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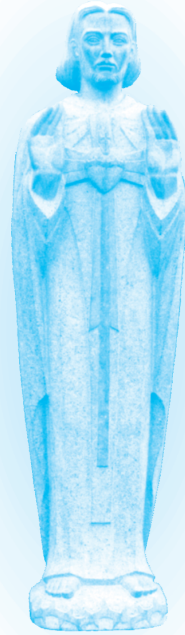
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SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT

“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 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.

“Handicapped Accessible”

Help Needed

We need help for the following ministries:

Liturgy of the Word with Children – at the 10:45am Mass on Sundays, one more person is needed to present and reflect the Sunday Scripture readings with the children of the parish. With four people on the team, each member of the team would be scheduled only once a month. Can you spare one Sunday a month to minister to the children of our parish?

Babysitting/Childcare – two more people are needed to offer babysitting/childcare services at the Sunday 10:45am Mass to the young families of our parish. If we could have two more people willing to help at this Mass, you would be assigned to one Mass per month.

Please see Rella for more information.

Youth Group

Some members of the Youth Group will be going to Cornerstone on Saturday, May 30 to prepare and serve lunch. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:50am. Questions? Please contact Rella.



As always, we count on the prayer-filled generosity of the members of this parish to make the ministry of the Catholic Church of eastern Connecticut a reality. If you have not yet made your pledge to the ABA now is the time to join others and be part of the work of Jesus Christ among the people of God. ABA pledge envelopes are available in the church for you to fill out and return in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity and thank you in advance for all the ways in which the Annual Bishop's Appeal will help make Christ known and God's word shared among his people.

Coney Island Picnic

It's time for our
Annual Coney Island Picnic

Date: Sunday, May 31
Time: 1:30-4pm

Good food, music, raffle, bounce house & games for the children

Fun for all!!!

Tickets are \$7.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child, Children 2 years old and under are free

Tickets will be available after Mass

Donations for raffle table will be accepted and appreciated.

Come join the fun!

For info or tickets call
Marie Pugliese – 871-1772
or Sandy Rice – 875-1849

There will be sign-up sheets at both doors

A Taste of Haiti

June 6, 2009 at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT (next to Saint Patrick-Saint Anthony Church.) Free parking across the street.

4pm Mass, Dinner served from 5-7pm. Haitian cuisine, music, photography exhibit, crafts & art work.

Adults - \$10. Children - \$5. Family - \$25. For information & tickets call (860) 756-4034

Pastoral Councils

One of the most important concepts to emerge from the Second Vatican Council is the notion of God's people working together to accomplish the "saving mission" of Christ. This concept pervades all the Council documents, but most especially the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the *Decree on the Lay Apostolate* and the *Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests*. As these documents stress, there is "one mission and many ministries" within the Church. Given this, the Church is continually faced with the practical challenge of mobilizing and integrating the ministries in such a way that they work effectively toward the one transcendent end of continuing Christ's "saving mission" on earth.

One way to do so is through the pastoral council. For most people, the parish is the focal point of the Church's sacramental and non-sacramental life, and the point around which much of the Church's work is organized. As such it is a natural setting for carrying out the Council's teachings, a place where God's people can come together and dedicate their energies and talents to the fulfillment of Christ's mission on earth. Although the pastoral council is obviously not the only way this can be done, at present it is one of the more promising and practical means of implementing the Council's vision.

What is a Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory and consultative body for the pastor. Its purpose is to promote community, to be a sign and witness of unity, and to assist the pastor in pastoral planning. The council performs its function of pastoral planning by listening to the parish community and formulating broad priorities, goals and policies which articulate and foster the mission of the parish.

