



August 6, 2017
Transfiguration of the Lord

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, please notify the ushers so that you can bring up the gifts...

Saturday, August 5-ROC MASS

5:00 PM Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners

Sunday, August 6

Vincent Raucei

Requested by Dave & Marian Flynn

9:00 AM **George Dowling**

Requested by The Dowling Family

Charlie White

Requested by Diane Drakeley

11:00 AM **Evelyn Denisevich**

Requested by her husband

Dean Savard

Requested by his mother Lina Savard

Diane Zanelli

Requested by Jane Mulreany & family

Monday, August 7

8:30 AM **Randy Pineau**

Requested by The McKenna Family

Tuesday, August 8

8:30 AM **Charlie White**

Requested by Jen Mortati

Melencio Lopez

Requested by his daughter Lourdes

Wednesday, August 9

8:30 AM **Joyce Flanagan**

Requested by Ed & Pat Flanagan

Thursday, August 10

8:30 AM NO MASS

Friday, August 11

8:30 AM **Anthony Agatisa**

Requested by his wife Ann

Saturday, August 12

5:00 PM **Helen Lavoie**

Requested by Vin & Fran Berluti

Kathy McBride

Requested by Jim & Kathy Murphy

Edward & Claire McCormack

Requested by Wayne & Betty McCormack

Sunday, August 13

7:30 AM **Rose DeGuilio**

Requested by her husband Joe

Tony Borrelli

Requested by Mary Ann Dwight

9:00 AM **Philip DeBartolomeo**

Requested by Linda Linder

John Walsh

Requested by Jack & Paula Walsh

Virginia Joynes Gower

Requested by The Nealon Family

11:00 AM **Filomena Rivera**

Requested by The Gibson Family

David & Lucille Viola

Requested by Eileen Locher

Elaine O'Rourke

Requested by mary MacDonald

Deceased Members of The Donnelly Family

*Of Many Things...***Everyday Miracles**

It seems we look for the miraculous everywhere. We so desire to be in touch with “the holy.” And to understand it! We want to have a reasonable explanation for why something has happened, whether it is an everyday good fortune or the more disturbing misfortune. We want to recognize what is happening to us, in us. We want to feel connected, to have a sense of control over it and our lives.

“Entering into the Mystery” is a way of attempting to understand with our hearts. In the past, we might have said that something is a mystery and, therefore, it can’t be understood; so we might as well just accept it, or forget about it. Today “Entering the Mystery” is an invitation to stand in grace; to open our hearts to “know” who it is that we are in relationship with (God) and to allow God to be our life, our love, our all. To “enter into the Mystery” allows us to “put on the mind and heart of Christ Jesus,” as St. Paul says in the letter to the Philippians; and to see life with new eyes. We may never come to understand in a way that makes sense when we try to explain it to someone else. It is almost like a dream. While we are dreaming, we are in it and it seems “right.” But once we wake up and think about it or try to share it with someone else, we begin to not understand it ourselves. When we are alone again, in the silence of our hearts, somewhere deep inside of us, it makes sense. We just “know.”

“Entering into the Mystery” reminds us that we are not alone and that we are not in charge. Oh yes, we have a very important role to play in our lives and the lives of one another! We do what we can and leave room for God to do what God is only so ready and willing to do: bless the work of our hands, which we began at God’s invitation anyway!

Everyday miracles “happen” when our lives are so attuned to the life of God in and around us that we seem to flow from one thing to another. In some ways, it is a partnership – us and God, God and us, working together to spread the good news that everyday miracles happen even more than we know -- and for reasons we may never understand!

So enjoy the process. Make yourself at home in Mystery!

Sister Pat

“Lord, Teach us to Pray”**Sabbath Prayer**

“You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me.” Exodus 20:9 GNT

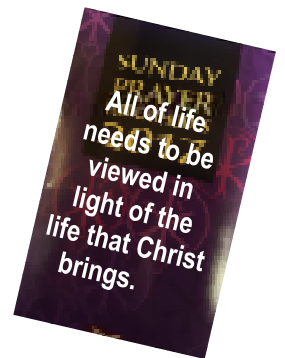
Sabbath means a day of rest and it is a day to focus on God. It’s so important that even God rested on the seventh day and gave us an example of how we should rest. **1. Rest your body. 2. Recharge your emotions. 3. Refocus your spirit. This week: Rest your body.**

God has made us so that we need rest. If your car engine heat light were showing red, you would stop because you would know it’s going to damage the engine. God says if you don’t take one day out of seven to rest, if you keep pumping the adrenaline all day, every day, seven days a week, your engine is going to explode somehow. So your best requires rest. You have to take the time to rest. Next week: Recharge your emotions.

