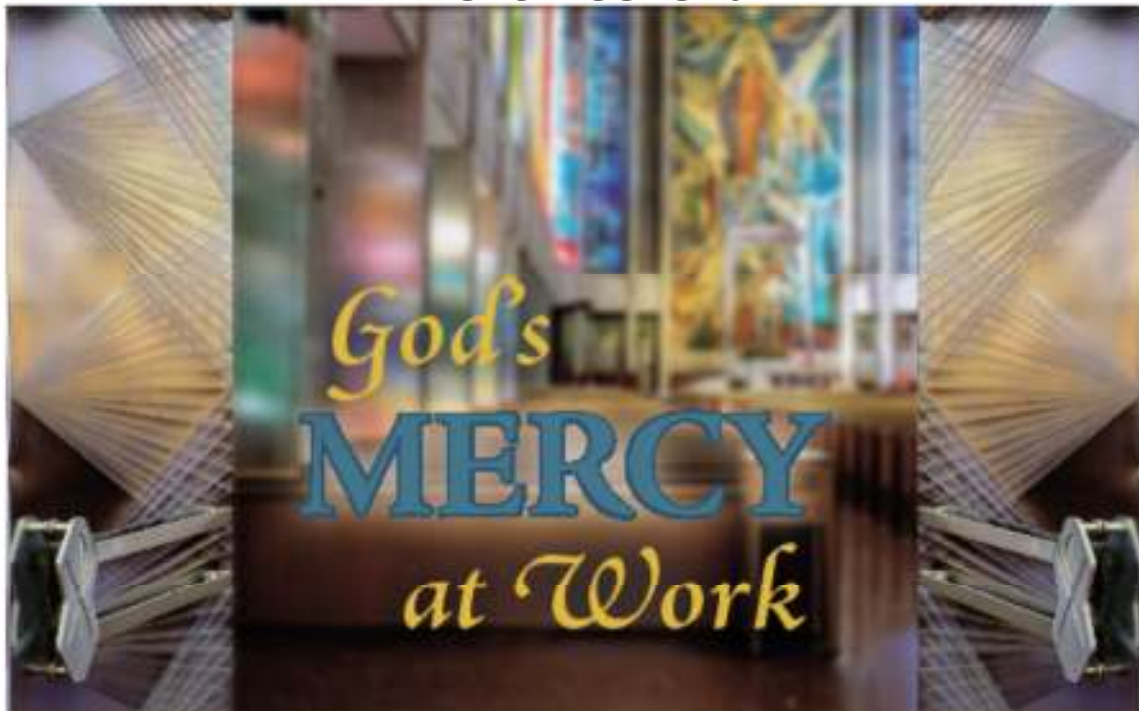




*Sacred Heart Church
910 Main Street South
Southbury, Connecticut 06488*

Pentecost Sunday - May 15, 2016

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal Commitment
Next Weekend**



Enriching the Ministries and Parish Life of the Archdiocese • Spreading the Message of our Faith



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Commitment Weekend
2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, May 14

5:00 PM Frank & Theresa Collins
Requested by Johanna Metzker
Peter Arrison
Requested by Anna Mae Fournier
Stanley Strusky
Requested by Jim & Rosella Purcell

Sunday, May 15

7:30 AM Edward, Julia & Elizabeth Carney
Requested by their family
9:00 AM Ann McCormick Pierini
Requested by Cindy, Kaeleigh & Ryan Canty
Lionel "Tate" Tetreault
Requested by The Van Ness Family
Henry Wheeler
Requested by Carole DeRoberts
11:00 AM Kathleen O'Leary Moore
Requested by her parents, Joe & Pat
Robert Weaver, Jr
Requested by Ed & Pat Flanagan
Matthew Klim
Requested by Kevin & Nancy Gunning
Tracey Kepics
Requested by her parents

Monday, May 16

8:30 AM Bill & Joan Weed
Requested by The Jerry Tursek Family

Tuesday, May 17

8:30 AM Mary Alfano
Requested by her family

Wednesday, May 18

8:30 AM Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners

Thursday, May 19

8:30 AM Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners

Friday, May 20

8:30 AM Captain Barbara Knight, Ret.
Requested by Charlie & Fran White

Saturday, May 21

5:00 PM Lee Ryan
Requested by Ed & Mary Wilson
Steve Babasick
Requested by Ken & Mary Korsu
Peter Arrison
Requested by Alex & Cathy Rencsko

Sunday, May 22-Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM Rose DeGuilio
Requested by husband & family
Bill & Joan Weed
Requested by The Gibson Family
9:00 AM Thomas & Elizabeth Fontana
Requested by their grandson Mark Bentivoglio
Donald Johnson
Requested by his family
Rose Straiton
Requested by Lulu Leheny
11:00 AM Children's Mass
Intentions of Sacred Heart Parishioners

Of Many Things ...

