

# SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY

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liturgy and music

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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 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”

## Parish Restructuring Meeting

Please plan to attend on  
**MONDAY, MAY 9 at 7pm.**

*It's YOUR parish.  
Be a part of the decisions  
that will determine its future.*

Get caught-up by reading the minutes of previous cluster meetings at  
<http://sacredheartchurch.net/public/parish-restructuring/>

### **Bans of Ordination**

The following deacon will be called to the Order of Priesthood on  
Saturday, May 28, 2011:

**Rev. Mr. Luis Henry Agudelo**

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained  
a priest, please write to: The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop  
of Norwich 201 Broadway Norwich, CT 06360

### The Deacon's Corner

*O GOD;*

*because you are the source of all life and love and being,  
we call you CREATOR.*

*Because we know the history of your presence among your  
people,  
we call you LORD.*

*Because Jesus Christ knew you intimately and spoke of you so,  
we call you FATHER.*

*Because you are the source of life and nourish us in womb love,  
we call you MOTHER.*

*Because we have known you in our pain and sorrow,  
we call you COMFORTER.*

*Because you hold the promise of all things made new,  
we call you HOPE.*

*Because you have, so many times, brought us back from our  
own destruction,  
we call you DELIVERER.*

*Because you have chosen to come among us and share our  
lives,  
we call you SAVIOR.*

## Thank You!

Although the Faith Formation Program has ended for the 2010-11 Faith Formation year, we wish to thank the following Sacred Heart and St. Maurice parishioners for stepping forward to volunteer to be catechists:

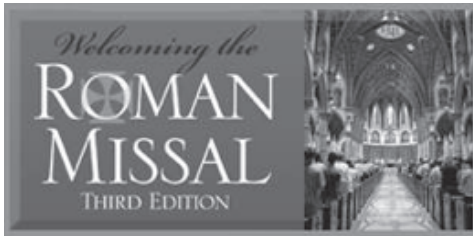
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Kyle Toce

We also wish to thank **Christopher Armstrong** and **Sergio Dosouto** for volunteering to be prayer leaders for Liturgy of the Word with Children.

May God bless them for their dedication to the young people of our parish.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



The words all Catholics say at Mass in the United States will change on November 26, 2011...

### “The Revised Texts of the Missal, with Special Emphasis on Music and Musical Settings”

*A morning of enlightenment  
for all interested parishioners,  
parish staff & music ministers*

#### PRESENTERS

**Paul Covino and Paul Melly**  
*Of Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA*

**NEXT SATURDAY, May 14, 2011  
9:30am to 12:30pm**

*At Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Quaker Hill*

Cost: \$10 (Payable at the door)

**Register by E mail: [worship@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net)  
or call 860.848.2237  
or call the parish office at 860.875.4563**

### Youth Group Tag Sale News

The Youth Group wishes to **thank everyone** for their donations/rentals of tables for the tag sale. As a result of your support, **we were able to raise \$728!** This money will be used for transportation for our retreat next March.

### Attn: Faith Formation & Youth Group

The 2010-11 Faith Formation year for Grades 1 – Confirmation Preparation ended last Sunday, May 1. Youth Group has also come to an end for the 2010-11 year.

Registration forms will soon be sent to all families currently registered with the Faith Formation Program.

**If you would like more information about the Faith Formation Program**, or if you have a child preparing to enter the Faith Formation Program for the first time in September, or if you're new to the parish and wish to register your children for the Faith Formation Program, please contact Rella ([rella@sacredheartchurch.net](mailto:rella@sacredheartchurch.net)). You may also contact Rella or Sandy at 860-875-4563.

### 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.

### Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

### Attention: Pastoral Council

The meeting that was originally scheduled for April 26 will be held this Wednesday, May 11 at 7pm.

### Thank You

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for your continued support and donation of \$193.00 to the Cornerstone Foundation. We appreciate your consideration.*

#### **For your information:**

*Easter day at the soup kitchen was wonderful. The atmosphere was filled with harmony. The tables were beautifully decorated and the meal according to all present was delicious.*

*I want you to know it is because of your consideration and others like you that we were able to serve our hungry neighbor in this special way on Easter Sunday.*

*Thank you for sharing in ministry with us. You have made a difference.*

#### **Peace and Blessings,**

Helen Syriac  
Executive Director  
The Cornerstone Foundation

## 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

**Acts 2:14, 22–33**  
**1 Peter 1:17–21**  
**Luke 24:13–35**

### MONDAY

**John 6:22–29**

*"This is the work of God . . ."*

### TUESDAY

**John 6:30–35**

*" . . . it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven."*

### WEDNESDAY

**John 6:35–40**

*"I am the bread of life."*

### THURSDAY

**John 6:44–51**

*"No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father . . ."*

### FRIDAY

**John 6:52–59**

*"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life . . ."*

### SATURDAY

**John 15:9–17**

*"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."*

## Our Hearts Were Burning!

On the road to Emmaus two discouraged disciples encounter the risen Christ after the crucifixion and they did not recognize him. When the disciples saw Jesus die not only did it make them doubt their faith but their dream of political freedom died as well.

They had hoped that Jesus was the messianic political deliverer of Israel that would restore the Jewish city state. They had hoped Jerusalem would once again be in power. They were convinced that his death was also the death of their dream.

