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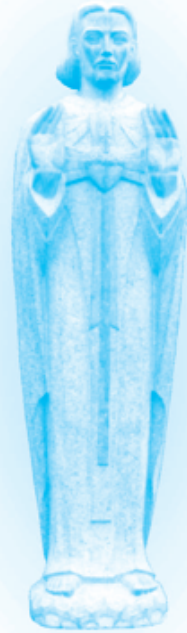
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SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT

“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 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”

Garden Brigade

REMINDER Sacred Heart "Garden Brigade" will meet June 4, at 9am in the fellowship rooms to begin work on the parish gardens.

New gardeners welcome!

Info? Call Jean at 860-875-7381.

Bible Study News

The Bible Study will be changing our meeting day to **Fridays at 10:00-11:30am** when we begin our new study *The Acts of the Apostles* starting **June 24th**. Sign up by **June 9th** in order that we may have materials ordered in time. The cost for the study is \$13.00. Those interested can call Denice Jones at 860-647-0159.

Welcome to Sacred Heart

The following people recently registered with Sacred Heart Parish:

Lucille Margaret Maneggia
Donna Lynn Remesch

We welcome them to our parish and look forward to getting to know them better as we come together to worship.



2011 Appeal:

***"Do This in
Memory of Me"***

The 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is beginning to 'wind down' in our Parish. As of May 13, 2011, our *Parish Gifts and Pledges Report* indicates that we stand at \$24,315.00 given or pledged – 77.56% of our \$31,350 goal.

To those who have, thus far, made their gift to the campaign, we thank you for your generosity but also for helping us to meet our Parish's share of our responsibility to support the many ministries, services and programs that benefit our parishes, schools and other diocesan institutions.

Across the Diocese, every Catholic household is being asked to be part of this important faith community endeavor so if you have not yet made your commitment, please join in with thousands of others who have already responded. Gift envelopes may be found at the rear of Church or if you prefer you can make your gift online at: www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you.

The Deacon's Corner

THE PRAYER OF THE CHALICE

Father, to Thee I raise my whole being,
— a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord,
this my emptiness, and so fill me with
Thyself — Thy Light, Thy Love, Thy
Life — that these Thy precious Gifts
may radiate through me and over-
flow the chalice of my heart into
the hearts of all with whom I
come in contact this day
revealing unto them
the beauty of
Thy Joy
and
Wholeness
and
the
serenity
of Thy Peace
which nothing can destroy.

Please Join Us!

Saint James School Drama Club presents:

GODSPELL JR.

Date: June 4, 2011

Time: 7pm

Place: Saint James School Auditorium

Tickets: \$5.00/person
(can be purchased at the door)

Fr. Stan's 40th Anniversary

Letters were recently mailed out to all parishioners containing information of Fr. Stan's upcoming celebration of his 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

A Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating this 40th anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 10:30am. Following Mass, a luncheon buffet will be held at A Villa Louisa in Bolton for all who have responded to the invitation.

If you have not responded to the invitation, (or have not received an invitation,) please contact Rella as soon as possible (860-875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

In the Area

Vernon Senior Center Newcomer's Meeting - **Thursday, May 26 at 10am. Come and take a tour of the facility and learn about the programs and activities offered. Call 860-870-3680 to register. Refreshments will be served!**

Save the Date

Coney Island Picnic – June 26

In the Cluster

The **7-Week Life in the Spirit Seminar** that began May 4 continues at St. Joseph Church, Rockville at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings. To learn more about Life in the Spirit Seminars, ask Joseph Labrie (860-872-6971) or Helen Syriac (860-643-6564)

St Joseph School Open House - Wednesday May 25th, 2011. Open visits 8:30am-1pm & Information Night 6-7pm. Call 860-875-4943 for more information.

International Day at Saint Joseph - Sunday, June 5th, 2011 at the 9:30am Mass. Wear your heritage clothing! Show your nationality! Adults and Children are encouraged to participate. There will be a procession into church, so please meet in the church basement at 9:15am. Please bring a special dish from your heritage to share!

