



June 18, 2017
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sacred Heart Church
Southbury, Connecticut



Our Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Parish is a faith-filled family and vibrant Catholic community of believers in Jesus Christ. We are the visible presence of Jesus through:

- Creating a welcoming, joyful, and compassionate atmosphere
- Empowering the gifts of one another
- Supporting one another on our journey of faith
- Sharing God's unconditional love
- Providing opportunities for spiritual growth through ministries and worship, particularly in the Eucharist, and
- Advocating responsibility for the poor and oppressed.

If you are new to our parish or if you have been away from the practice of your faith, we extend a warm welcome and hope that you will find our parish to be a community in which your faith can be nourished. We invite you to introduce yourself so that we may offer our heart-felt greeting. Our parish family is enriched by your participation in our life of worship and service. Please consider becoming a registered member of our family.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day: *Vigil* (Saturday): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM*, 11:00 AM*
4th Sunday/Month: Children's Mass, 11:00AM
 Daily Mass: 8:30 AM, Monday to Friday, *Subject to change*
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

Baptism - To schedule a Baptism, please contact Sister Pat for an initial meeting and a parent preparation session.
Reconciliation (confession) - Saturdays from 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM, or by appointment.
Marriage - Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Couples meet with Father Joe for an initial pastoral conversation before a wedding date can be set. Please do not make other plans until a date has been confirmed with the parish.
For the Sick, including pastoral home visits, Eucharist or the Anointing of the Sick - Please call the Parish Office. Upon hospital admission, please indicate that you would like a visit by your parish, or please call the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit.

If you arranged to have a particular person prayed for at mass, notify the ushers so that you can bring up the gifts...

Saturday, June 17

5:00 PM **Frank Barlow**
Requested by his wife Claire
Jean Branca & Bob VanTassel
Requested by Carole VanTassel
Dennis McLaughlin
Requested by Susan, Mary & Reader Ministry

Sunday, June 18

7:30 AM **Mary Slavin**
Requested by Shirley Slavin
 9:00 AM **Hugh Teegan**
Requested by his daughter & family
James Ahern
Requested by Tom & Kathleen Magrane
Albert & Victoria Petrillo
Requested by The Dowling Family
 11:00 AM **Maria Tommasone**
Requested by her daughter Lina Savard
Salvatore Giacomazzo
Requested by his wife
George Phelan
Requested by his wife Phyllis

Monday, June 19

8:30 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, June 20

8:30 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, June 21

8:30 AM NO MASS

Thursday, June 22

8:30 AM NO MASS

Friday, June 23

8:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday, June 24

5:00 PM **Joseph Patrick Shanahan II**
Requested by his parents & brother Tim
Perry Jeffery
Requested by his wife Barbara & family

Sunday, June 25

7:30 AM **John Keating**
Requested by his family
Sixto Ramos
Requested by his daughter Jeannette Kilcourse
 9:00 AM **Paul & Gloria Meyer**
Requested by The Langrock & Meyer Families
Ruth Grant
Requested by her children & grandchildren
Frank Ciancio
Requested by Doug & Brenda Bartel
 11:00 AM **David Keefe, Jr.**
Requested by Bob & Elizabeth Lovelace
Mike Belmont
Requested by Ed & Phyllis Anglemyer
Joey R. Hine, Sr.
Requested by Jeannette Kilcourse

Of Many Things...

Last weekend I recommended that you read the book and see the movie “The Shack.” It is a wonderful story about a man facing a tragedy in his life who discovers God and deeper more mature faith in facing that tragedy with God. It has a lot in common with the Book of Job in the Old Testament as well as that book written many years ago by Rabbi Harold Kushner entitled “When Bad Things Happen to Good People.” All three books (Shack, Job and When Bad Things) deal with our faith in God in the face of tragedy and evil. All three books push the limits of our human conception of who God is and how God operates. Such “pushing” can be good for our faith.

“The Shack” pushes one aspect of our belief about God that has been somewhat controversial. In the movie, the three persons of our one God (mystery of the Holy Trinity),

- God the Father is portrayed as an African-American woman played wonderfully by the great actress Octavia Spencer
- God the Son is portrayed as a Jewish, and distinctively Middle Eastern, carpenter
- God the Holy Spirit is portrayed as a young Asian woman

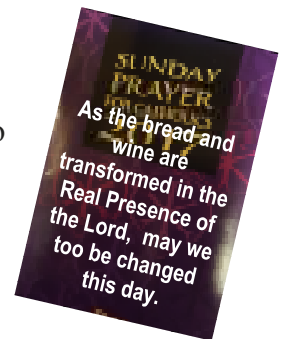
Some have found this to be disturbing. However, a little disturbance in our faith can be a good thing as it humbles us before the mystery of God. No one has ever seen God and so we have no first-hand accurate information about who God is other than what Jesus has revealed in the Gospels.