Recently Pope Francis published an important document about marriage and family life entitled “The Joy of Love.” It was a result of more than two years of meetings of bishops, consultation of the Church (Did you fill out that survey we published a couple of years ago?), and Pope Francis’ own prayerful reflection. While the Waterbury newspaper inaccurately headlined a story about the document “*Francis Adjusts Rules for Family*,” Pope Francis was actually adjusting the Catholic attitude and perspective about marriage and family life which has been terribly off-base, especially in public perception. Here are some good “attitude adjustments” from the document that we all need to take to heart if we are to reflect the true teaching of the Catholic Church on this important topic:

THE CHURCH NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN ALL THEIR COMPLEXITY.

Pope Francis says we need to meet people where they are and “avoid judgments” which do not take into account the complexity of various situations. He calls for an approach of understanding, compassion and accompaniment.

THE ROLE OF CONSCIENCE IS PARAMOUNT IN MORAL DECISION MAKING. Conscience, says Vatican II, is the voice of God echoing in our hearts. Pope Francis says that the church is “called to form consciences, not replace them.” Conscience helps us to recognize “a certain moral certainty” that God is asking of us in the circumstances of our lives. Pastors are called to help people not simply to follow rules, but to practice discernment in their lives.

DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLICS NEED TO BE MORE FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE

CHURCH. How? By looking at the specifics of a situation, by remembering “mitigating factors,” by counseling them in the “internal forum” (private conversations between a priest and person or couple) and respecting that the final decision about how they participate in the life of the Church is left to that person’s conscience. Divorced and remarried Catholics are *not* excommunicated from the Church and should not be treated as such.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED TO LIVE GOOD CHRISTIAN LIVES. Pope Francis speaks about the many different life situations that people face talking about marriage as a “dynamic process.” “Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it.” He speaks as a true pastor helping people to connect what they believe with what is happening in their lives.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE! Pope Francis rules out harsh and judgmental language such as referring to people “living in sin.” He states that we need to stop applying moral laws, as if they were “stones to throw at a person’s life.”

WHAT MIGHT WORK IN ONE PLACE MAY NOT WORK IN ANOTHER. An important thing to remember (and that we often forget) when reading/listening to Church teaching is that the Church is a multinational community. Her teaching concerns people in the middle of Africa as well as the people of Southbury. As a result it has to cover many issues, some of which may not be pertinent to us. “Each country or region...can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs” says Pope Francis.

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS ON MARRIAGE ARE AFFIRMED, BUT THE CHURCH SHOULD NOT BURDEN PEOPLE WITH UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS. Pope Francis warns against imposing “an artificial theological ideal of marriage” on people with no regard for the complexity of their life circumstances. This is especially important in that such teachings are meant to apply to all cultures (cf. above)

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Corporal Work of Mercy: Clothe the Naked

This Week: Join Project PJ

Pajamas for the Homeless

*Donate new pajamas for men, women and children
at the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter*

- ☺ Host a pajama party with your kids and their friends - invite all guests to bring a new pair of PJs to donate
- ☺ Ask your baseball, softball, lacrosse or soccer team to bring PJ's to the next game
- ☺ Host a tea or gathering with your friends and ask everyone to bring PJs
- ☺ Bring in the new PJs for Men, Women, and Children at the Masses this weekend and we will deliver them to SVdP Shelter

Pastoral Care

Our Parish seeks to be a compassionate presence of Christ's love during difficult times. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, or going through a divorce, or have recently moved here and are having difficulty adjusting to your new home, we have Stephen Ministers who are trained to accompany you at this difficult time.

If you are alone most of the day and would like someone to visit for an hour to share some conversation or to play cards or a board game, call us. Our Friendly Visitors are trained and ready to spend some time with you.

