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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”

The parish family of Sacred Heart welcomes you!

If 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.

~ From This Weekend Forward ~

Vigil Mass – Saturday at 4:30pm
(Except the Easter Vigil)

Sunday Mass – 8:00am & 10:30am

Upcoming:

The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
In the Womb of Her Mother Elizabeth
Wednesday, December 8
9am & 7pm

Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, December 14, 7pm

Christmas Eve Masses
4pm & 6pm

Christmas Day Masses
12 Midnight & 10am

No Vigil Mass, Saturday, December 26

The Deacon's Corner

ADVENT PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus,
come rest in our hearts
this Advent season.
Bless us and guide us
as we await with great joy
and deep gratitude
the celebration of your birth.
In these days of Advent
change us, soften our hearts,
and forgive our sins,
that we might greet you this
Christmas with pure hearts.
Hearts ready to forgive,
hearts ready to celebrate..
Come Lord Jesus,
come rest in our hearts
this Advent season
and always.
AMEN

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Attention: Sunday Faith Formation Groups

All Sunday morning and evening Faith Formation sessions will NOT meet today, Sunday, November 28th because of the Thanksgiving weekend. We will meet again next Sunday at the regularly scheduled times.

Confirmation Preparation & Youth Group News

Youth Group will not be held today, Sunday, November 28th because of the Thanksgiving weekend. We will meet again next week, Sunday December 5, at the regularly scheduled time.

Get The Word Out

It's no secret that when we changed our Mass Schedule we lost parishioners to other parishes. Now that the "Early Mass" is back on Sunday and Saturday, **we are counting on you** to get the word out to your friends, neighbors and relations. Your effort can bring back those who left. It takes a personal invitation. Please - make a call or visit NOW!

Gifts

The **Gift Shop at Immaculata Retreat House**, 289 Windham Road in Willimantic will be having special Christmas hours in December for those looking for that special religious gift for Christmas. Hours: Thursday 6-7:30pm and Saturday 10am to Noon. The shop is also open during business hours Monday-Friday 9am - 4:30pm. For more information, call (860) 423-8484 or visit www.immaculataretreat.org.

Special Collection Next Week

Bishop Cote has authorized a **special collection to obtain donations to assist those who lack funds to pay for fuel** on December 4&5, 2010.

For the past 30 years the Diocese has distributed monies that have been collected to those persons and families who suffer severely because of their lack of fuel or electricity. Please help us to help those who are without heat or electricity during these cold winter months. Checks may be made payable to "Sacred Heart Church" - write "Diocesan Fuel Fund" in the memo area.

Family Advent Retreat

Parents... come with your children into the true spirit of Christmas! Participate in a Family Advent Retreat Weekend. Dates: December 10-12 or December 17-19. Location: St. Edmund's Retreat Center, Mystic, CT. For further information contact: Deacon John & Peggy Scarfi at 845-621-7000 or www.endersisland.com.

29th Annual Convocation For the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from November 29 through December 1, 2010, 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 be "**Personal and Physical Wellness: The Path to a Whole and Holy Life.**" The key presenters will be Dr. Juan A. Sanchez, MD, who is the Chair of the Stanley J. Dudrick Department of Surgery at Saint Mary's Health System in Waterbury, Connecticut. His area of expertise is in Cardiothoracic Surgery and healthy living. His wife, Lise Sanchez, is a certified Dietician and will be speaking about keeping a healthy diet. In addition, Dr. Edward Kudej, who is a Chiropractor and Physical Therapist, and his wife, Mary Schianno Kudej, also a Physical Therapist and Trainer, will be addressing the areas of physical health and well-being.

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 Mark D. O'Donnell, Chairman; Reverends Gregory P. Brozonowicz, Roland C. Cloutier, Peter B. Liszewski, Dennis M. Perkins, and Michael S. Smith.

For any emergencies, a Pauline Priest will be available at Saint Joseph Church in Rockville.

Dear Friends of the Cornerstone,

Do you ever ask yourself, "Where has the time gone"? It is hard to believe it is already November time to start preparing for the holidays.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and our clients are looking forward to that "turkey dinner" with all the trimmings. As a rule on that day we stay open a little longer in hopes of making it feel a little more like being home.

Excitement is in the air. We are already being asked if we will be having a Christmas day dinner and we are receiving many phone calls about our children's Christmas party.

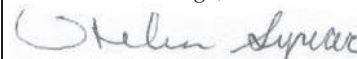
We will be celebrating both of these events. On Friday December 19th beginning at 6:00pm we will hold our 28th annual children's Christmas party for the needy of our town at St. Bernard's Church hall. On Christmas day we will be serving a very special Christmas dinner.

Thank you for your support and generous donation of food items to the soup kitchen.

Last month we served 3,851 meals and our shelter was filled to capacity. It is because of your consideration and others like you that we are able to help those who come to us in their time of need.

Thank you for sharing and caring. You have made a difference.

Peace & Blessings,



Helen Syriac

Executive Director

The Cornerstone

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 2:1–5
Romans 13:11–14
Matthew 24:37–44

MONDAY

Matthew 8:5–11
“... in no one in Israel have I found such faith.”

TUESDAY*

Matthew 4:18–22
“Follow me . . .”

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 15:29–37
“I have compassion for the crowd . . .”

THURSDAY

Matthew 7:21, 24–27
“Not everyone . . . will enter the kingdom of heaven . . .”

FRIDAY

Matthew 9:27–31
“... let it be done to you.”

SATURDAY

Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5A, 6–8
“The kingdom of heaven has come near.”

*Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Vigilant, Prepared, Hopeful

We begin a new liturgical year as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Today’s readings set the pace for the weeks that follow. They invite us to enter into a time of anticipation.

