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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.

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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. Please let us know when there is anything we can do to help you on your journey of faith.

Catechists Needed

It is time to begin looking for volunteers to be catechists in our Faith Formation Program **for grades K, 1, & 5**. Faith Formation will begin towards the end of September, but we need to begin to fill the need for catechists now.

For more information, please contact Rella at rella@sacredheartchurch.net or by phoning 860-875-4563.

Faith Formation Registrations

Registrations for Faith Formation are currently being taken. Families who were registered in the program last year have received their registration forms. If you did not receive a form for your child, please contact Rella as soon as possible.

If you are new to the parish or are registering a child in the Faith Formation Program for the first time, please contact Rella or Sandy (860-875-4563). You may also e-mail Rella at rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

Classes are held on:

Sunday mornings for Gr. K-5
Sunday evenings for Gr. 6-8 and
Confirmation Preparation.

If there are enough children (Gr. K-5) interested in attending faith formation on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm to 5:15pm, we will certainly meet that need.

Registration fees are:

\$60 for Confirmation Preparation;
\$50 for the first child in your family attending faith formation;
\$45 for the second child in your family attending faith formation;
a total of \$115 per family.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties in these difficult economic times, please speak with Fr. Stan or Rella. No child will ever be denied faith formation!

The Deacon's Corner**THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM**

Almost everyone carries them. We would be lost without them, but often we lose them and spend a lot of time looking for them. Of course, I'm talking about keys.

Some special times in our lives have been marked by keys - the keys to a car - the keys to our first home - the keys to a safety deposit box. They conveyed a sense of power, of authority, of control, and of responsibility.

In today's Gospel Peter is given the keys to the kingdom. They convey power and authority. He is to use this power to help the powerless. He is to use this power to serve. He is to use this power to bind people and set them free.

Isn't there a sense in which we all have been given keys to the kingdom? In our daily actions we possess the power to bind or set free. An angry or jealous word can tie a person up. A word of kindness or forgiveness can set them free. In a sense, we all share in the keeping of the keys. Are we using them to serve others?

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Read them all online at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

Please Mark Your Calendars**The Annual Sacred Heart Parish Family Picnic**

will be held on

Sunday, September 11
1:30pm to 4:00pm

No charge.

A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

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*

Isaiah 22:19–23
Romans 11:33–36
Matthew 16:13–20

MONDAY

Matthew 23:13–22
"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!"

TUESDAY**

Matthew 23:23–26
"You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!"

WEDNESDAY

John 1:45–51
"You will see greater things than these."

THURSDAY

Matthew 24:42–51
"Keep awake . . . for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

FRIDAY

Matthew 25:1–13
" . . . you know neither the day nor the hour."

SATURDAY

Matthew 25:14–30
" . . . enter into the joy of your master."

**Feast of Saint Bartholomew*

Entrusted with the Mystery of Faith

The prophet Isaiah speaks of Eliakim, son of Hilkiah. The Lord entrusts to him the key of the house of David. Symbolically, this action represents entrusting Eliakim with access to the governance of God's people and to the hope of his enduring covenant with them.

In an even more dramatic gesture, Jesus entrusts Peter with "the keys of the kingdom of heaven." With those keys, Jesus entrusts to Peter and to the Church he will lead, the power to loose and bind on earth. In other words, the healing, forgiving, and restoring power and authority of Jesus remains alive and active in his Church after his Ascension and before his return in glory at the end of time. It has a center and a focus in



Peter and his successors as well as in the other Apostles and their successors.

The great mystery of faith is Jesus Christ and his death and Resurrection as well as our new life in God that this mystery opens for us. Truly, the mystery surpasses our understanding and

expectations, as Saint Paul says in today's selection from his letter to the Romans.

Even more remarkably, God has made the mystery accessible to us. By empowering Peter and those who succeed him and the other Apostles to have clear authority to speak in Jesus' name, God enables us—all of us across space and time—to have sure and stable contact with Jesus' saving mysteries.



The Faith of the Church

The Lord Jesus wanted his people to stay true to the teaching he had given them. So he called apostles to collaborate with him and to guide his holy people. The bishops are the successors to the apostles; they are shepherds of God's people. Peter and his successors, the popes, serve to maintain the unity and fidelity of the bishops who are for God's people (Cf. Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, n. 18).



Questions of the Week

Our faith is a living reality. We believe in Jesus Christ and try to follow him as his faithful disciples. We do so in many different circumstances and situations. However we always stand in need of guidance and direction to stay faithful.

Adults

In today's complex world of challenges, how do I maintain an authoritative voice to help move authentically and consistently forward in faith?

Children

How do my parents, my teachers, and the members of my parish community help me to know my faith and grow in it?

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

Responding to God's Word . . .

Obviously, one of the hallmarks of being Catholic is to be in communion with the Pope who is the bishop of Rome. We find the biblical foundation for our Catholic faith concerning the Pope in today's Gospel. Jesus entrusted Peter with a special ministry in the Church. Peter died for the faith, but his ministry continues through his successors, the Popes.

It would be a mistake to think of the Pope as the "king of the Church." The word "Pope" comes from a word for "father"; and the title that Pope Saint Gregory claimed of "servant of the servants of God" describes his position in the Church.

The Pope is both a father and a servant.