Our Friendly Visitors and our Stephen Ministers are available to visit the Skilled Care Facilities. For more information, please contact:

Catherine Hughes @ 203.758.5421 : Lynn Tidgwell @ 203.217.0025

Debbie Zane @ 203.417.5205 : Sister Pat @ 203.264.5071

Please Pray For

Gerry Cloutier, Lucia Visintainer, Theresa LaCapra Sayers, Jim Fanning, John Yonika, Quinn Faerdy, Lorraine Burke, Annette Reidy, Rosemary DeCarlo, Patrick Adams, Kathy Todd, Craig Havermeier, Esther Danoy, Matthew Zahno, Rita Lapati, Kathleen Sullivan Bece, Anthony Scherrey, Ron Conti, Jr., Hugo Burrit, Meg Walsh, James Corr, Ted McGrath, Mattison Beard, Joan DiGiulio, Salvatore Patrick, Robert Joseph, Helen Murphy, Cora Guerin, Katherine Pavone, Jane Kelley



*The Marian Votive Candle
burns for special
intentions of
The Drakotos Family*

Spirituality

What's Faith Got To Do With It?

Your life, that is. Rather, the things that really matter in your life, like your family, like your marriage, like raising your children to be good people, like real friendship with others, like what gives meaning to your life, like your desire to be a good, just and faithful man. Join us for Men's Ministry, every Saturday morning, from 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM in the Jerusalem Room. Come each week; come when you are able. Let's help each other to discover what faith really has to do with your life. For more information, please contact Dave Kania at dkania08@gmail.com or Patrick Fellin at pfellin21@gmail.com or Father Joe at jtd@shcsby.org.

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CHILDREN MUST BE EDUCATED IN SEX AND SEXUALITY. Especially in a culture like ours that tends to cheapen sexuality and treat it like a commodity to be used, children need to hear and be taught from the perspective of our religious faith and God's intent about human sexuality.

GAY MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD BE RESPECTED. While same-sex marriage is not viewed as the same thing as what the Church believes marriage to be, "before all else" the homosexual person needs to be "respected in his/her dignity and treated with consideration" and "every sign of unjust discrimination" is to be carefully avoided, particularly any "form of aggression or violence." Homosexual people and their families need "respectful pastoral guidance" from the Church community and pastors.

ALL ARE WELCOME. The Church should help families of every sort and people of every state in life to know that, even in their imperfections, they are loved by God and can help others experience love. Again there is no "one size fits all" definition of marriage or family or believer. All need to feel welcome. It continues to surprise me how many people do not feel welcome in the Catholic Church or feel judged negatively in some way. We have a lot of work to do to overcome this false, unchristian reputation that the Church has somehow gained over time.

Father Joe



the mother's bible study

Tuesday, May 17th, 7:30 PM in the church

- Are you feeling weighed down by life?
- Do you need to be infused with hope?
- Be inspired to "Live From the Inside Out," with God's love as your core.

Come hear guest speaker and Author of *My Journey To Live From The Inside Out*, Shawn Elizabeth George.

Shawn will speak about her own journey to live in the world but not of the world. Her book will be available for purchase that evening.

Contact: trista_didonato@yahoo.com



Catherine's Butterfly Party

Saturday, June 4, 2016 12-5pm
 Fairfield Hills Campus
 3 Primrose Street, Newtown
 email info@cvhfoundation.com with the subject line "Volunteer," to inquire about how you can help spread kindness by donating your time.

To learn more about the Catherine Violet Hubbard Foundation, inspired by one of the children lost at Sandy Hook Elementary, and her love and compassion for all creatures, visit: <http://cvhfoundation.org>

Formation Information...

2016-2017 GIFT Registration

Responding in Prayer
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
June 1, 2016

The September session (courtesy of the Sacred Heart Music Ministry) begins with a vibrant guest presenter, Vallimar Jansen, who will introduce us to prayer in her unique and interactive style that is appropriate for all ages. **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** for further information.

MISSION TRIP MEETING TONIGHT

6:30pm-8:30pm

Campers and Chaperons

Parents join the last 45 minutes at 7:45 pm for important info and signing of forms

2016 Confirmation Information

Rehearsal

Sunday, May 22 6PM - 7:30PM

Location

Church and Hall

Celebration

Monday, May 23 7PM

The Most Reverend Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, Presiding



Faith Formation Associate

The Faith Formation Department seeks a qualified, energetic, personable and collaborative individual to join our team and support our catechetical program that promotes spiritual growth and learning for all ages.