Knowing that the disciples were defeated Jesus, the Christ, approached them pretending to be ignorant of the recent events and took the time to listen to their concerns. The

good teacher explained the Scriptures to them. Then when they were at table ". . . he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them . . ." At that moment they recognized him.

The Gospel tells us that the disciples reflected on what had happened to them in this encounter with the Risen Christ. Their hearts "were burning" when they heard the Scriptures, and they were fed with the Eucharist.

Their encounter with the Resurrected Christ transformed them. Their fear was gone! They rushed to Jerusalem, even though it was night, to share their testimony and give witness of the Risen Christ to the others in the Upper Room. They had left Jerusalem for home hours before—deeply mournful. They returned filled with the Good News and the hope of the Resurrection!



## The Faith of the Church

The faith of the disciples was put to the test by Jesus' Passion and Death. The Gospels describe demoralized disciples. The argument that the Resurrection was created by their faith does not hold up. On the contrary, their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of the Spirit, from their direct experience of the risen Christ. The sharing of a meal is an example of this direct contact (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 439, 643–645).



## Questions of the Week

Jesus promised to be with us always, but often we fail to recognize him because we have different ideas of what he must be like. For example, maybe we expect to see a glorious Lord and he appears to us instead as a simple walking companion.

### Adults

*Have I ever experienced Jesus walking with me in times of trouble? How did I recognize him and how did I respond to his presence?*

### Children

*Do I feel Jesus near me when I am troubled or sad? What do I talk to him about?*

## Responding to God's Word . . .

The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is not just an event of the past. Today, we have similar experiences. There are times when we leave our homes sad and hopeless because our expectations have not been met. Things are not the way we want them to be in our homes, jobs, or parishes.

Often we experience Christ coming as a friend and walking with us, but at times he looks like a stranger and we fail to recognize him. In all the Resurrection stories, the risen Christ appeared different and initially unrecognizable. Perhaps today he

may not look like the Jesus of the holy cards, but we know in our heart and spirit that he is with us. Indeed, Christ will never let us walk alone; he loves us personally and is always ready to walk with us and listen to our stories.

When we are close to him in prayer, our eyes are opened to the message of the Scriptures; when we participate in the Eucharist, Christ is present all around and most especially in the consecrated bread and wine. Our experience of the risen Lord cannot be held in. It must be shared and proclaimed.

## SUGGESTIONS

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

**In the home.** Share with your family a time this week when you felt Christ's presence with you. What happened?

**In the workplace or in school.** Listen to a friend who seems to be sad or down. Ask if there is anything you can do to help.

**In the community.** Identify a family in need of comfort or support and offer to visit. Help them feel that you care and are willing to walk with them.



## Meditation Moment

Noreen Towers was working among the poor with no evident success. One night she went to bed very discouraged. The next morning, shortly after waking, Jesus seemed to speak to her, saying, "Can you not trust my plan for you?" That split-second experience changed her from a defeated person into a person with unshakable faith.

### For reflection . . .

*What did I learn from a discouraging moment in my life?*

HOW ELSE BUT THROUGH A BROKEN HEART  
MAY THE LORD CHRIST ENTER IN?

OSCAR WILDE

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

## Stay with Me

Lord Jesus,  
When I receive you in the Eucharist, I feel that my faith increases, my hope is strengthened, and my life is enriched, because I live in you and you live in me. I believe that this union will never die because you are the way, the truth, and the life, and apart from you I cannot do anything. With the disciples on the road to Emmaus, I ask you, please stay with me because it is getting dark and I need you walking by my side day and night. Be with me, Lord, as I walk my own road home!  
Amen.

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

Jesus said . . . , "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty . . . and I will raise them up on the last day."

John 6:35, 40

## Profile in Faith

**St. Athanasius**  
(295?–373)

Born in Alexandria, Egypt, Athanasius was the champion of the faith against the heresy of Arianism. Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. He wrote *Life of St. Anthony*, which contributed to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world. Feast day: May 2.

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## Prayer, Praise and Sacrament

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Frances DeMarco Caputo, 2nd Anniversary,***  
requested by Jennie DeMarco

#### SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *Maria Gruszka & Frank Kondrat,***  
requested by the Gruszka & Kondrat Families  
10:30am **Mass: *For All Our Deceased Mothers***

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation,** living room  
7:00pm **Mass: *Agostino & Angela Aiello,***  
requested by Frank & Maria Neri  
7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer,** Eucharistic Chapel

#### FRIDAY

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

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *For All Those In Whose Memory***  
***Easter Flowers Were Given***

#### SUNDAY

**THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER STAN'S**  
**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**  
8:00am **Mass: *In Thanksgiving***  
10:30am **Mass: *In Thanksgiving***

## Meetings

#### SATURDAY

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

#### SUNDAY

**Fellowship before and after Mass**

#### MONDAY

**OFFICES CLOSED**

7:00pm **Parish Meeting Concerning Parish Restructuring**

#### WEDNESDAY

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

7-11am **Rain date for the Vernon Garden Club Plant Sale**  
7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous,** North Activity Rooms

#### SUNDAY

**Fellowship before and after Mass**

## **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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