

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

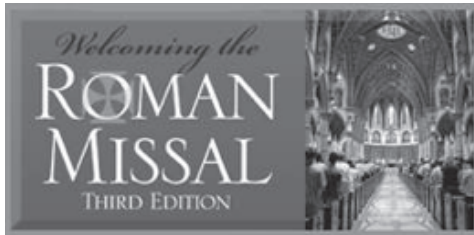
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WE WELCOME YOU TO SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to Father Stan after Mass. We would also appreciate it if you would come to or call the office and register. We need to know who you are so that we 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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At Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Quaker Hill

Cost: \$10 (Payable at the door)

**Register by: E mail: worship@norwichdiocese.net
or call 860-848-2237
or call the parish office at 860.875.4563**

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.

Attn: Faith Formation & Youth Group

Faith Formation sessions and Youth Group scheduled for **Sunday, April 24th will NOT meet** because of Easter Sunday.

We will meet again next Sunday, May 1st for our last session and year-end party.

The Deacon's Corner

*“Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?
He is not here, he has risen” Lk 24:5-6*

*“Jesus stood among them and said, Peace be with you!”
Lk24:36-39*

*“Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on
the road?” Lk24:32*

Jesus you are risen! You are with us.

Keep us always mindful of how you are part of our lives in a deep and profound way.

Surprise us with the touch of your love in places where we never thought to look for you.

Fill our hearts with hope.

May the gift of your presence transform every moment of our lives into a sacred time of prayer.

Help us to see this gift through the eyes of faith.

Fill us with your peace. AMEN



DIocese OF NORWICH

As of April 15, 2011, our parish gifts and pledges report indicates that we stand at \$6,987.00 - 22.29% of our goal.

To date, our report indicates that only 40 households have responded with a pledge or gift, which we know cannot be correct, for when Father asked for a show of hands at Mass **every single parishioner** responded that they had indeed made a pledge. We will investigate on your behalf; meanwhile, observe that it is not too late to make your pledge. You can do so at Mass, by mail, or securely online at <http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org> You can view the video there as well.

As Catholics of the Diocese of Norwich, we are called to something greater than giving to our inner circle of friends and loved ones. We are called to walk the path of Christ, stopping to serve and help others who make up our larger Christian family.

In a compassionate response to the needs of humankind, the Catholic Church extends a wide range of compassionate ministries and services underwritten in whole or in part by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your charitable gift to the Appeal supports vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. We are able to care for the sick and elderly, give a helping hand to families in need, provide resources to people living in poverty, support our retired priests all because of your support.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your gift, please respond today. Gift envelopes may be found at the rear of Church or if you prefer you can make your gift online at: www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

2011 Appeal:

**“Do This in
Memory of Me”**

Welcome / Welcome Home!

divorce

It is very sad to the Church that many people have separated themselves from communion with the Church simply because they were under the impression that a divorce meant automatic excommunication. ***This is rarely the case!*** PLEASE! Call the office and talk to Father Stan for a confidential assessment of your options. Even if you have been remarried, there may be uncomplicated options available to you. You have nothing to lose by inquiring, and **the Church very much wishes you to explore the options available to you.** Call 860-875-4563 or email fatherstan@sacredheartchurch.net

baptism

Do you have or are you expecting a child for whom you wish the Sacrament of Baptism? We baptize children throughout the year and we are able to prepare you for the Baptism in a painless way – **even if you have been away for a long time.** Please call to get this easy process started.

Are you or an older child unbaptized? Adults and older children are accommodated in a special process that respects their lived experience and their unique appreciation of the experience of Faith. Again, please call Rella or Father Stan to find out more. Call 860-875-4563 or email rella@sacredheartchurch.net or fatherstan@sacredheartchurch.net

did you skip confirmation?

This happens more often than you might have thought. Sometimes a person just isn't ready for the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are in High School. **This isn't a difficult problem at all** – and, no, you won't have to be placed back into a class of teenagers. Call Rella or Father Stan to find out just how easy this is. Call us whenever you are ready. Call 860-875-4563 or email rella@sacredheartchurch.net or fatherstan@sacredheartchurch.net

getting married?