This part-time administrative position (20-28 weekday hours, occasional weekends), August-June requires:

- Strong Database Skills
- Proficiency in MS Office
- Publisher and Other Graphic Programs
- Website and Social Media experience

Please submit resume and two reference letters to: Ami Conlan, Pastoral Associate, Faith Formation ami@shcsby.org

Evangalization and Welcoming Team Meeting

Thursday, May 19 7 PM

Contact **Kim Sullivan** ksull03@charter.net or **Ami Conlan** ami@shcsby.org



THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Saturday, May 14

5:30 PM - Meeting - Jerusalem
 Blood Pressure Screening after mass...

Sunday, May 15-Pentecost Sunday

Blood Pressure Screening after all masses...
 Coffee And...after all Masses today...
 10:15 AM - Parish Nurse-Emmaus
 6:30 PM - Mission Trip Meeting - Hall & Church

Monday, May 16

7:15 PM - LRSS - Shalom

Tuesday, May 17

7:30 AM to 4:30 PM - Deliver Sandwiches - Kitchen
 7:00 PM - Youth Immersion Haiti-Emmaus
 7:30 PM - K of C - 4th Degree - Library
 7:30 PM - MBS - Hospitality & Church

Wednesday, May 18

10:00 AM - JAM - Hospitality
 3:30 PM - Women's AA - Jerusalem

Thursday, May 19

5:00 PM - Mustard Seed Interviews - Hospitality & Library
 6:30 PM - Adult Choir
 7:00 PM - Evangelization - Emmaus
 8:00 PM - AA - Jerusalem

Friday, May 20

Saturday, May 21

6:30 AM - Men's Ministry - Jerusalem
 5:30 PM - Meeting - Jerusalem

Sunday, May 22-The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

12:00 Noon - Children's Choir Pizza Party - Hall & Kitchen
 6:00 PM - Confirmation Rehearsal - Church, Atrium & Hall

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Next weekend is **Commitment Weekend for God's Mercy at Work—the 2016 Appeal!** As we near the end of our effort for this year, we thank those who have given and encourage those who have not to join us in this important endeavor.

Enjoy Some Golf and Help a Worthy Cause

As spring arrives, two worthy causes close to the 'heart' of Sacred Heart Parish invite you to consider supporting their good efforts on behalf of some of God's poorest by including their benefit golf tournaments in your spring plans. I know that you get many such invitations but perhaps your interest in these June Tournaments might not only promote your enjoyment of the season and your golf game, but might enable you to help those much less fortunate than you are. Check your calendar, gather a foursome or offer to be a sponsor for one of the following: Tuesday, June 7th –The First Annual Brian Gibbons Homeless Outreach Memorial Golf Tournament at Chippanee Golf Course in Bristol. Visit www.briangibbonshomelessoutreach.org. Monday, June 20th, the Annual St. Vincent de Paul Mission at Oxford Greens. Visit www.golftourney@svdpmission.org for details. Thank you for your consideration of these two worthy causes...

Social Outreach Leadership Opportunity

The Covenant to Care ministry is looking for a new leadership team. Leaders coordinate activities which involve seasonal purposeful events that support the unmet needs of local children and families, including the Backpack, Giving Tree and Easter Basket programs. This is a great opportunity to get involved in community outreach. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact Bob Byrne at 203-770-5297.

Career Transitions

The Career Transitions group will meet from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, May 25th, in the Jerusalem Room. Those who are considering retirement or looking for a new job are welcome to join in an atmosphere of encouragement and support to help in a period of transition. Individual meetings can be arranged after the meeting on May 25th. Over the past months, the group has had successful placements. Those seeking additional information may call Peter Fitzpatrick at 516-287-0441 or email to peterfitzpatrick711@yahoo.com.

Knights of Columbus - 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

The 2nd Annual Tournament will take place on Friday, June 10th at Crestbrook Golf Course. The cost is \$135 per golfer, 11:30 AM shotgun start. To register, please visit www.knightsofcolumbusgolf.com or contact Tom Van Stone at 203-560-5163, thomasvanstone@gmail.com. We will see you there!

Now Hiring! Faith Formation Associate!
Please see the Faith Formation Page for details!!

