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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”

Storm Cancellations

When nasty weather strikes, our meeting and class cancellations are listed on television channel 3 (www.wfsb.com) and channel 30 (www.nbcconnecticut.com)

Information may also appear on our website (www.sacredheartchurch.net) if provided to us.

We do not announce cancellations on any radio stations.

Storm Recovery

A **big thank you** to those who made-up their offerings for the two storm and power-failure weekends, and a **big thank you to all those who are planning to do so**. It is an unfortunate fact that nearly all of our expenses continue to accrue even when a storm strikes and people are not able to attend Mass. **Thank you all** for all that you do to support the operations of Sacred Heart Parish.

Thank you for all that you have done to help your friends, neighbors and family in their recovery efforts after the storm. Being the Heart and Hands of Christ can be very difficult work, but it is inspiring to have seen so many people be such a wonderful example of love and caring – it is truly great to see.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Sacred Heart wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving lets you go to www.sacredheartchurch.net at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office

Please Note

Rella will be attending a meeting for parish catechetical leadership on Thursday, November 17. Sandy will open the parish offices at 9:30am on this day.

The Deacon's Corner

We who lived in the concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken away from a person but one thing; The last of his freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances - to choose one's own way.

Victor E. Frankl

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Attention: Parents

A change has been made in the schedule for Faith Formation. Because of class cancellations for the past 2 weekends due to the surprise snow storm and power outages, all Faith Formation classes and Youth Group will meet this Sunday, November 13 at their regularly scheduled times.



41st Annual Saint Maurice Church Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 3pm

Homemade Apple Pies & Baked Goods Handmade Dolls,
 American Girl Clothes, Christmas Ornaments & Tree
 Skirts, Fresh Holiday Evergreen Baskets — Quilt Raffle,
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Fundraiser – Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for a **bake sale to be held on November 19** to benefit our Fuel Fund.

For information please call Dolores Betti at 860-643-1164

School Entrance Exam

East Catholic High School will hold an entrance exam for eighth graders on **Saturday, December 3 at 8am** at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call the Admission Office at 860-649-5336 extension 456 for more information.

Annual Convocation for Priests

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from November 28 through November 30, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. **No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days.** Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

The theme of this year's Convocation is "Leadership and the Priesthood." The key presenter will be Dominic J. Perri, who has presented to presbyterates in over 20 dioceses, serves as a consultant to the USCCB Committee on Communication, and has offered numerous trainings on the topic of leadership in the Church. Dominic will present **The Four Imperatives of Great Leadership**, a leadership program offered by the National Federation of Priests Councils and developed by the Franklin Covey Company, the creator of the **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People**. The program is customized to address the leadership challenges of priestly ministry and Dominic will also integrate some highlights from the **Seven Habits of Highly Effective People**.

Bishop Cote emphasized the importance of this annual gathering in his letter inviting each priest to the Convocation, "*Since the Convocation is essential to our unity and ministry as a presbyterate, I pray that each of you will make every effort to attend.*"

The Convocation is coordinated by the Norwich Diocesan Continuing Education and Formation Commission, Reverend Michael S. Smith, Chairman; Very Rev. Dennis M. Perkins, Reverends Gregory P. Brozonowicz, David P. Choquette, Peter B. Liszewski, Walter M. Nagle, and Mark D. O'Donnell.

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass & Service with Father Richard McAlear at All Saints Church in Somersville, CT on Thursday, November 17 at 7pm with rosary at 6:45. All are welcome!

Our Mass Language is Changing

We used to sing:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father.

Amen.

But now we will sing:

Glory to God in the highest,
and **on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only **Begotten Son**,
Lord God, Lamb of God, **Son of the Father**,
you take away the **sins** of the world,
have mercy on us;
**you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;**
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Greeting

Whenever the priest said

Priest: The Lord be with you.

We used to respond:

People: And also with you.

Now, whenever the priest says:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

We will respond:

People: **And with your spirit.**

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

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

1 Thessalonians 5:1–6

Matthew 25:14–30

MONDAY

Luke 18:35–43

“Receive your sight.”

TUESDAY

Luke 19:1–10

“Today salvation has come to this house . . .”

WEDNESDAY

Luke 19:11–28

“ . . . he went on to tell a parable . . .”

THURSDAY

Luke 19:41–44

“If you . . . had only recognized . . . the things that make for peace!”

FRIDAY

Luke 19:45–48

“My house shall be a house of prayer.”

SATURDAY

Luke 20:27–40

“ . . . they are like angels and are children of God . . .”

Kingdom Thinking

Jesus’ parable about the buried talent in today’s Gospel reading from Matthew 25 may seem unfair and unjust. And on its face, the instruction does seem harsh: “For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.” (29)

Homilies frequently equate the word “talent” as used here (a form of money) with the English word “talent,” meaning a natural ability. While this clever wordplay teaches a valuable moral lesson, perhaps it may be understood in another way.

Clues to an alternative meaning of this parable are numerous. Start with today’s date: As we near the season of Advent, the Church’s liturgical calendar begins to focus on teaching of the end of the world.

Also, consider these: (1) This passage is from Matthew Chapter 25 where Jesus presents a vision of the last judgment; (2) Today’s second reading, from 1 Thessalonians, also focuses on the final judgment.