For centuries, God has been portrayed as an elderly, bearded man on a throne or a cloud. Yet Jesus never described God that way. Describing God in human terms is always difficult since God is so much more than we are. Someone once said that “God made man in his own image and man has been returning the favor ever since.” We make God look like ourselves since those are the only categories we have. The author of “The Shack,” William Paul Young, explained his intention in creating the characters: “I see this as a poetic depiction of God. The imagery is not, and never was intended, to define God. Our image of God has become tantamount to idolatry. It has limited God to a polarity of gender. But in Scripture, there is both masculine and feminine imagery.”

In the book of the prophet Isaiah, for example, the writer portrays God as a nursing mother. (Isaiah 49:15) However, God has no gender and does not exist in time and/or space. God is beyond all of the categories that we use to speak about and describe one another. Whenever, as in the case of “The Shack,” an author or artist portrays God in one concrete form or another, they are not defining God but perhaps emphasizing a particular dimension of God over others. The elderly man on a cloud or throne emphasizes God’s wisdom and power. The African-American woman emphasizes God’s warm, tender love and care for God’s hurting children.

So when you read the book or see the movie “The Shack,” as I hope you will, do not get thrown by the images of the book and movie. Allow them to humble you before the overwhelming presence and love of God that is so much more than we can imagine. Let them remind you of all that we do not “know” about God and at the same time draw you to what we “believe” about God through the revelation of Jesus and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Enjoy “The Shack”!



“Lord, Teach us to Pray” *Father Joe*

Prayer for Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love.
 Set our lives aflame with your gifts.
 Grant us wisdom to choose what is good and true;
 understanding to embrace your plan of salvation;
 right judgment to act according to your will;
 courage to share our faith with others;
 knowledge to live as disciples of Jesus Christ;
 reverence to respond faithfully to your grace each day;
 and wonder and awe in your presence.

Inspire us with enthusiasm for our Catholic faith. Grant us boldness to proclaim the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, and help us to bring the transforming power of the gospel to our world.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.
 AMEN.

OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, GLORY BE
 SIGN OF THE CROSS

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Pastoral Care*Sometimes it helps to talk...*

Think Stephen Ministry ... "Jesus has no eyes or ears but yours" said St. Theresa. Throughout the week, as you meet and greet those around you, think Stephen Ministry. If you see people who are downcast or struggling through difficult times, think Stephen Ministry. Tell them about this special ministry in our parish where they can receive the extra love and care they need to make it through the challenge or crisis they are facing.

One care receiver wrote: *"I have someone who is totally in tune with my hurt. A weight has been so heavy has now been lifted. She has been a blessing in 'so many ways' to and for me. Lord, thank you so much for this incredible person and the blessing of her in my life. I can only hope people will realize the magnitude of how they can benefit from this relationship they are able to have."*

Based on Stephen Series

Our **Friendly Visitors** are available to visit you or a loved one who is homebound. Friendly Visitors share a cup of coffee, chat away the hour or read a book. They play cards or a board game, make music, knit, teach a new language. The possibilities are endless. Don't sit home alone, day after day.

For information on **Stephen Ministry or Friendly Visitor Ministries**, please contact one of the following:

Catherine Hughes 203-758-5421; Lynn Tidgwell 203-217-0025

Eileen Omundsen 203-770-7098; Sister Pat Torre 203-264-5071

Please Pray For

Ron Conti, Jr., Ted McGrath, Cora Guerin, Brian Roche, Maureen Duggan, Joanne Gracy, Christopher Yonika, Pat Coulter, Mary Frances, Cheryl Arendt, Elena Saliani, Vaughn Rainsbert, Jerry McMahan, Rita Currie, Kal Knorr, Amy Clark, Mattison Beard, Bill McGrath, Amelia Eager, Marie Abbott, Barbara Loghry, Joanna Saliani, Sarah Martin, Rosemary DeCarlo. James O'Neill, Esther Danoy, Lorraine Burke, Rose Pizano, William Nye, Michael Elsemore, Barbara Brooks, James Corr, Christina Corr, Helen Bobowski, Virginia Gannon, Jean-Claude Gordon, Jeffrey Downes, Cindy Patrissi, Loretta Boccadoro, John Edward Fennessy, Steve Gilmore, Frank Ignatowski, Jean McDonald, Lucy LaSalle, Christian Foster, Austin Solomita, Jim Calderwood, Ramon Rivera

We welcome in Baptism!

