

# SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY

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**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 5:45 PM

Sunday 10:45 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.

## Annual Bishop's Appeal

The Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA) is our way of supporting the work of the Catholic Church, both in our parish and throughout Eastern Connecticut. Every one of us is a beneficiary in one way or another of the ABA. There is a great satisfaction in knowing that you have had a part in the training of men for the priesthood, in reaching out to the poor, the disenfranchised, and the helpless, in sharing the light of faith through education programs, in keeping a Catholic presence alive for college students and the many other ways in which the Annual Bishop's Appeal serves God's Church. Please be a part of this and know the joy of joining our brothers and sisters in faith by making a gift to the 2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Thank you.

## HELP! HELP! HELP!

The **GARDEN BRIGADE** needs helpers.

You will be asked to do a small portion of our landscaping – done at your convenience during the year or offer to do a one time clean-up, mulch spreading, etc. Together we can get our property looking great!

We will meet to determine what needs to be done and **enjoy BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS** in the fellowship room on **SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010 at 9am**. Please call Jean Merz at 869-875-7381 or Carol Deraleau at 860-749-4139 and say YES to this plea. Thanks!

## The Deacon's Corner

This week we find the disciples behind locked doors because they are afraid. We don't know how long they were hiding there. It is logical to assume that they were praying. Praying to God. Praying because Jesus was gone. Praying for their own needs. Praying for each others needs. Praying for their small faith community. This is intercessory prayer.

This is exactly the kind of prayer that takes place every Thursday night after the 7 o'clock Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Prayers are said for the needs of our parishes, the people, our leaders and each other. Intercessory prayers are more effective when done in a group. There are receptacles at each door where you may deposit a prayer request. Or, better yet, won't you join us?

## Please Note

Rella will be attending a planning meeting for the 2011 New England Convocation for Catechetical Leadership on Tuesday, April 13 in Worcester, MA. The Faith Formation Office will open at 12:30pm on this day.

## NCCL Conference and Exposition

Fr. Stan and Rella will be attending the 74th Annual National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Conference and Exposition from Friday, April 16th through Friday, April 23rd. Please contact Sandy Rice (860-875-4563) if you have any questions about Faith Formation.

## Youth Group Tag Sale

The Youth Group will once again be participating in the Vernon Community Tag Sale on Saturday, April 24, 2010. The tag sale begins at 8:00am and ends at 4:00pm and will be held in the front parking lot.

If you have any clean, gently used items that you would like to donate to the Youth Group for the tag sale, please call the parish offices (860-875-4563). We will not be able to take clothing or shoes.

The Youth Group will also be renting tables to anyone who would like to hold their tag sale in the parking lot. The cost per table is \$15. You may bring your own chair or, if you prefer, a folding chair will be provided with the table. Please call Rella this week (860-875-4563) to reserve your table.

## Polka Dance

Spring Polka Dance to benefit St. Joseph School, Norwich, CT, will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Moose Hall, 115 Fitchville Rd., Bozrah, CT. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Polish dinner buffet with homemade desserts and coffee served from 4:30 pm till 10:00 PM. dancing from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm to Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men. \$25/pp. For tickets or info call Terry at 860- 908-0774.

## It's A Free Spiritual "Tune-Up"

One-Day **Life in the Spirit Seminar** at St. Matthew Church, Tolland will be held Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 9am to 4pm. Pre-registration is appreciated. St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT 06084. For more information, please call (860) 887-0702 or please e-mail: [Renewal@catholicweb.com](mailto:Renewal@catholicweb.com)

"7 Week" **Life in the Spirit Seminar** at **Saint Joseph Church basement, Rockville** on Wednesday s, April 28 to June 9 from 7:15 to 9pm. Topics covered: God's Love for you and how special you are to Him, Salvation – Jesus would have died for you alone, New Life – a deeper appreciation of Life and God's Love for you, and, God wants the best for you. To register, or for more info, call Connie Swatik at 860-684-3996



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## White Mass For Health Care Workers

