were healed."

TUESDAY

Mark 7:1–13

"You abandon the commandments of God..."

WEDNESDAY

Mark 7:14–23

"... there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile..."

THURSDAY

Mark 7:24–30

"... the demon has left your daughter."

FRIDAY*

Mark 7:31–37

"... immediately his ears were opened..."

SATURDAY

Mark 8:1–10

"I have compassion for the crowd..."

*Our Lady of Lourdes

The Disciples of Jesus: A Movement Transforming the World

Today's gospel passage continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, his great charter for the Kingdom of God. If we, his disciples today, want to share in his kingdom, we need to listen attentively to understand what it means to live the life of the kingdom.

From that early community of disciples, we have developed as the Church, always keeping at the center our identity as a community of Jesus' disciples. He addresses us as he addressed that early gathering. He envisions his disciples as a community in movement.

In fact, his community is a movement. It is salt that gives savor to this world. It is light that casts out darkness and brings about compassionate healing through "good deeds" for all to see. The end result of this movement is a world transformed, as the prophet Isaiah envisioned it, a place where the

Kingdom of God can truly and fully emerge.

At the center of this community of disciples living, working, and transforming the world from within is the mystery of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, whom Paul proclaims to the Corinthians.

This brief gospel passage coupled with the other readings suggests challenges to our "religious presuppositions." Our sharing in the kingdom of God does not belong to us individually but as the gathered community of disciples. Our sharing in the Kingdom of God does not happen primarily in and through external religious structures but in the dynamism of our compassionate and peace-making works to change the world in the name of Jesus.

Our deep identity is to be the gathered disciples of Jesus, a movement of transformation within the world.



The Faith of the Church

The Church, the community of Christ's disciples who live in today's world, are called to carry on his mission. They bring Christ to all people, and they let his light illuminate the human dilemmas of suffering, poverty, injustice, and sin. The Church is an instrument of transformation as she heralds the coming of God's Kingdom (see the Second Vatican Council's *Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity*, esp. 5–6).



Questions of the Week

The world and our very lives are often complicated, challenging, and beset by troubles of various kinds. In all of this, people of faith find their hope and direction in Jesus and his proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Adults

When Jesus tells me that I am salt and light in this world, what new thing do I understand about myself and fellow believers?

Children

How can I bring the light of Jesus to my family and my friends?

Visit us at www.FaithFirst.com (click on "Gospel Reflections") and share today's Gospel reading as a family.

Responding to God's Word . . .

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us who we are, what our identity is. We are his disciples who are salt and light in the world. We are the ones who give the world a flavor or direction. We are the ones who bring light into the dark corners of our world.

In the very same moment, as he communicates to us our identity, he also entrusts us with great responsibility on the basis of that identity. Our words, our actions, our way of life, our witness to him—all this fosters the transformation of the world as we know it. With his grace and by his mandate, we help move a

wounded and divided world to become one that is reconciled and at peace. We help move a hungry and deprived world to become one of shared abundance and justice. We help move a world marked by sin to become one that stands in right relationship with God.

The identity and responsibility that Jesus gives us seem so grand, so far beyond us, and so unattainable. And that is true, until we recognize that *he* enables us in the particular circumstances of our lives to see, to decide, and to act, so that we can be true to who we are and what we are called to do.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Ask family members to consider and pray over how your home can be a light in this world, a beacon of hope.

In the workplace or in school. Identify one way in the workplace or in school that would contribute to a more reconciled environment and do something to bring it about.

In the community. Identify in your community where the light of hope is most urgently needed. Begin to talk to others about addressing that need.



Meditation Moment

"Nineteen-year-old Nancy Powell was killed in a car crash near Houston. Her tragic death brought an outpouring of emotion from all who knew her. One young man said of her: 'Her purity, freshness, enthusiasm, and most of all her ability to love, bathed all of us who were around her. She was truly a joy. Nancy's essence was that she saw people for what they really were, but loved them as if they were at their best. Her special kind of love will be a motivator throughout my life.' "

ALBERT CYLWICKI

For reflection . . .