*Joseph Raymond Hamila
Nicholas Steven Brandariz
Charles Kenneth Dunaj
Katrina Ann Dunaj
Alexandra Lynne Barrese
Hanna Grace Cisowski*



There is a baptism class on Tuesday, June 20th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Emmaus Room, for parents who wish to have their children baptized. Contact Sister Pat at 203.264.5071 for more information and registration.

Adult Opportunities for Prayer, Reflection and Growth in Faith

Lectio Divina: A quiet reading of the coming Sunday's Gospel. The gospel is read 4 times with 5 minutes of silence after each reading and a time to share a word or phrase that spoke to your heart. Then there is 20 minutes of communal silence; followed by 20 minutes of sharing. Bring your **Sunday Prayer for Catholics 2017** booklet — and a friend. All are welcome. No registration is required. We meet on **Fridays, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM**, in the Emmaus Room. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Neiger at 203-405-1679.

Men's Ministry: Gather with other men each **Saturday morning** from 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM in the Jerusalem Room to reflect on the Gospel of Sunday and talk about how it applies in your life and your faith today. For information, contact Dave Kania at dkania08@gmail.com or Patrick Fellin at pfellin21@gmail.com.

WomenSharingWisdom: Join with other women seeking to discover the God present in your lives, through prayer, reflection and sharing on the Sunday Scriptures. **Meetings will resume in September, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the Jerusalem Room. For more information, please call Sister Pat at 203-264-5071.**

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) meets in the Jerusalem Room on **Tuesdays, at 9:15 AM**, from September to the middle of May. All women of the community are invited! For details and information, contact Estee Lacilla at 203-405-6734 or Deanna Tucker at 203-266-4145.

The Little Rock Scripture Study Program provides opportunity for developing a greater understanding of Sacred Scripture. Please contact Ed Duffy at 203-262-8253 for more information on this program.

Mom's Bible Study: meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM in the Hospitality Room, from September to early June. Through spiritual books or books on scripture texts, we discuss nurturing our relationship with God and making time for our faith in our hectic schedules. We discuss our faith and pass it on to our children, despite the pressures of the cultural challenges in our lives today. Contact Trista DiDonato for information at 917-816-0468.

Small Christian Communities: Small Christian communities are groups of people who gather together to reflect on the Scripture of Sunday Mass and seek to help each other live out the message of the Gospel. If you would like more information, or please contact Anne Sharkey at atsharkey@gmail.com.



**THE FAITH FORMATION
OFFICE IS CLOSED IN JULY**

To reach someone during July, please contact Ami at ami@shcsby.org

Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office, on the bulletin board in the Atrium throughout July, and online at www.sacredheartchurch.info.

**GIFT 2017 - 2018
Registration
"ACTING FOR JUSTICE"**

Only new resident registrations accepted after August 15th.



The GIFT program is for all ages and we invite EVERYONE, AGES 6-106, TO REGISTER! Our sacramental programs for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion require two years of preparation and typically begin in Grade 1. Children of all ages are welcomed into these programs, so if you have an older child who has not yet received these sacraments, or a teen who has not yet been confirmed, or you are an adult wishing to celebrate sacraments or are coming into the church, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 203-264-5065 or Ami Conlan at ami@shcsby.org.

**Saturday,
June 24th
2017**



3:00 PM
Mission Trip Truck Loading

5:00 PM
Mission Trip Blessing at Mass

The next
**ROC
MASS** is
Sat. Aug. 5th
NO ROC MASS IN JULY

THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Saturday, June 17

Sunday, June 18

Monday, June 19

Tuesday, June 20

7:30 AM - Deliver Sandwiches to the Kitchen

9:15 AM - Mtg - Hospitality

6:30 PM - Baptism Class - Emmaus

7:30 PM - K of C - 4th Degree - Library

Wednesday, June 21

3:30 PM - Women's AA - Jerusalem

Thursday, June 22

8:00 PM - AA-Jerusalem

Friday, June 23

12:30 PM - Lectio - Emmaus

Saturday, June 24

6:30 AM - Men's Ministry - Jerusalem

3:00 PM - MT Truck Loading - Hall & Back Driveway

5:00 PM - MT Blessing at Mass

Sunday, June 25

12:30 PM - Group Baptisms

Ushers Needed for 11 AM Mass-- Training On-Site!