Welcome

The parish family of Sacred Heart welcomes you! You are always welcome here.

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.

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

In the Diocese

On Friday, May 27, 2011, come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at The Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, CT. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.org!

Q & A About The New Missal – Part 1

By Father Paul Turner

Q. What is the Roman Missal?

A. The Roman Missal is the official prayer book we use for Mass in the Catholic Church. Most people know it today by the name sacramentary. They see it at every Mass they go to. The priest reads from it at the altar and whenever a server holds it for him.

Q. Why is the Roman Missal changing now?

A. There are two reasons why. One is that it is upgraded might be a way to say it. Like you would upgrade an app on your phone. The Missal is being updated with some new prayers and instructions. The other reason is that the Vatican has changed its philosophy for how prayers should be translated from Latin into English. Almost everything we say at Mass is originally a Latin text. The Vatican is looking a little more carefully now on how those words get translated into other languages.

Q. What are some of the major changes?

A. Some things that most everybody is going to experience would be the greeting. When the priest says "The Lord be with you," their response will now be "And with your spirit." They're also going to see some changes to the Creed. For example, instead of saying "We believe," they'll start with "I believe." There are a number of changes within the Gloria. Just enough to make people need to look at paper again. Parts of the Mass that they've got memorized they will now have to examine one more time and relearn.

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 6:1–7
1 Peter 2:4–9
John 14:1–12

MONDAY

John 14:21–26
"... the Holy Spirit ... will teach you everything ..."

TUESDAY

John 14:27–31A
"I do not give to you as the world gives."

WEDNESDAY

John 15:1–8
"Abide in me as I abide in you."

THURSDAY

John 15:9–11
"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

FRIDAY

John 15:12–17
"I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."

SATURDAY

John 15:18–21
"... you do not belong to the world ..."

Living Stones

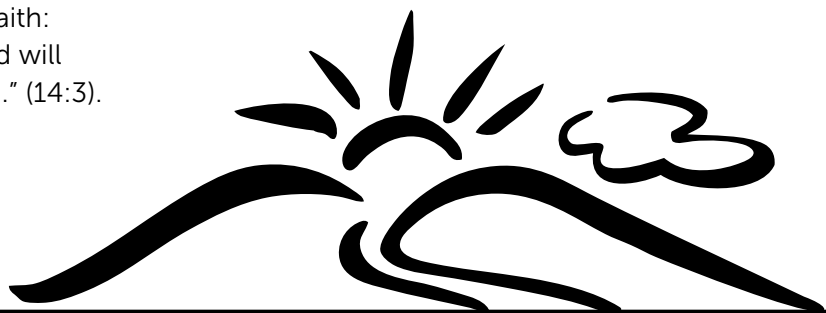
Today's reading from the Gospel of John focuses on the words of Jesus at the last supper. Imagine yourself in this setting with the eventuality of Jesus' death overshadowing the meal. Those gathered are struggling with questions: "How will we survive without you? What is going to happen next?"

Jesus reassures the disciples and us that: whoever believes and has faith in him "will also do the works that [he does] and . . . will do greater works . . ." (14:12). In other words, we are called to be the 'living stones,' or part of the 'spiritual house' with Christ as the corner stone.

Furthermore, Jesus proclaims that we will all share an eternal future with him if we have faith: "I will come again and will take you to myself . . ." (14:3).

The need for faith is a thread that runs throughout this Gospel. The anxiety of the disciples at this last gathering is calmed with the reassurance that faith in God and faith in Jesus are one and the same. The opposite of faith is anxiety or worry. Thomas and Philip's worries are similar to our own apprehensions, but their questions serve to reveal the true nature of Jesus.

John reveals the essence of Jesus' identity. Jesus is "the way, and the truth and the life." Jesus himself is God's self-revelation. He is the image of the invisible God. To know Jesus is to know the Father; they are one, dwelling in one another.