Seen from this perspective, the parable of the talents becomes a prediction by Jesus: the rich getting richer on the backs of the poor is a sign of coming judgment.

Instead of being a morality tale, this parable may better be read as a condemnation of an unjust practice that happens every day in our world. The only thing missing here is Jesus saying, “Woe to you who let this happen and do nothing.”

In the Kingdom of God, those rewarded will be those who use their “talents” to free the poor from such injustice.



The Faith of the Church

The Church proclaims a preferential option for the poor and marginalized. This means that we are to put them in the forefront of our thinking and make conscious decisions that will benefit them. Catholics should make taking care of the poor and marginalized of society a priority, especially in such areas as health care, housing, food and clothing, and, above all, education. (Cf. *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* 182).



Questions of the Week

The Church’s social justice documents make it clear that Catholics are to have a “preferential option” for the poor. This means that in order to follow Christ fully, we must make helping the poor a priority.

Adults

What sacrifice am I willing to make this week to serve people who are poor and in need of my help?

Children

How can I use my “talents” this week to help people in need?

Responding to God's Word . . .

The first reading today from Proverbs is an ode to a "perfect" wife. Happy will be the man who finds such a woman, for he will have a mate worth sharing his life forever.

A reader of the proverb today may quickly dismiss it because it speaks only about a capable wife and says little about what would make a capable husband. However, it would be a shame to abandon such ancient wisdom unexamined. What can we mine from this saying that would be of value to *both* partners in a relationship?

Trust is certainly a key ingredient in every healthy relationship. It is only

when we trust a person that we can truly share our ideas, hopes, dreams, and fears—freely and fully.

In a loving relationship, we always want what is best for the other—what is good, not harmful. Such relationships also require both people to work hard: on the relationship and in support of it.

In a recent worldwide survey, men and women both agreed that they wanted a spouse who showed them respect, treated them with kindness, and who had a generous heart, just as the proverb relates.

Seems like we can still learn a lot from this ancient wisdom.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Discuss what you can do as a family to help those who are poor. Start immediately to put one of your ideas into action.

In the workplace or in school. Organize a campaign to raise awareness of the needs of the people in your community who are poor, and then raise funds to assist them.

In the community. Learn as much as you can about poverty in your community, and then write letters to your local paper advocating for justice for the poor.



Meditation Moment

Booker T. Washington was a black American slave. At the age of sixteen, he walked almost five hundred miles from his slave home to Hampton Institute in Virginia. When he got there, he was told that classes were filled. Undaunted, he took a job at the school doing menial jobs: sweeping floors and making beds. He did these so well that the faculty found room for him as a student. He worked his way up at the school, became a famed teacher, and eventually founded Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

For reflection . . .

What were some small jobs I did well, before I was given larger jobs?

DO NOT LET WHAT YOU CAN'T DO INTERFERE WITH WHAT YOU CAN DO.

BASKETBALL COACH JOHN WOODEN

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Justice for the Poor

When people are hungry, Lord, Help me to feed them. When people are overwhelmed by poverty, Lord, Help me to ease their burden. When people are afraid, Lord, Help me to comfort them. When people are oppressed by injustice, Lord, Help me to stand in solidarity with them. You are justice for the poor, Lord Help me to do the same. Amen.

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

But you, beloved, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day . . . let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

Profile in Faith

Saint Margaret of Scotland

(1045–November 16, 1093) is remembered because of her personal holiness, fidelity to Church teaching, and work on behalf of the poor. Each morning she would feed the hungry before she even ate. The wife and mother of kings, Margaret influenced them to work for justice.

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NOVEMBER 13, 2011

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: Philip White**, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: Sam & Sammy Marino**, requested by their family – and –

For the People of the Parish

10:30am **Mass: George, Sr., Madeline & George, Jr. Germain**, requested by Helen Jakielo

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP & DOCTOR

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

WEDNESDAY

MARGARET OF SCOTLAND; GERTRUDE, VIRGIN

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

THURSDAY

ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

NO

Sacrament of Reconciliation today

7:00pm **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

7:30pm

Intercessory Prayer

FRIDAY

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF PETER & PAUL IN ROME, APOSTLES; ROSE PHILLIPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: Deceased Members of the Jakielo & Szczapa Families**, requested by Helen Jakielo

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: Ireen Auliso**, requested by the Agrawal family – and –

For All Those Whose Names are Written in the Book of Remembrance

10:30am **Mass: John Marshall**, requested by his family

Meetings

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10-10:25am

Faith Formation, Gr. K-5

6:15-7:30pm

Faith Formation, Gr. 6-8

6:15-8:45pm

Conf Prep & Youth Group

MONDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

8:00pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, South Community Rooms

THURSDAY

7:30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book, South Comm Rms

FRIDAY

10:00am

Bible Study, South Community Rooms

SATURDAY

7:30pm

Narcotics Anonymous, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10-10:25am

Faith Formation, Gr. K-5

6:15-7:30pm

Faith Formation, Gr. 6-8

6:15-8:45pm

Conf Prep & Youth Group

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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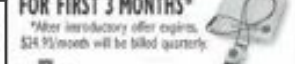
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