The Latin word *adventus* means coming or arrival. And in this season, we celebrate Jesus’ triple coming: his coming into human history when he was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, his coming into our lives now in his Word and in the sacraments of his Church, and his coming in glory at the end of time.

The readings tell us how to anticipate his coming: be vigilant, be prepared, be hopeful.

Be vigilant. Jesus says in the Gospel that we must be vigilant and stay awake. Do not, he says, be made

complacent by the ordinary course of life.

Be prepared. The Lord is coming, but how shall he find us? Are we ready to receive him? To open the door wide for him? Our preparation means, first of all, discarding whatever would impede us from receiving him with joy, discarding a distracted and even sinful way of life *before* he comes.

Be hopeful. Perhaps we hear of Jesus’ coming, and we are frightened. The prophet Isaiah tells us that his coming signals peace, prosperity, and walking by the light. So, not in fear but with great hope, we keep vigil and prepare for his advent, his coming.



The Faith of the Church

The Church, as a communion of faith and united with Christ her Lord, looks forward to the day of Christ’s coming. In that moment, individually and as God’s people joined together, we will be drawn into the very glory and holiness of God (Cf. *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* 48–51).



Questions of the Week

As we navigate our way through life, we often try to anticipate what lies ahead. But with faith, we recognize that everything unfolds not by our efforts and according to our wishes, but in God’s providential plan.

Adults

If the Lord were to come today, would he find me watching, prepared, and full of hope?

Children

When Jesus comes back to us in glory, how do I think he will make this world different?

Visit us at www.FaithFirst.com (click on “Faith First for Families,” click on “Gospel Reflections”) and share today’s Gospel reading as a family.

Responding to God's Word . . .

Whenever we truly hear God's Word, whenever we let it take hold of us, it summons us to a new way of living. There are moral consequences and imperatives that flow from God's Word. Not just a matter of right and wrong, this new morality guides us in reshaping our lives.

In the Second Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, we find Paul's appeal to live in a new way. If the Lord is coming—and, indeed, he is—then we must live in a new way. We must put aside the works of darkness, as Paul says, to live in the light of Christ.

When Saint Augustine heard the words from Romans 13:14—"Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires"—his life turned around. With God's grace, he re-ordered his priorities and was no longer preoccupied with "making provision" for his flesh.

From that time on, he became vigilant, prepared, and hopeful. He understood the new center of his life in Christ, and it made all the difference.

As for Augustine, so for us. The coming of Christ calls us into new life.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. The Aramaic one-word prayer *Maranatha* means "Come, Lord Jesus." Post this prayer in your home as a reminder of the season and our hope.

In the workplace or in school. Make a deliberate effort to share a word of hope and encouragement with those with whom you come in contact.

In the community. Identify ways that your community might prepare for Christmas in a way that highlights the hope of this season.



Meditation Moment

One day, while filing away papers, the secretary of President J. F. Kennedy found this note, written in the president's own hand. It read: "I know there is a God—and I see a storm coming. If he has a place for me, I believe that I am ready."

For reflection . . .

Jesus' warning to be ready and Kennedy's readiness to serve invite me to ask: How ready am I to put myself at God's service for whatever God may ask me to do?

I HEARD THE LORD SAY,
"WHOM SHALL I SEND?" . . .
I ANSWERED, "I WILL GO!
SEND ME!"

ISAIAH 6:8

FROM VISION BY MARK LINK, SJ

Keep Me Watchful

In the tedium
of daily life,
keep me watchful.
In the struggles with
my own weaknesses,
keep me watchful.
In a world that sometimes
seems without love,
keep me watchful.
In the lives of those entrusted
to my care,
keep me watchful.
In the joy of love and friendship,
keep me watchful.
In anxieties about
an unknown future,
keep me watchful.
Amen.

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

Wait for the LORD; be
strong, and let your
heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Psalm 27:14

Profile in Faith

Saint Macrina the Elder

Saint Macrina the Elder was a married woman who, rather than deny her faith, went into exile with her husband. Together, they suffered severe privations, but kept their hope and persevered.

Macrina was the grandmother of Saint Basil and Saint Gregory of Nyssa. She died in A.D. 340. Her feast is celebrated on January 14.

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NOVEMBER 28, 2010

The Work of the Church

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

SATURDAY

4:30pm Mass: *For All Those Whose Names Are
Inscribed in the Book of Remembrance*

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

10:30am Mass: *Walter & Regina Kaszycki*, requested by
Helen Jakielo

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

No Services in Any Parish in the Diocese
(While All Priests & Bishop on Retreat)

THURSDAY

4:30pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Living Room

7:00pm Mass: *Viola Fuller*, requested by Tom & Arlene
Furey

7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

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

9:30am-5pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

5:00pm **Close of Adoration**

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY [JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST & DOCTOR]

4:30pm Mass: *Rita Peter*, requested by the Sacred Heart
Parish Family, - and -
Ann Votta, requested by Yvonne Sullivan

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

10:30am Mass: *Frank Chmielewski*, requested by Helen
Jakielo - and -
John Marshall

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**

Good and gracious God, you are calling the church of the diocese of Norwich to a new Pentecost and a new birth in the Spirit. We pray that you will send your Spirit's gifts of wisdom, knowledge, fortitude and counsel upon all involved in the process of restructuring. May the changes they suggest be pleasing to you. May we be a living example, as Jesus is, of the Gospel values of love, compassion, and obedience to your will.

Unchanging God, we, your people, find change so difficult to accept. We pray you will send upon us the Spirit's gift of understanding so that we may accept with grace and conviction that it is your will that is being accomplished. May the decisions reached bring new life and vitality to our church. May our Eucharist be celebrated with renewed enthusiasm as we recognize what it means to be a pilgrim church on the march to a fuller life with you.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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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