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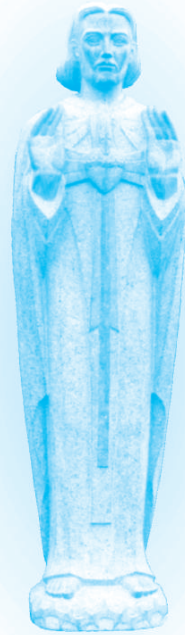
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SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT

“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.

“Handicapped Accessible”



Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE OF NORWICH

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Do This in Memory of Me”

The Annual Catholic Appeal (formerly known as the Annual Bishop’s Appeal), which supports the work of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Norwich, will be conducted in every Parish over the next few weeks. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over eight months. It is a unified effort in which all Catholics of the Diocese of Norwich join together to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in eastern Connecticut.

There is an abundance of human need surrounding us – the poor, the sick, the elderly, troubled families and those in crisis. The Annual Catholic Appeal gives us an opportunity to respond to those in need and to show Christ’s love by putting our faith in action as a Diocesan family. The Diocesan agencies and programs supported by the ACA help with both spiritual and physical needs and go beyond what an individual parish can accomplish alone. In the next few weeks you will be receiving the 2011 campaign mailing. Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our Diocesan Church.

A **Mass of Healing and Hope** with Fr Ray Introvigne and Mrs. Judith Hughes – **THIS Sunday**, March 13 at 2pm. Come and be healed and your hope renewed!

Soup and Bread Suppers – each Friday during Lent, and again on Good Friday in the South Community

If you’d like to volunteer to make or bring soup or bread on one or more of the Fridays, please give a call to the office.

If you’d like to eat some soup & bread on a Friday in Lent, just come!

The Sacred Heart Bible Study group explores *Disciples on the Journey* during Lent.

They meet on Thursdays at 10am beginning March 10. Please call Denice Jones 860.647.0159 if you would like to participate.

The **big jug** in the center of our church is filled with the “sins” our parishioners are “working on” during this season of Lent. Watch them magically disappear into the Easter Fire at the Easter Vigil. Sinners – don’t forget to come back on Holy Thursday to receive your blessing!

Mark your calendar! We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** together on Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm.

RCIA – Rite of Sending

This Sunday, March 13 at the 10:30 Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending (to St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich) for Chandler Oliver. Chandler, a St. Maurice parishioner, has been preparing to fully enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. We ask for your prayers for Chandler as he enters the final preparation period before being fully initiated into our Church.

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 first two meetings have occurred. The last meeting will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Rooms

Confirmation Preparation Retreat

Candidates for Confirmation from Sacred Heart and St. Maurice, along with the young adults and peers from Youth Group, will be going on their annual retreat to Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in Garrison, NY starting Friday, March 25th and concluding on Sunday, March 27th. We ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit will touch them as they participate in this retreat.

Attention: Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

We will be leaving Sacred Heart Church at 4:30pm on Friday, March 25th to go on our annual Confirmation Preparation Retreat. Pizza and supper will be provided in the Fellowship Rooms at 4:00pm.

We will be returning to Sacred Heart Church on Sunday afternoon, March 27th. Confirmation Preparation sessions and Youth Group will not meet on this day.

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

I believe that Jesus entered this world of hate,
that I might enter his world of love.

I believe that Jesus reached out to me,
that I might reach out to others.

I believe that Jesus is always with me,
even though I am not always with him.

I believe that Jesus understands me,
even though I don't understand myself.

I believe that God is my father,
because Jesus has treated me like a brother.

Mark Link, SJ

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish!

Dolores Betti recently registered with our parish. We welcome her and look forward to worshipping with her as we get to know her better.

Youth Group – Food Fast

The Youth Group will once again be participating in a Food Fast starting on Friday, April 1, 2011 and concluding after Mass on Saturday, April 2nd.

Food Fast is Catholic Relief Services' 24-hour hunger awareness program for Catholic youth in the United States. Focusing on global poverty and justice, Food Fast provides an experience of solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas.

