

August 13, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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 Lindner
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
 Requested by The Donnelly Family

Monday, August 14

8:30 AM **Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners**

Tuesday, August 15-Feast of the Assumption

8:30 AM **Maureen Murphy**
 Requested by Katherine Townley
 12 Noon **Rita Lucente**
 Requested by Joe & Ann Barcia
 7:00 PM **Oliver Matthew Golek**
 Requested by his parents & family
Marianna Elias
 Requested by her daughter & family

Wednesday, August 16

8:30 AM **Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners**

Thursday, August 17

8:30 AM NO MASS

Friday, August 18

8:30 AM **Violet Nobrerega**
 Requested by Pat Foster

Saturday, August 19

5:00 PM **Dennis McLaughlin**
 Requested by Bobbie Calabrese
Joseph Murphy
 Requested by Wayne & Diane Lathrop
Timothy J. McCarthy
 Requested by Wayne & Betty McCormack

Sunday, August 20

7:30 AM **Margaret Lambert**
 Requested by Jeff & Gladys O'Rourke
Carmen Ramos
 Requested by Jeannette Kilcourse
SueAnne Braceland
 Requested by Frank & Gina DeRosa
 9:00 AM **Charlie White**
 Requested by Gary & Mary Marina
Stephanie Bilodeau
 Requested by Jeanne Kaufman
Jeanne Higgins
 Requested by Jeanne Kaufman
 11:00 AM **Ken Mayer**
 Requested by his wife Lisa & children
Arthur & Eileen Bosley
 Requested by Eileen Locher
Ennis & MaryEllen McQuail
 Requested by Eileen Locher

Of Many Things...

I really enjoy doing marriage preparation with engaged couples. It is an important and exciting time of their lives and I believe that the Church has important perspectives to bring to them at this time as they prepare to make the most significant commitment of their lives. For this reason, I feel badly when young Catholic people decide for one reason or another to be married by a civil magistrate or by someone who registers online as “minister” of a group that claims to be religious. When someone is married in those circumstances, there is no “marriage preparation.” There may be “wedding preparation” (working out the details of a wedding ceremony) but no intentional preparation for the marriage that will go far beyond the wedding day.

One of the parts of our marriage preparation process is a meeting each couple has with me as they begin the process. I take some time to ask about their family, educational and work background and especially about their relationship with each other. How did they meet? How long have they been dating? What have been the joys and the struggles of their relationship? How and when did they become engaged? What attracts them to each other? Our conversations about the history and quality of their relationship are rich and enjoyable and I hope they are helpful to the couple. Such reflection can be very important and enriching as they prepare to marry.

However, such conversations also serve another purpose. They can help these young people come to understand their relationship with God; that is, help them understand and appreciate their religious faith. I believe strongly that the healthiest and most accurate way to describe and understand our religious faith is to view it as a personal relationship that has very much in common with other relationships in our lives. This is especially true and clear for people preparing to make a sacred commitment like marriage. Our Catholic, Christian faith teaches that our God is personal. God is not strictly speaking a “human” person, although Jesus Christ is both human and divine. However, God is a person rather than a force or a being of some sort. Therefore, I relate with God the same way I relate with other people. Immediately after we conclude their description of their personal relationship with each other, I suggest that the engaged couple each describe their individual relationship with God. I suggest that they look at their relationship with God using the same categories of description (history of relationship, strengths, challenges etc.) that they used to describe their personal relationship with each other. It is amazing how effective that is in helping the young people appreciate and understand their relationship with God. Conscious as they are at that time of their relationship with each other and with what it takes to make that relationship grow and mature, they also come to recognize what it takes to live in a mature relationship with God. They come to understand that faith is a relationship too.

Our Catholic belief that faith is a personal relationship with God rather than a family custom, a moral obligation or something else I “should” do was the topic of the conference that Sr. Pat, Ami Conlan and I took part in last week. We will be talking more about it in days to come, but for now, I suggest you consider your own Catholic faith as a personal relationship with God. ***How would you describe your own personal relationship with God at this point in your life?*** Use the relationships you have with those close to you to help you describe it.

May God bless each of us with mature and healthy faith!

Father Joe



“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.

Recharge your emotions.

Just be quiet! Or maybe you need to reconnect in your relationships. Maybe there’s some kind of recreation that rejuvenates you. I’m not talking about competitive recreation. Some of you aren’t recharging your emotions out on the golf course. You’re just getting angry at the other guy!

Next week: Refocus your spirit.

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 along. 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, Michele Ryan, Steve Gilmore, Frank Ignatowski, Jean McDonald, Lucy LaSalle, Austin Solomita, Jim Calderwood, Ramon Rivera, Jose Leal, Debra Walsh, Robert Campbell, Janet Wade, Helen Noonan

We welcome in Baptism...!



Delaney Janey McEvoy
Emma Grace Cieply
Addison Constance Schuck
Tessa Anne Fearon



*The Marian Votive
candle burns in
loving memory of
Violet Nobrerega
by
Mary Ann Dwight...*



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.



Office Hours 9AM-4:30 PM, M-TH

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Please check your email for an important GIFT date change regarding the September GIFT dates. There are only 2 Sep. GIFT dates: Sun., Sep. 24th 4—6:30 PM or Mon., Sep. 25th 5:30— 8PM

GIFT REGISTRATION

2017-2018

"ACTING FOR JUSTICE"

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.

Registration Deadline: August 15th
New Households are welcome to register at any time.



MANDATORY CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION



Please choose ONE date.

Sunday, August 27th

OR

Tuesday, September 5th

Grade 10 (2nd Year): 5:00—6:00 PM

Grade 9 (1st Year): 6:30—7:30 PM

Grade 10 (2nd Year): 6:00—7:00 PM

Grade 9 (1st Year): 7:15—8:15 PM

The ROC BACK PACK EVENT



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH 9:30 AM—11:00 AM

Grades 5-8 are invited to enjoy donuts and help us assemble back to school supplies for children in need. Please SIGN UP by contacting Sasha Brzezinski at asb@shcsby.org or (203)264-5065.

THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Saturday, August 12

Sunday, August 13

Monday, August 14

7:00 PM - Seeds of Hope Mtg - Jerusalem

Tuesday, August 15-Feast of the Assumption

9:15 AM - Meeting - Hospitality

12:30 PM - Meeting - Hospitality

7:30 PM - MBS - Hospitality

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

Wednesday, August 16

3:30 PM - Women's AA - Jerusalem

Thursday, August 17

7:00 PM - Evangelization Team—Emmaus

8:00 PM - AA-Jerusalem

Friday, August 18

12:30 PM - Lectio - Emmaus

Saturday, August 19

6:30 AM - Men's Ministry - Jerusalem

Sunday, August 20

9:30 AM - ROC BackPack-Hall



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.

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!

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.

Annual Collection

We will be taking up the Annual Collection again this year. The collection was beneficial to us in that the money raised is now being used for the necessary repairs and maintenance of our facility. If you look around the Church and surrounding property, you will see that work has been ongoing. We have accomplished many projects but much more still has to be done. Performing needed upkeep will be necessary in order to maintain the church in good repair while not draining resources that are dedicated to doing the work of our mission. Letters are in the mail and we appreciate your positive response to our call of need. Thank you!

Father Joe

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.

Backpack Drive - Covenant to Care!

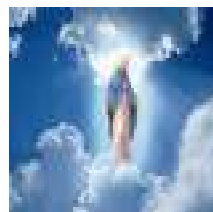
Drop off by Saturday, August 19th

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



*The Feast of The Assumption
is
Tuesday, August 15th
Masses are:
8:30 AM, 12 Noon & 7:00 PM*