The responsibility given to Peter is three-fold. The Lord wants him to have authority that enables him to help keep the Church faithful to the true teaching of Jesus Christ. In other parts of the Bible, Peter plays an important role in fostering the unity of the Church. Finally, at the Last Supper Jesus said to him, "Confirm your brothers." In other words, be a source of encouragement for the whole Church.

The responsibility Peter and his successors received is a gift we gratefully receive in the Church.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Make it a point to have a picture of the Holy Father in your home and to offer a prayer for him occasionally, perhaps at mealtime.

In the workplace or in school. Affirm the faith and religious traditions of others as Peter was called to do.

In the community. Do something that would build a bridge between different kinds of people and so walk in the footsteps of Peter who worked for unity.



Meditation Moment

A poem describes six blind people wondering what an elephant looks like. One feels the animals' side and says, "It looks like a wall." Another feels the elephant's leg and says, "It looks like a tree trunk"; and so on. Some people say, "When it comes to God, the various religions of the world are like the blind people in the poem. Each is partly in the right; each is partly in the wrong."

For reflection . . .

What convinces me that Christianity is different from other religions and is right about God?

MUHAMMAD SAID HE WAS A SINNER. BUDDHA SAID HE WASN'T GOD. JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER" (JOHN 14:9). IF JESUS WAS WHO HE SAID HE WAS, THEN CHRISTIANITY DOES, INDEED, POSSESS A PRIVILEGED, PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND GODS' WILL.

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Bless Your Church

Most holy,
triune God, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, may you
be blessed forever. Here on
earth, we begin to share your life,
when we gather in knowledge and
love in your holy Church. Bless us in
the Church with gifts of unity,
fidelity, and encouragement.
Bless those who lead the Church,
especially our Holy Father.
And when we complete our
journey on earth, bring
us to our heavenly
home. Amen.

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

Walk in Peter's footsteps: foster fidelity, work for unity, and bring encouragement.

Profile in Faith

Saint Linus (died around A.D. 80)

is listed as the bishop of Rome after Saint Peter.

Very little is known about him.

His name is mentioned in the first Eucharistic Prayer or Roman Canon.

He has been represented in art as burying Saint Peter.

He marks the beginning of the great line of the succession of Popes.

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HELLO! I am your envelope reminder angel. While you are enjoying the summer sun activity, don't forget your church at home.



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In the Area

Saint Jude Novena

Wednesday, August 31 at 7pm and every Wednesday for 9 consecutive weeks at Saint Joseph Church, 33 West Street, Vernon.

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Concert: An inspirational evening with these renowned composers and recording artists Friday, September 30, 2011, 7:30pm at St. Bartholomew Church, 45 Ludlow Rd., Manchester, CT. Tickets \$15.

Workshop - A day designed to deepen our understanding and experience of the liturgy of the Church Saturday, October 1, 2011, 8:30am – 2:30pm at St. Bridget School Auditorium, 74 Main St., Manchester, CT. Tickets \$25 (includes a bag lunch) **Order both tickets together and save \$5 off your total price!**

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Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 16, 2011, 2pm. Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years, also those celebrating a significant anniversary year, to participate in and renew your wedding vows in a Pontifical Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich.

Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be provided in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass. Please call your Rectory/Parish office to register for this beautiful Jubilee Anniversary Celebration. For information call Susan Williams at 860-889-8346 ext. 283 Office of Family Life. Sponsored by Annual Catholic Appeal.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2011 at 7:30pm (directly following the 7pm weekly Mass) in the lower Church Hall at Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church Street, Hebron, CT. Presented by: Deacon Tom Casey and Kelly Verret (Master of Divinity Student.)

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass is a 4 week study that provides a unique tour of the timeless Liturgy. It explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance, (if you can't attend every session, you are welcome to come for individual days) Participants in this study will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. They will see, perhaps for the first time, why they say what they say, and do what they do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading them to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. This study of the Mass will include the new translation of the Roman Missal for this Advent.

\$17 for the course, but a good-will-offering will be accepted. RSVP to Rachel Casey for Book ordering by September 19th, please at 860-228-0096 X3 or DRE@holyfamilyhebron.org

AUGUST 21, 2011

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY BERNARD, PRIEST & DOCTOR
4:30pm **Mass: *Rose Valli***, requested by Donna Valli

SUNDAY
8:00am **Mass: *for the People of the Parish***
10:30am **Mass: *Edward Sczapa, Jr.***, requested by
Helen Jakielo, - and -
Joseph Henry, requested by the Dionne Family

MONDAY THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
No Mass

TUESDAY ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN
7:00pm **Mass: *For Peace in the World***

WEDNESDAY BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
9:00am **Mass: *For All Missionaries***

THURSDAY LOUIS OF FRANCE & JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST
4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Living Room
7:00pm **Mass: *Marion Poliquin***, requested by the
Sacred Heart Parish Family
7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**

FRIDAY
9:00am **Mass: *For All Who Have Died as a Result of
War, Violence, Natural Disasters &
Abortion***

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY MONICA
4:30pm **Mass: *Mary Piazza***, requested by Lisa P.
Casella

SUNDAY
8:00am **Mass: *for the People of the Parish***
10:30am **Mass: *Lydia Zwirz***, requested by the Sacred
Heart Parish 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
7:30pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South
Community Rooms

FRIDAY
10:00am **Bible Study**, 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

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