The basic requirements for parish pastoral councils in the Diocese of Norwich are:

1. The pastoral council is an advisory and consultative body.
2. Parishes will develop and implement bylaws for the pastoral council. Bylaws will set forth the purpose of the council, its role and function, criteria and expectations for membership, selection procedures, and operational procedures.
3. A majority of the pastoral council will consist of lay persons selected by the parish. In addition, there will be representation from the full-time clergy and professed religious assigned to the parish.
4. A member of the parish finance council will serve on the pastoral council to facilitate communication between the two groups.
5. The pastor presides over the pastoral council and the chairperson conducts the meeting.

What Councils Do

The council has a responsibility to:

- Prayerfully discern the needs of the parish;
- Formulate a simple mission statement;
- Be aware of needs and priorities of the universal church of the diocesan church and of the local church and community;
- Establish goals and objectives for the parish and plan for implementation;
- Coordinate parish activities to ensure that stated goals and objectives are implemented;
- Serve as a vehicle for constructive dialogue within the parish community;
- Coordinate apostolic activity within the parish;
- Deliberate and act upon its responsibilities in an atmosphere of mutual trust and Christian love;
- Identify and call forth gifts and talents of parish members.

The council, together with the pastor, shares the responsibility for policy decisions that will further the mission of the church in the individual parish. The parish pastoral council is responsible not to itself alone, but to the entire parish community and to the larger church. Its decisions must be in conformity with church teaching, Canon Law, diocesan policy and sound pastoral judgment.

There is a difference between administration and policy making. The council proposes policy in harmony with the parish mission statement and diocesan norms. The pastor and parish staff members are primarily responsible for the implementation of policy in the administration of the parish. The pastor is the chief administrator of the parish and the representative, accountable to the Bishop, of the teaching authority of the church.

The work of the council is primarily that of sharing responsibility for developing policies and setting goals and objectives. The members need skills in problem solving and decision making. In situations demanding decisions regarding major problems where commitments must be made, *consensus* has been found to be the most effective manner of problem solving. Voting sets up a win/lose situation, which reinforces divisions within the group. Consensus allows everyone to have the opportunity to be heard and the proposal to be reshaped as a result. Consensus has been achieved when all members can live with and support the final decision. It takes more time than parliamentary voting, but it results in the growth of the group, in better working relationships and in fuller ownership of decisions.

Pastoral councils come in many varieties and, as in most organizations, there is no single model or formula that most effectively and efficiently promotes the ideal and purposes of the council. Those who organize the council, however, should keep in mind the duality of its nature. On the one hand, it is intended to serve as an instrument for sharing in Christ's mission, proclaiming His word, building His community, celebrating His liturgy and serving His people. On the other hand, it is to be a collaborative and supportive body sharing with the pastor the responsibility for the material as well as the spiritual well being of the parish. Within its area of competence as an advisory body, the Council is expected to initiate, plan and implement programs for the parish and the community.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In our Diocese, the Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter – which is this Thursday.

The Work of the Church

SATURDAY

5:45pm **Mass: *In Thanksgiving, Anniversary of Father Stan's Ordination (May 15) - and - Tina Szczapa Morrison***, requested by Helen Jakielo

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45am **Mass: Confirmation**

MONDAY JOHN I, POPE & MARTYR

9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

TUESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***

WEDNESDAY BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

9:00am **Mass: *Deceased Members of the Labbadia & Davia Families***, requested by Maria Davia

THURSDAY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***

7:00pm **Mass: *Milton Fleet***, requested by Tom & Arlene Furey

7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer, Eucharistic Chapel**

FRIDAY RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

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

SATURDAY

5:45pm **Mass: *Angelo & Doloresse Bernabucci***, requested by their family

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45am **Mass: *Agnes Bourget & John Bourget***, requested by Normand Boulanger

Meetings

SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous, South Community Rooms**

SUNDAY Fellowship before and after Mass

MONDAY Offices Closed

7:30pm **Finance Council, Living Room**

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm **Pastoral Council, Library**

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

THURSDAY Offices Closed

10:00am **Bible Study, South Community Rooms**

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

SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous, South Community 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
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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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 17, 2009

May 17, 2009
dear Padre
Is baptism by immersion better?