Dear Lord, help me to make every Sabbath about you. Quiet my heart, give rest to my soul, and refocus my spirit—for true renewal comes only from you. Holy Spirit please help me to be intentional with my time and worship, and encourage me to find rest in you alone. Amen.

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Pastoral Care

Sometimes it helps to talk...

Stephen Ministry Needs YOU! ...

Do you feel powerless over events that impact your life? Do you want to express your concerns without fear of harsh feedback from family and friends? Are you sometimes distracted or worried about the 'hot button' issues of the day? A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised to accompany you on your journey of life.

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:

Ted McGrath, Cora Guerin, Brian Roche, Maureen Duggan, Joanne Gracy, Christopher Yonika, Pat Coulter, Mary Frances, Cheryl Arendt, Elena Saliani, Jerry McMahon, Rita Currie, Amy Clark, Mattison Beard, Bill McGrath, Amelia Eager, Marie Abbott, Barbara Loghry, Joanna Saliani, Sarah Martin, Rosemary DeCarlo, 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, Austin Solomita, Jim Calderwood, Ramon Rivera, Jose Leal, Debra Walsh, Robert Campbell, Janet Wade, Helen Noonan



The Marian Votive candle burns in loving memory of Dean Savard by his mother Lina Savard...

We welcome in Baptism...!

Matthew Stewart Wilson



Bereavement Monthly Support Group

If you are struggling with a loss and would like support on your journey from grief to healing, you might want to consider our monthly support group at Sacred Heart. We will meet Tuesday, August 8th in the Hospitality Room from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. For additional information, please call Catherine Hughes at 203-758-5421. Bring a friend!

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. For details, 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. 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 to have more information, please contact Anne Sharkey at atsharkey@gmail.com.



Thank you from MT 2017!

We had a fantastic and meaningful trip to Erie, PA where we worked hard, served well, had fun and grew closer to Jesus and each other. This would not happen without the generous support of our parish, our families, The Connecticut Community Foundation, KOC and many others who donated tools, prayed and encouraged us every step of the way.

We are truly blessed and grateful!



Dear GIFT Participant:

We are very excited to welcome Sean Forrest to our September GIFT Session (more about Sean below)! We feel Sean's performance and teaching will offer our program an engaging and formative start to our year on *Acting for Justice*.

However, we need to make changes to our September program dates to accommodate Sean's schedule and condense the four sessions into two (as we did similarly for Valimir Jansen last year). Please go to the website and click on the survey to record your date change, email Sasha at asb@shcsby.org, or drop this form in the mail or GIFT registration box in the atrium and let us know which session: **September 24th or 25th** you can attend. These are the only GIFT dates that will be offered in September and will replace your previously selected September session dates.

We apologize for any inconvenience for this change but know it will begin our year with a unique sense of community and meaningful learning that will help us all become more active participants in our faith and understand more deeply our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Online response: www.sacredheartchurch.info
Or email asb@shcsby.org
Choose one new date.

Household Name _____
attending _____
September 24th 4pm-6:30pm
Monday, September 25th 5:30pm-8:00pm



NOT REGISTERED?

THERE IS STILL TIME!

PLEASE JOIN US!

FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AND IN THE ATRIUM. Email Amj_ami@shcsby.org

Who Is Sean Forrest?

Sean Forrest began his ministry as a full-time youth minister at St. James parish in Stratford, Conn. In January of 2000, Sean founded Movin' With The Spirit, Inc. (MWTSS), a not-for-profit organization dedicated in boldly proclaiming God's eternal Truth and love. Since then, he has had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of thousands of teens and adults across the country and internationally.