The Faith of the Church

We are in communion with Christ. His whole life was a model for us, calling us to follow him and to imitate him. We are to be one with him, living in him as he lives in us. Jesus came to this earth to do the will of the Father, that is, to fulfill God's plan for our salvation. His whole life was a submission to the Father's plan of redeeming love (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 519–520, 606–607).



Questions of the Week

During the Easter season, the Gospels move from intimate and personal encounters with Jesus to an outward-looking focus. The outward focus of today's Gospel is the universal challenge that we are to be the way, truth and life for others, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Adults

In what ways does my personal relationship with Jesus, thrust me into a role of service?

Children

How would I describe Jesus?

Visit us at www.FaithFirst.com (click on "Gospel Reflections") and share today's Gospel reading as a family.

Responding to God's Word . . .

To have faith is not merely to know all of the Church's doctrines and dogmas. Rather, it is a matter of the heart and soul to trust that God is good, involved in our lives, and on our side. The opposite of faith is fear and anxiety. In a culture that continually batters us with fear, we can rise above panic and fright, resting in the confidence of God's gracious love.

Just as Christ is the living stone, the foundation of the community of believers, we are to become living stones for our generation. Through faith, we can live a life of service to

others. As 'living stones,' Christians are engaged in a faith that trusts in Christ as the way, the truth and the life and believes in the active ministry proclaimed in the reading from Acts.

Faith feeds our service. To be in intimacy with Christ and the Father propels us to respond in the Spirit of love, caring for and about others. In the faces of the poor and the needy, we see the face of Christ.

To live in the 'in-between' of a world racked with war, violence, and intolerance and still trust in God's presence is very difficult. Yet this is the heart of faith.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Create a centerpiece of stones with the names of each family member to keep in mind that we are all "living stones" for the sake of others.

In the workplace or in school. Share the message of Christ's constant care with another who may be fearful or anxious.

In the community. Visit or volunteer at a local hospice to learn what you can do to comfort the dying and those in the despair of grief.



Meditation Moment

In 1965 huge areas of Canada and the United States were blacked out by the failure of an electric fuse the size of a football. All power to those huge areas funneled through that single fuse. Later, someone compared the fuse to Jesus, saying, "As that tiny fuse was the passageway by which power went forth to the United States and Canada, so Jesus is the tiny passageway by which we go forth to the Father."

For reflection . . .

To what extent is my own life and faith reflected in this statement: "When we have traveled all ways, we shall come to the End of all ways, who says 'I am the way'?"

JESUS IS THE WAY TO THE FATHER,
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FATHER,
AND THE LIFE OF THE FATHER.

SAINT ANDREW

FROM VISION BY MARK LINK, SJ

Make Us into Living Stones

Create in us,
O God, a living faith
in your gracious love and
constant presence. Trusting
in your Spirit, make us into
living stones that form the
foundation of your holy people
during this time of struggle and
unrest. Relying upon the indwelling
Christ, shape us into a living
temple and a caring gift for the
sake of the world. May our
lives follow the Way,
the Truth and the Life
that is Jesus.
Amen.

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

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12

Profile in Faith

Philip the Apostle

Philip obeyed the call of Jesus and later brought Nathaniel as a new disciple. He was a questioning, shy and serious character. He seemed to want to understand more about the nature of God. The feast of Saint Philip is celebrated along with Saint James on May 1.

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MAY 22, 2011

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Sally Chapparo***, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family, and ***Mary Simon***, requested by Jeanne & John Swart

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***
10:30am **Mass: *Confirmation***, with Msgr. Robert Brown

TUESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For an End to War, Abortion & Capital Punishment***

WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For All the Sick of Our Parish***

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Annita & Rudy DeTuccio***, requested by Dolores, Annita & Genavina Betti, and ***Bernard Morrison & Mary Zajac***, requested by Helen Jakielo

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***
10:30am **Mass: *Angelo & Doloresse Bernabucci***, requested by their family

Meetings

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

MONDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

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

7:30pm **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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