

SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY

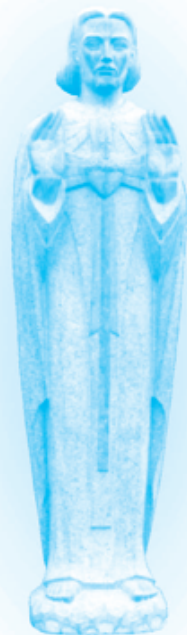
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SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT

"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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DIOCESE OF NORWICH

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Do This in Memory of Me”

Ministries/Programs/Services Funded By Your Generous Support Of the Annual Catholic Appeal

SOCIAL SERVICES — 22%

- Catholic Charities - \$456,922
- Project Northeast - \$68,349
- St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen (Norwich) - \$116,715
- St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen (Middletown) - \$36,000
- Mt. St. John School, Deep River- \$12,000

Total-\$689,986

EDUCATION — 23%

- Diocesan School Office- \$218,635
- Office of Communications- \$184,574
- Pro-Life- \$7,000
- Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center- \$101,290
- Pastoral Planning- \$51,918
- Planned Giving- \$29,402
- Safe Environments- \$52,207
- Development^ 104,650

Total-\$749,676

OUTREACH — 23%

- Hispanic Ministry-\$328,637
- Ministry to the Sick - Backus Hospital- \$28,879
- Hospital Chaplaincy- Middlesex Hospital- \$40,549
- Outreach to Haiti- \$146,279
(Formerly known as Haitian Ministries & Hospice St. Joseph)
- St. Joseph Living Center- \$60,000
- Ministry to Prisoners & Their Families- \$70,000
- Combined Collection Program-\$18,400
- The Catholic Foundation-\$32,600

Total-\$725,344

SPIRITUAL FORMATION — 15%

- Vocation Promotion & Development-\$139,907
- Campus Ministry & F.O.C.U.S.-\$215,070
- Spiritual Renewal Services-\$13,633
- Stewardship- \$33,550
- Faith Events-\$83,600
- Office of Worship- \$4,400

Total-\$490,160

PRIESTS RETIREMENT — 3%

Total-\$102,000

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL — 7%

Total-\$233,198

ADMINISTRATIVE &

CENTRAL SERVICES — 6%

- Diocesan Administration & Finance- \$170,000
- Diocesan DataBase-\$ 12,000 ,

Total-\$182,000

CONTINGENCY FUND FOR

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES — 1%

Total-\$23,636

GRAND TOTAL \$3,196,000

Projected Allocation of Campaign Funds based upon the 2011 Campaign Goal of \$3,400,000 with an anticipated 94% rate of redemption on pledges. The projected total available for distribution is \$3,196,000.

Lenten Activities

Soup and Bread Suppers – each Friday during Lent, and again on Good Friday in the South Community Rooms. Usually at 6pm. 5pm on Good Friday.

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 what it means to be **Disciples on the Journey** during Lent. They meet on **Thursdays** at 10am. 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. Hey, sinners! Don't forget to come back on Holy Thursday to receive your blessing!

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together at our **Lenten Forgiveness Service** on Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm.

The Deacon's Corner

Lent is often thought of as a time to become more serious, more sober about our spiritual welfare. But smiling should be a natural part of our Lent. This, however, cannot be easily done unless we also become more hopeful, and convinced of the happy fact that God really loves us.

Listen to part of the Eucharistic Prayer for Lent 1:

*Each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.*

*You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our
Father,
and of willing service to our neighbor.*

As we grow closer in love to Jesus, he will give us the strength to do what he is calling us to do. So why not smile?

Easter is Coming!

The Youth Group will once again be selling chocolate Easter bunnies and jelly beans from Munson's Candies. The sale will be held on Saturday, **April 9th** and Sunday, **April 10th** after all Masses.

The cost for a 2 ½ ounce bunny is \$3.00 each.
The cost for a 14 ounce bag of Jelly Beans is \$3.75 each.

All money raised will go towards payment for the cost of transportation for their annual Confirmation Retreat.

Tag Sale

The Youth Group will once again be participating in the Vernon Town Wide Tag Sale on **Saturday, April 30, 2011** from 8:00am to 4:00pm (rain or shine).

As you start your spring cleaning, please remember that the Youth Group will accept clean and usable items for the tag sale. Sorry, we will not be able to accept clothing or shoes/boots.

Please contact Rella (860-875-4563) or rella@sacredheartchurch.net for more information.

Tag Sale – Space for Rent

The Youth Group will hold their Tag Sale on Saturday, April 30th in the church parking lot. If you would like to rent a table in order to hold your tag sale in the parking lot, the rental cost is \$15 per table.

Please contact Rella (860-875-4563) or rella@sacredheartchurch.net to reserve a table.

Youth Group – Food Fast

We thank all who pledged or donated money for the Food Fast that the Youth Group participated in. All money received will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. If you have made a pledge for this event, please contact Rella.

Attention: Youth Group

Because the Youth Group participated in the Food Fast on April 1 & 2, Confirmation Preparation session and Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, April 3rd. We will meet again on April 10th at the regularly scheduled time.

First Reconciliation

The following children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on March 29, 2011:

Maria Coles-Ruiz	James Glidden
Zachary Condon	Skylar Goold
Megan Dosouto	Noah Moulton
Sarah Dosouto	Madison Ruggiero
Olivia Gillis	Taylor Skivington

We congratulate these children and their families! May they continue to grow in God's forgiving love as they continue on their faith journey.

Thank You

Sacred Heart Parish Family,

Many thanks for the Mass for my sister, Joyce Bachl who was very religious and enjoyed doing things for church in many ways. I thank God every day for so many wonderful friends, especially at a time when caring and comfort is needed. You are in my prayers as well, including Father Stan.

God Bless

Margaret Managgia

High School Seniors Retreat

Graduating High School Seniors Retreat: Transition into College with Catholic Values Senior year is a time of transition & change, to know where you are headed you must understand & embrace where you have come from. Opportunities to reflect on people/events that have shaped your life, recognize and appreciate who you are today & learn some tools to embrace the future. Address the coming closures & move beyond the familiar to grow & strengthen for life's continued journey. April 15-16 Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D Garrison, NY 10524. For info/application call 845-424-3609 or visit <http://capuchin.org/events/cyfm>

Living Stations of the Cross

Passion Sunday, April 17 at 3 o'clock our talented teenagers reverently reenact each station as we journey with them through Christ's suffering and death to help our community reflect on the Passion of Christ. The afternoon concludes with Eucharistic Adoration. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D Garrison, NY 10524 for info call 845-424-3609

Way of the Cross

Please reserve Good Friday, April 22 at 6pm for the celebration of the Way of the Cross on Chelsea Parade, Norwich. Christians are all welcome.

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.

APRIL 3, 2011

Prayer, Praise and Sacrament

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: Mildred Rondini**, requested by Rich & Rella
Bernabucci

SUNDAY

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

10:30am **Mass: Muriel Iadarola**, requested by Pat Iadarola
& Family

WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Mass:**

THURSDAY

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

7:00pm **Mass:**

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

FRIDAY

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: Gertrude Soucy**, requested by Rich & Rella
Bernabucci

SUNDAY

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

10:30am **Mass: Lois Dunham**, requested by a friend, - and -
Robert Regan, requested by his wife Dorothy &
Family

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 -**

MONDAY OFFICES CLOSED

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

7:00pm **Finance Committee**, Living Room

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 Helping Hands)

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 -Conf. Prep

7:30pm **Youth Group**

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 –

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