Sean has been a guest on multiple programs on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and has been featured in nationally recognized magazines and newspapers. His music has earned him honors at the UCMVA UNITY Awards. For his extensive work with the groundbreaking youth ministry, he was the recipient of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's "For God and Youth" award.

Building on his organization's work in the U.S., Sean has also mobilized a team to help the poor of Haiti. Haiti180 (haiti180.com) constructed and operates a lively orphanage, state-of-the-art school, and nursing homes and has been housing, feeding, and caring for children and villagers in desperate need of support. The organization is also in the process of building a medical clinic for the local and surrounding communities. Sean lives in Boise, Idaho with his wife and three children.

See seanforrest.com for more info

THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

- Saturday, August 5-ROC Mass**
6:00 PM - ROC Gathering - Hall
- Sunday, August 6**
12:30 PM - Group Baptisms
- Monday, August 7**
- Tuesday, August 8**
7:30 AM to 4:30 PM - Deliver Sandwiches to Kitchen
9:15 AM - Meeting - Hospitality
12:30 PM - Meeting - Hospitality
1:30 PM - Bereavement - Hospitality
7:30 PM - MBS - Hospitality
7:30 PM - K of C - Jerusalem
- Wednesday, August 9**
3:30 PM - Women's AA - Jerusalem
- Thursday, August 10**
8:00 PM - AA-Jerusalem
- Friday, August 11**
8:00 AM - Career Transitions - Hospitality
12:30 PM - Lectio - Emmaus
- Saturday, August 12**
6:30 AM - Men's Ministry - Jerusalem
- Sunday, August 13**

Help Keep our Atrium Clean

It is a common experience that many religious groups will send you prayer cards, medals, rosaries and prayer booklets whenever you make a donation to their work. Often we find that people then will leave them on the shelf in front of the main bulletin board thinking others will make use of them. But that usually does not happen. Please do not leave any such items in the Atrium. We appreciate your help in keeping our Atrium clean and neat.

Backpack Drive - Covenant to Care!

Drop off by Friday, August 19th



Help us to make the first day of school a special event for our Covenant to Care kids! Our donated supplies can help spread the budget of families who are struggling just to buy food. Please leave all supplies in the Covenant to Care box by August 19th....please call

Susan Ellis at 203-264-2555 if you have questions.

- Backpacks
- Crayons & Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Rulers
- Highlighters
- Glue Sticks
- Pencils & Pens
- Calculators
- Assignments Pads
- Construction Paper

- 1- Subject Notebooks
- 3 & 5 Subject Notebooks
- Looseleaf paper (wide & college-ruled)
- Binders (1", 1.5", Larger)
- Dividers & Folders
- Soft Pencil Cases
- Dictionaries



Win A Corvette!

The Hartford Bishops Foundation is sponsoring the raffle of a 2017 Corvette to benefit Catholic Faith Formation in the archdiocese. Catholic Faith Formation includes all the work done in Catholic schools, religious faith formation programs like GIFT and youth ministry. The tickets are \$10 each. You can purchase a ticket by contacting Mary in the parish office. The drawing will be held at the Foundation's Gala dinner on November 18th at the Aria in Prospect.

Reminder to All Readers If you have not picked up your New Reader schedule and information envelope in the Atrium, please do so. There is information that you should have on hand.

ONLINE GIVING! While you are away on vacation, please remember that we are still here, managing the work of the Church. So stay up-to-date on your giving! Use Online Giving from your computer or smart device to schedule one-time or recurring donations. Forms are available in the Atrium. We thank you for all your help!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Team "D" will be serving Chicken Noodle Casserole and salad and cookies/dessert on Monday, August 7th at the St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Shelter on Benedict St. in Waterbury. Trays and lids will be available in the church kitchen this weekend for the casserole only. 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 Jack Paret at 203-267-3123 or email him at j.paret@frontier.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support. The residents look forward to our meal and they appreciate it very much.

Summer Evening at Montfort House

This fund-raising event to benefit the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, will be held on the terrace and grounds of the Montfort House on Saturday, August 19th. The benefit includes live music with food being served throughout the evening. Guests may arrive between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. Fee is \$50/pp and reservations should be received by August 12th. Please call 860-485-0279 for more information.

Parish Finances