... will be celebrated in **St. Matthias Church, East Lyme, on Sunday, April 25, 2010, 9:00am**. Brunch will immediately follow in Saint Matthias Church Hall. Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. will be the Celebrant and Deacon Peter Gill will be the homilist. The featured speakers will be Dr. Frank Maletz and Dr. Harlan Taliaferro. The topic will be their experiences in treating patients with orthopedic trauma during the Gulf War conflict." The Chair of this event is Deacon Gerald Shaw, MD. The requested donation for breakfast is \$25.00. Health care workers of all faiths are invited. For further information call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

## Mass In Observance Of Secretaries Week

A Mass in thanksgiving for all secretaries will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. The Homilist for the Mass will be Reverend Leszek Janik, J.C.L., Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Willimantic and Judicial Vicar. By their noble work, secretaries truly make a difference in the ministries, schools, and apostolates that serve the people of God in eastern Connecticut as well as in numerous businesses and offices in our communities. The Secretaries Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 12:10pm at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut**. Following the Mass a complimentary luncheon will be held in the Cathedral Auditorium. Secretaries of all faiths and their families, friends, and employers are invited. For reservations or for more information call Father Stan or Mrs. Alice Pudvah, Administrative Assistant to Bishop Cote, Chancery, at 860-887-9294, ext. 234.

APRIL 11, 2010

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## The Work of the Church

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

#### SATURDAY

- 4:00pm **Mass at Saint Maurice**  
5:45pm **Mass: *Theresa Cassavant***, requested by Arthur & Pauline Casey, *and* ***Barbara Myers***, requested by Mary Kuhn

#### SUNDAY

- 8:45am **Mass at Saint Maurice**  
10:45am **Mass: *Arthur & Ronald Lavigne***, requested by Marge Lavigne & Family, *and* ***Gertrude Soucy***, requested by Her Family

#### MONDAY

- 11:00am **Memorial Service: *Edward Sczapa, Jr.***

#### TUESDAY

- MARTIN I, POPE & MARTYR  
9:00am **Mass at Saint Maurice**

#### WEDNESDAY

- 9:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***  
11:00am **Mass: *At Welles Village***

#### THURSDAY

- 4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Living Room  
7:00pm **Mass: *Peter & Angela Fazio***, requested by Frank & Maria Neri  
7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel

#### FRIDAY

- 9:00am **Mass at Saint Maurice**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### SATURDAY

- 4:00pm **Mass at Saint Maurice**  
5:45pm **Mass: *Jesse Szemrelyo***, requested by family

#### SUNDAY

- 8:45am **Mass at Saint Maurice**  
10:45am **Mass: *Stella Golnik***, requested by her family

## Meetings

#### SATURDAY

- 7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, Northeast Activity Room

#### SUNDAY

- Fellowship before and after Mass  
9:15am **Faith Formation**, Grades K-5  
6:30pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 6-Conf Prep  
7:45pm **Youth Group**

#### MONDAY

- Staff Sabbath / Offices Closed**

#### WEDNESDAY

- 4:00pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 2-4  
7:00pm **Pastoral Council**, Library  
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

- 9:00am **Meeting of Anyone Interested in Helping with the Gardening Around the Church Grounds & Breakfast**  
7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, South Community Rooms

#### SUNDAY

- Fellowship before and after Mass  
NO **Faith Formation or 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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Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday • April 11, 2010

April 11, 2010  
**dear Padre**  
**Why does the Sunday after Easter have two titles?**

*The liturgical calendar says the Sunday after Easter can either be designated the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday. What's the difference, and why doesn't the Church just pick one?*

*Mateo*

**Dear Mateo,**

The difficulty with picking just one title is that the other could be forgotten, and the Church wants to recognize both.

The more fundamental title for the Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter. The official Latin text of the 2002 Roman Missal reveals the Church's thoughts: the day is designated Dominica II Paschae, the "Second Sunday of Easter." Below those words, in smaller print, are the words seu de divina Misericordia, "or of Divine Mercy."

The emphases for celebration are complementary. Most profoundly, the day is a continuation of the Easter feast. It marks the octave—the eighth day of the celebration—and finds its primary identity in relation to the celebration of the Easter mystery.

Following a revelation received by Saint Faustina, a Polish saint to whom he was devoted, Pope John Paul II decreed that this day also be recognized and celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, a day particularly focused on celebrating the richness of God's mercy as revealed in Christ. Such a celebration adds a warm devotional component to the liturgical celebration, and so the celebrations can coexist.

*Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.*

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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 8:45 AM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Saturday from 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Also by appointment.

**BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:**

Please call the rectory (643-4466).

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

**WELCOME!**

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social after the Sunday Masses on 2nd Sunday of the month and Pancake Breakfast every 4th Sunday. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

**VISITATION TO THE SICK**

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**This week**

**Saturday, April 10:**

8:00 P.M. Mass for Gary Martin, request of Linda LaChapelle; and for Doris Gidius, request of Richard, Gail and Terri Gidius

**Sunday, April 11:**

8:45 A.M. Mass for Deceased members of the Henry Clark family, request of Margaret Fontanella; and for Lynn Leeper, request of John & Rita Sheetz

**Next week**

**Saturday, April 17:**

4:00 P.M. Mass for Robert Gallant; and for David Mosley

**Sunday, April 18:**

8:45 A.M. Mass for Priests of this parish and for all priests; and for Amy Rose



**Readings for the Week of April 11, 2010**

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

***Stewardship and Tithing***

Offertory for week of April 4<sup>th</sup>... .....\$ 2,671  
Amount needed for Ordinary Expenses.....\$ 4,500

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”...John 20:21*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. As Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, He also sends us. Divine Mercy of God is in our sharing of our gifts with others less fortunate.

**THIS WEEK**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*Services at 2:45 P.M.*

*Usher Group III*

*FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY*  
*YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL*

**MONDAY, April 12:** No Mass; Building Committee Meeting Rectory, 7:15 P.M.

**TUESDAY, April 13 :** Mass at 9:00 St. Maurice for Suzanne Dower, request of Lynn Mancino  
7:00 P.M. Parish Council meeting in the rectory.  
7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY April 14:** Mass at 9:00 A.M. Sacred Heart Church.  
Christmas Fair Workshop Church Basement 9:00 am

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY April 15:** Mass at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart

**FRIDAY April 16 :** Mass 9:00 A.M. at St. Maurice Church for George Maneggia, request of Armstrong family

**SATURDAY, April 17 :**  
CONFESSIONS from 3:30 until 3:45 p.m.  
Youth Choir rehearsal after 4:00 P.M. Mass

**THIS SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SERVICE**

**AT 2:45 P.M.**

**COMMENCING WITH**  
**ADORATION UNTIL 3:00 P.M.**  
**FOLLOWED BY RECITATION OF**  
**THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

**AND**

**LITANY OF DIVINE MERCY**

**ENDING WITH**

**DIVINE PRAISES**

**THERE WILL BE NO BENEDICTION**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M. April 17**

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea, Stephanie Leiner

Lector: Dolores Betti

Euch. Ministers: Arlene Giglio

**Sunday 8:45 A.M., April 18**

Altar Servers: Ryan & Ben Van Dine

Lector: Jennifer Carvalho

Euch. Ministers: Jennifer Carvalho

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be NO Faith Formation Classes due to Spring Recess. Please mark your calendars.

Classes will resume on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the regular times.

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!!!**

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, a notice was placed in the Bulletin regarding the nomination(s) for new members of the Parish Council. Well, today is the day! In the pews you will find nomination forms for you to complete and return. It is vitally important for the spiritual and economic health of St. Maurice Parish that all parishioners take an active part in the nomination process. Please choose people (yourself included) that you feel would best represent everyone from all the towns, and from all the economic levels that make up our parish.

Membership is on a rotating 3 year term; meetings are held every other month unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Nominees will be contacted to determine their interest in and acceptance of the nomination. All of the nomination slips (of those who have accepted) will be placed in a hat and chosen by lot by a child of the parish. All candidates will be notified immediately as to the results.

If there are any questions, or if more information is needed, please contact the Rectory office, or speak to any Council Member. The office will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:45 am until 4:00 p.m.

**thank you, thank you, thank you**

from MACC charities.....

March 9, 2010,

Dear Father Szczapa,

I just wanted to let everyone at the Church of St. Maurice know how much we appreciate your support of our programs here at MACC. I haven't been able to keep up with my acknowledgements of everyone's generous donation to the pantry and kitchen but please be assured that your kindness is so important to us.

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