Contact Bob Carbonell at bcarbo@sbcglobal.net or call 203-379-8330. Please volunteer if you can. Thank you!

Feed Your Faith & Your Faith Wednesdays for College Age Catholics! Ages 18-28

Looking for a way to keep connected to Christ this summer? Join Father Jeff Gubbiotti for Mass, a cookout, prayer, study and fellowship. We will be using Bishop Robert Barron's *The Pivotal Players* as our guide. Sessions take place on 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/26, 8/2 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Come to any or all sessions that will take place at St. Thomas Becket in Cheshire. Materials are free for the first 15 registrants, so don't delay: sign up today! RSVP to Father Jeff at fr.gubbiotti@aohct.org or visit www.hartfordpriest.com, or talk with Father Joe at 203-264-5071.

Daniel Berrigan:

Priest, Poet, Peacemaker with

Robert Ellsberg,

June 23rd to 24th

An overnight retreat remembering the contributions of this Jesuit

priest and advocate for justice and non-violence. Co-sponsored by Fairfield University Center for Catholic Studies. For information or registration, please visit www.wisdomhouse.org or call 860-567-3163.



Vocation Discernment Nights for Young Men, Ages 18-35

Have you figured out what you want to be when you "grow up"? Wondering where God is leading you-and why? Join us for discussion on Monday, July 10th, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at St. Thomas Becket Church, Cheshire. RSVP to the Vocation Office at 860-761-7456 or email to vocations@aohct.org or please visit the website at www.hartfordpriest.com, or talk with Father Joe!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MISSION GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Vincent DePaul Mission will hold its annual golf tournament to benefit its many works among the poor and needy in the Waterbury region on Monday, June 19th, at Oxford Greens Golf Club in Oxford. The tournament begins at 12 Noon with lunch and concludes with a steak barbeque at the end of the day. Door prizes, etc. round out what always is a great day that brings tremendous benefit to the work of the Mission. As you plan what golf tournaments you will take part in this summer, please put St. Vincent DePaul on your list. Please register online at www.stvincentdepaulmission.org. Again, we appreciate the wonderful support you give to our work.

Father Joe

Read, Reap and Rise to New Life!

The plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share. (1Cor9:10)

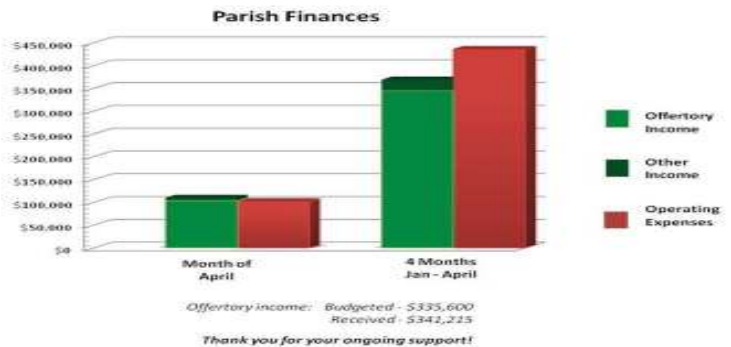
The archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to engage the Word of God from the perspective of Catholic faith. First-year classes are forming in Milford, Bloomfield, Hamden and Waterbury. Contact the CBS office by August 15 to apply. Classes begin just after Labor Day. For more information, go to www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org or 860-242-5573.

St. Vincent de Paul Meal

TEAM 'C' will be changing things up for our July meal at St. Vincent de Paul! MONDAY, JULY 10 We will be serving chili dogs, chips, tossed salad, and assorted cookies and bars. Trays and lids (for hot dogs and chili sauce) will be available in the church kitchen the weekend of July 1st and 2nd.

It's wonderful to see so many people come together to make this happen every month! If you would like to be a part of this ministry, we are always looking for new volunteers to make part of the meal.

Please contact Sara Van Doren at 203-262-6881 if you have any questions or if you're willing to help out this month. Thank you for your continued support.



NEW READER SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

The new Reader Schedule is ready for pick up after all masses this weekend in the Atrium. The schedule will be posted online after June 25th. Additional information will be forthcoming on Reader contact information. If you have questions, please contact Susan Cassidy at 203-264-0360 or email her at susanmcassidy@yahoo.com.