Members of the Youth Group will be present at all Masses to gather pledges and donations for their Food Fast. All monies received will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

First Catholic Women's Conference

Be My Witness! The first annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Norwich for Women of all ages! Saturday, April 16, 2011, 8:30 – 3:30. Saint Bernard School, Uncasville, CT. This conference is about building up an army of strong, spirit-filled women of God, women committed to living out their baptismal call to be Christ's witness in the world. Keynote speaker: ValLimar Jansen.

For more information: www.norwichdiocese.org under ministries, click on Office of Faith Events or call Office of Faith Events, Marge Vanner 860-848-2237 or email: faithevents@norwichdiocese.net. Don't miss it! Register by April 1 and save!

The flyer with registration form will be on the Diocesan website www.norwichdiocese.org after Friday, March 11th.

Good News About Kids

The following appeared in the Journal Inquirer on February 25, 2011:

Every time we pickup a newspaper we read about the bad things the young kids are doing.

On Feb. 13, the youth group from Sacred Heart Church gave a beautiful ham dinner for residents of Rose Commons. They waited on all of us and even provided second helpings. Then they arranged for us to play bingo, providing very nice gifts.

I think it would be so nice to read about the good things the majority of our youth does.

We at Rose Commons said thanks a hundred times over, but how nice it would be to read about it in your paper. Good news for a change.

Ethel Albert

Vernon

Assumption School Pre-K - 8th Open House

Are you looking for an exceptional, faith-enriched, solid educational experience for your child? We invite you to come and meet our dedicated teachers and families and see what a wonderful educational future we can provide for your child. Open House will be held on Sunday March 30th 10:30am-1pm at the Main Campus. If you are unable to attend our open house or have any questions, please contact our school office at 860-649-0889 to arrange a personal tour at your convenience. Assumption School's Main Campus is located at 27 South Adams St, Manchester, CT. www.assumptionschoolct.com "Come for a day, we are sure you will want to stay."

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

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

MONDAY

Matthew 25:31-46
"Come, you that are blessed by my Father . . ."

TUESDAY

Matthew 6:7-15
" . . . your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

WEDNESDAY

Luke 11:29-32
"This generation is an evil generation."

THURSDAY

Matthew 7:7-12
" . . . do to others as you would have them do to you."

FRIDAY

Matthew 5:20-26
" . . . if you are angry . . . you will be liable to judgment."

SATURDAY*

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24A
" . . . Jesus . . . will save his people from their sins."

* Alternate readings exist for this day. Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Wandering in the Wilderness

As we open the penitential season of Lent, we are reminded that in our sinfulness and weakness we are dependent on Christ. Lent is also a time to recall our Baptism, the first stirrings of God's life in us. Just look to the first reading from Genesis wherein it is revealed that God breathed his own life into humankind. In addition, Lent is a call to penance focused on dying to self in order to live for Christ.

The Gospel reading takes us into the narrative in which Jesus, led by the Spirit, prepares for his ministry by praying and fasting in the desert. Exhausted, hungry and weakened, he encounters his nemesis, the devil. In this encounter, Matthew attempts to bring us full circle from the story of Israel's wanderings

in the desert to the redemptive power wrought by the Messiah.

The triple temptations of Jesus after forty days and nights in the desert parallel the chosen people's trials as they wandered in the wilderness of the desert for forty years. During that time, they experienced hunger and grappled with idolatry and presumption, testing God. Matthew and Luke present us with a theological illustration of Jesus taking temptation upon himself in order to undo the sin of humanity begun in the Garden of Eden and experienced during the Exodus. Against this backdrop, the triple temptation of Jesus and his strength to stand against it, illuminates how God has entered our history of sin and changed it.