If you're planning on getting married in a different Catholic parish, you'll be asked to present a certificate from "your" parish. Don't have a parish? Well, you do now. Here you are and we're glad to have you. This isn't a problem – call the office and register. We'll need your name, address, and ask some simple background questions of you (such as, "Are you already baptized? etc.") Let us know you're planning to be married so that we can help. Call 860-875-4563 or email rella@sacredheartchurch.net or fatherstan@sacredheartchurch.net. Of course, we'd also be happy to marry you here, if you'd like.

parish registration

Newcomer or long-timer – there are some people who just haven't gotten around to registering in the parish yet. We ask that you please consider doing so. It gives us an understanding of just who our Parish Family truly is, including valuable information about faith experience, approximate age, how many of our family are candidates for sacraments, etc. It's not just idle curiosity on our part – it helps us to plan both for our present Parish Family and for the Parish of your future. We offer (and recommend) contribution envelopes if you should desire them and choose to use them, *but that decision is entirely yours.*

By the way, registration benefits you in other ways, too. It helps you if we can contact you when you are ill and are needing our assistance. We have a large array of services you might have use of – have you ever needed to photocopy your medical bills or perhaps some paperwork for your child's school? Ever need to send or receive a fax? Borrow some tables or chairs for a party or picnic? We really would like everyone to register, whether here at Sacred Heart or in another place. We are one Church, and registration does help the Church to better minister and become more efficient. Call 860-875-4563 or email rella@sacredheartchurch.net or fatherstan@sacredheartchurch.net Please also remember to specifically release your parish affiliation information **at the hospital** whenever you are admitted, or they won't let us know you are there.

support

Whether you are grieving a loss or struggling to break from an addiction – we can help. You have lots of different options and we have the experience of many contacts to refer you to. One of them may be perfect for you. This is a Season of Life. Perhaps this is the time for your life to begin again – call the office when you're ready. Call 860-875-4563 or email fatherstan@sacredheartchurch.net

formation

Faith grows best when it is nurtured and cared for. We can help with the many Faith Formation tools we offer to you. Tailored by age (children through adults) or by where you are in life's journey, our programs can be just the tools you need to give your faith a boost. Most of our members will tell you that worshipping with us at Mass is the best first step (whether the large Sunday Mass or a small Daily Mass) but you don't have to start that way – perhaps you want to learn more about Scripture (one option is Bible Study) or you feel the need to help the disadvantaged (we have many opportunities – from our devotion to the poor of Haiti to our devotion to the poor of our community whom we help through The Cornerstone). There is something for you here at Sacred Heart – and if there isn't we want to know about it so we can fill the need. Rella can help you. Call 860-875-4563 or email rella@sacredheartchurch.net

God's house is your house. You are always welcome in this house.

APRIL 24, 2011

Prayer, Praise and Sacrament

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY (Note: NO 4:30 Mass this day)

8:30pm Mass: *For Chandler Oliver*

EASTER SUNDAY

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

10:30am Mass: *Jesse Szemreyl*, requested by the family
-and-

Al Bousquet, requested by his wife, Sally

WEDNESDAY

9:00am Mass: *Fr. Tony Kuzdal*

THURSDAY

7:00pm Mass: *Anthony & Maria Minissale*, requested by Frank
& Maria Neri

FRIDAY

9:00am Mass: *For an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Upon Our
Parish*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY

4:30pm Mass: *Robert Burns*, requested by his wife, Rita

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass: *Herby Herbst*, requested by the Kehoe
Family

10:30am Mass: *Ernest Golnik, Sr.*, requested by Donna Daly

Meetings

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY- Fellowship before and after Mass

NO **Faith Formation or Youth Group**

MONDAY OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY OFFICES CLOSED

7:00pm **Pastoral Council**, South Community Rooms

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:00am **Bible Study**, South Comm 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 **Last Session** - Faith Formation, grades 1-5

6:15pm **Last Session** – Faith Formation, grades 6-Conf. Prep.

7:30pm **Last Session** – Youth Group

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt
28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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
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