To what extent could this same thing be said about me?

LIGHTHOUSES BLOW NO HORNS;
THEY ONLY SHINE.

DWIGHT L. MOODY

FROM VISION BY MARK LINK, SJ

Let Me Share Your Light

God of abundant life and mercy, in the beginning, you created light as the first gift of your creation. You led your people out of the darkness of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. You sent your Son to lead us into your kingdom of wonderful light. Enable us now to share your light in a world afflicted by the darkness of sin and the shadow of death. Give us courage and persistent faith, so that we can generously share your light with all people. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

To be light in the world, we must first walk in the light: . . . if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

Profile in Faith

Father Augustus Tolton

Father Augustus Tolton (1854–1897) was the first African-American priest to be ordained in the United States. He served in what is now the Archdiocese of Chicago. He resisted many negative forces to bring light and hope to the people he served. His cause for beatification has been submitted to the Holy See.

NIHIL OBSTAT
Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Coerver, Censor Librorum
IMPRIMATUR
† Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, DD, Bishop of Dallas
October 1, 2010

The Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur are official declarations that the material reviewed is free of doctrinal or moral error. No implication is contained therein that those granting the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur agree with the contents, opinions, or statements expressed.

Author: Louis J. Cameli

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
Front photo: iStockphoto

The Scripture quotations contained herein are from the *New Revised Standard Version Bible: Catholic Edition*, copyright 1989, 1993, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

© 2011 RCL Publishing LLC. All rights reserved.

The Faith Connection® is registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is published weekly by RCL Benziger, 206 E. Bethany Dr., Allen, TX 75002.

877-275-4725

Contact us at RCLBenziger.com



FEBRUARY 6, 2011

Prayer, Praise and Sacrament

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Lois Dunham***, requested by a friend

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *Anne White Haynes***, requested by the
Family

10:30am **Mass: *Ernest Golnik, Sr.***, requested by Theresa
Ciscon

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

11:00am **Mass at Welles Village**

THURSDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For Women in Religious Life***

NO **Sacrament of Reconciliation** or Evening Mass
today

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

FRIDAY

10:30am **Mass at Vernon Manor**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Ernest Golnik, Sr.***, requested by Sallie
White

SUNDAY

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

10:30am **Mass: *Steven Michael Brown***, requested by his
family, *and –*
Ed Kayan, requested by his wife, Hilda

Meetings

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY - Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10am **Faith Formation, Grades 1-5**

NO **Faith Formation, Grade 6 – Confirmation Prep
or Youth Group** on SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

MONDAY OFFICES CLOSED

7:00pm **Haiti Ministry**, Deacon Chuck White Memorial
Haiti Room

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

9:10am **Faith Formation, Grades 1-5**

6:15pm **Faith Formation, Grade 6 – Confirmation Prep**

7:30pm **Youth Group**

Haiti Needs

When shopping, please keep in mind that we are now collecting
SOAP & QUART-SIZED ZIPLOCK BAGS
for the people of Haiti.

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

PASTORAL CONDUCT –

To report sexual abuse by a representative of the diocese of Norwich, or for assistance to victims / survivors, call
800-624-7407 or
860-889-4455

Pietras Family Funeral Homes

**Small & Pietras
Funeral Home**
65 Elm Street
Rockville, CT 06066
(860) 875-0703

**Burke-Fortin
Funeral Home**
76 Prospect Street
Rockville, CT 06066
(860) 875-5490

**Coventry-Pietras
Funeral Home**
2665 Boston Turnpike
Coventry, CT 06238
(860) 742-1255

**Tolland Memorial
Funeral Home**
375 Mellow Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(860) 875-1415



Philip M. Pietras

Licensed Funeral Directors:
Philip M. Pietras ~ Jessica Pietras
Robert J. Binkowski ~ Jennifer E. Arrieta
Jacqueline L. Teske



Jessica A. Pietras



The Difference is Caring

40 W. MAIN ST., ROCKVILLE, CT 06066
860-875-9263
www.BeaconRx.com



- Jazz
- Tap
- Ballet

Beth Horr
Director, Choreographer

A warm & friendly dance for all ages
Colonial Square
68 Hartford Tnpk. Tolland **860-871-1922**

Anne Miller



REAL ESTATE

"Visit our
website..."