The Faith of the Church

Sin is part and parcel of what it means to be human. When we understand the covenant relationship God shares with us, we can begin to understand the nature of sin. Sin is not merely a psychological or developmental flaw or weakness. The evil of sin lies in the fact that it is a direct rejection of God's offer of a loving relationship and a misuse of the free will inherent in our being (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 386, 387).



Questions of the Week

Today's Gospel holds up a mirror on our own lives. We are not to become guilt ridden about sin and evil. Rather, temptations awaken us to examine our relationship with God. Aware of the abundance of God's love, we have the courage to deal with sin in our lives.

Adults

What roots of sin lie at the source of the temptations I deal with on a regular basis?

Children

How can I show my love for God this Lenten season?

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

Responding to God's Word . . .

Being tempted is part of being human; the power to resist temptation is part of belonging to Christ and being saved by him. Jesus defeats the devil in three key areas of human weakness. First, there is the hunger for more: the temptation to fill and overfill ourselves with food, material possessions, and drugs—anything that satisfies for the moment. But the void is never filled by these things. As Jesus points out, we are made whole by the word of God.

At the heart of every human lies the almost superstitious lure to test God. Presumption means that we pursue anything we desire without regard for

the effects of our choices because God's staying power is on our side. Presumption is the product of pride, but Jesus defeats pride by urging a humble reliance upon a covenant relationship with God.

Third, we are particularly susceptible today to the lure of power. The desire to control everything permeates the world around us. Our heroes are often the powerful and famous rather than those who put others first.

Yes, we wander the wilderness of life's journey distracted and lured by many temptations. But in Christ, we are empowered to choose, as he did, to resist.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Take time this week to reflect upon your own temptations to discover how they can lead to the development of a corresponding virtue.

In the workplace or in school. Avoid situations that urge you to compete with others. Instead, create circumstances for cooperation.

In the community. Search out a specific need in your parish or neighborhood. Spend this Lenten season organizing a response to that need.



Meditation Moment

As a boy, Arturo Toscanini attended Italy's Royal Academy of Music. Because he was poor, he sold to the other students the meat from his meals so that he could buy musical scores.

Like Jesus himself, Toscanini belongs to that elite group whose generous spirit has enriched the human race.

For reflection . . .

His story moves me to recall a time when I sacrificed to the "hurting point" for something. What motivated that sacrifice?

LIFE MUST BE DEDICATED TO A
DESTINY IN ORDER TO HAVE A MEANING.

JOSE ORTEGA Y GASSET

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Desert Days

Creator God,
you have breathed
your very life in us. In your
mercy, our flawed and sinful
humanity is redeemed.
Build up in us those virtues
that can overcome the temptations
of each day. Widen our hearts to
receive your love that we might
offer that love to others.
Cultivate a true spirit of Lent
in us as we journey
through these
desert days.
Amen.

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

Profile in Faith

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve were formed in a way distinct from all other creatures. With Adam, the clay of earth came to life with the very breath of God, and Eve was created from the rib of Adam. Both stories reveal that divine life sparked the human species.

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MARCH 13, 2011

Prayer, Praise and Sacrament

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Herby Herbst***, requested by Nancy Herold

SUNDAY – (DST BEGINS)

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

10:30am **Mass: *Hyman Bates***, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

2:00pm **Mass of Healing and Hope** with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Mrs. Judith Hughes

2:00pm **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion** (at St Patrick Cathedral, Norwich)

TUESDAY

9:00am **Mass:**

WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Mass:**

THURSDAY

4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Living Room

7:00pm **Mass:**

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

FRIDAY

9:00am **Mass:**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Carol Deraleau***, requested by her family,
- and -
Joseph Franek, Sr., requested by his wife,
Anastasia

SUNDAY

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

10:30am **Mass: *Tony Gonsalves***, requested by his wife,
Betty

Meetings

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**

MONDAY OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:00am **Disciples on the Journey**, South Community Rooms

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

FRIDAY

6:00pm **Soup and Bread Supper**, (Almsgiving to benefit the Caregivers)

SATURDAY

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

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

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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.

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