Why do some churches baptize by pouring water on the forehead and others by immersion? Is one way better than the other?

Lynelle

Dear Lynelle,

In terms of what baptism means and accomplishes—escape from sin and death into the life of the Risen Jesus—immersion is no better than pouring. But in the dramatic power of the symbol of the water, immersion is better.

The power of the sacrament of baptism is not from the method of bringing the water into play, but from the direction given to the pouring or the immersion by the words of Jesus, who commanded us to baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,” (Matthew 28:19).

Saint Paul said, “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life” (Romans 6:3–4). Down into the death of Jesus, and up again into a new life.

Even on the level of symbol and drama, a trickle of water is still water. It still means and symbolizes life, as in drinking and cooling. It also symbolizes death, as in a hurricane or a drowning. This union of words and water in the Church makes this action the sacrament of baptism.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.

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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!

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 16, 2009

4:00 P.M. Mass – Robert Magnano, request of
Theresa Ciscon

Sunday, May 17, 2009

8:45 A.M. Mass: - Jean Grybowicz, request of
The Auger Family

Next Weekend

Saturday, May 23, 2009

4:00 P.M. Mass – Anita & Rudy DeTuccio;
and Donald Holbrook

Sunday, May 24, 2009

8:45 A.M. Mass – Donald Holbrook; and
John Varca, Sr.

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's offertory \$ 3,189

Last year's offertory \$ 5,097

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love
you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down
one's life for one's friends." Jn. 15:12-13*

*Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your
friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be
willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because
we want praise and glory, but simply because we love
Him.*

Readings for the week of May 17, 2009

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/
Mk 16:15-20

THIS WEEK

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus said to his disciples: "As that Father loves me,
so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my
commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I
have kept my Father's commandments and remain in
his love."*

Fr. Tony, celebrant

Ushers Group IV

COFFEE SOCIAL SUNDAY

PLANT SALE

*Mon. May 18: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Donald
Sullivan, request of Ann Reigler*

*Tue. May 19: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for the intentions of
Carol Zekas, request of Bert & Marguerite
Flynn*

Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

*Wed. May 20: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for the intentions of
John Zekas, request of Bert & Marguerite
Flynn*

Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Thur. May 21

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ASCENSION THURSDAY

*Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Levi Fournier, request of
Solange Fournier*

Mass at 7:00 p.m. for all parishioners

*Fri. May 22: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Jean Watts,
Request of Irene Kwiatkowski*

Sat. May 23: Confessions 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, May 23, 2009

4:00 P.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Kevin & Audrey Dean

LECTOR: Judy Knox

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Linda Wiley

Georgette Pelletier, Peggy Peruccio

SUNDAY, May 24, 2009

8:45 A.M. MASS

ALTAR SERVERS: Emily Carpenter, Kirsten
Cianci

LECTOR: Paul Brown

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: John Sheetz,
Kathleen Smythe, Margaret Brown

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

On May 26th, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. a special called meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Parish Center. The topic for discussion and review will be:

“Our Religious Formation Program; where we have been, where we are going and how are we going to get there.”

As always, interested parishioners are welcomed to attend.

DIOCESAN PROGRAMS etc.

JUNE 12-14, 2009 :

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT, for Healing after Abortion. If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion, then experience the healing love of Jesus Christ. The next retreat is June 12-14, 2009 The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God’s love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information, or registration contact: Mary Hayden at 203-882-1236 Website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

JUNE 27; JULY 18; JULY 25

GOD’S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE
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JUNE 15; JULY 20; AUG. 17

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LECTORS: (Upper teens are especially welcomed to apply.)

Requirements: Attendance at weekend Masses; and at weekday funeral Masses. (see times listed above.)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Attendance at weekend Masses and at weekday funeral Masses (see times listed above.)

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