(860) 647-8000

www.annemillerrealestate.com

Homes Condos Multi-Families Commerical



**IVY BRIDGE GROUP
Host Families Needed**

(888) 424-4613 www.ivybridgegroup.com/signup

- Share your loving home environment
- Stipends Paid Monthly • 24/7 staff support



PHONE NO. (860) 875-3800
FAX (860) 875-2121 • www.ctcrimelaw.com

PAMALA J. FAVREAU

ATTORNEY AT LAW

CRIMINAL DEFENSE • MOTOR VEHICLE
DMV ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
CRIMINAL APPEALS • PERSONAL INJURY
30 Lafayette Square (Rt 30), Suite 101, Vernon

Connecticut
Single Catholics



CatholicMatch.com/CT

TAX PREPARATION
Small Business Specialist
Personal Financial • Planning

KDL Accounting Services

Richard M. Marchesani, CPA, MBA

120 KATE LANE, TOLLAND, CT 06084

Fax 860/872-0155 860/872-8780

Mary A. Oliver Co. LLC
Insurance and Financial Services

For All Your Financial Needs Including IRAS

Annuities • Certified Senior Advisor

Call MARY for Appt. @
860-871-2126

In business/parishioner for over 30 years

**LADD-TURKINGTON
& CARMON
FUNERAL HOMES**

19 Ellington Avenue, Rockville
551 Talcottville Road, Rt. 83, Vernon

860-875-3536



REIN'S DELI

860-875-1344

435 Hartford Tpke. (Rte. 30), Vernon

**Join The Fun...Events
at rockvillebank.com**

Rockville Bank

Connecticut's Best Community Bank | That's My Bank!



Are You Living Alone?
What if you fell and could not
reach a telephone?

Lifewatch, the Personal Emergency Response System,
can get you help with just a press of the lightweight
waterproof button! Referred by doctors, hospitals
and social workers. Personal Caring Service Since
1980. Nationwide Service. www.Lifewatch-USA.com

Lifewatch helps people who live
alone keep their independence.



**HOLMES
Funeral Home**
860-643-2441



**WATKINS
Funeral Home**
860-646-5310

HOWARD M. HOLMES
RICHARD P. HOLMES

SCOTT B. HOLMES
MARK C. HOLMES

S.L. ZOCCO Memorials, Inc.

Monuments
Cemetery Lettering
Bronze & Granite Markers

860-242-5881

Next to Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

242-7371

804 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield

**You're Never Alone
With Lifewatch!**

AARP BBB AS SEEN ON TV
Discounts

Specials
\$12.95
a Month

LIFEWATCH USA

Personal Caring Service Since 1980

TOLL FREE 1-800-998-5601

DUNKIN' DONUTS

\$1.00 Off Doz. Donuts w/Ad

83 Talcottville Rd., Vernon, CT
860-875-8318

436 Windsor Ave., Rockville, CT
860-870-9986

Five minutes could mean
\$50 for you!

Leave a review for these
advertisers today at
www.SeekAndFind.com/contest



Rockville 860-875-6281

MAIN ST. BUYERS

BUY SELL TRADE

Gold, Silver, U.S. Coins, Tools, Electronics, DVDs,
Gift Certificates, Computers

27 West Main Street, Rockville, CT
860-896-7441



Best Chinese - Tolland County
2010 CT Magazine Readers'
Choice Poll

519 Talcottville Rd., Vernon
860-872-1977 • 860-872-3693
Fax 860-872-8056

ADVERTISING SALES OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC.

- Sales Experience Necessary
- Full Training
- Full Time with Benefits and Paid Expenses
- Unlimited Earning Potential
- Some Overnight Travel Required

email: hrhrttd@4LPi.com for more information