



Sacred Heart
Catholic Church
Southbury, Connecticut



Concert

Friday, September 16th
7:00 PM
Open to the Public
Free Admission

Music Ministry Workshop

Saturday, September 17th
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Registration Required
jenger@shcsby.org

GIFT

Growing in Faith Together
"For ages 6-106"
Sunday, September 18th
4:00pm (Full)
Monday, September 19th
5:30pm (available)
Program Registration Required

Music Ministry & GIFT

*Presents 3 events
with*

ValLimar Jansen

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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, September 10

5:00 PM Ernestine Wolf
Requested by Office Colleagues
Robert Francis Burns
Requested by Jeff & Gladys O'Rourke
Russell Taylor
Requested by Eileen Omundsen

Sunday, September 11

7:30 AM Maureen Griffin
Requested by Adriana Paris
9:00 AM Angelo Carella
Requested by Ed & Mary Comstock
Tom Sullivan
Requested by his wife & family
Rich Mailhot
Requested by Jeanne Kaufman
11:00 AM Al Savard
Requested by his wife Lina Savard
Eugene Dunscomb
Requested by Barbara O'Brien
Mary Katherine Harte
Requested by Barbara O'Brien

Monday, September 12

8:30 AM Irene Hine
Requested by her daughter Patty

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 AM Tomas Stephens
Requested by Vince DeFenthis

Wednesday, September 14

8:30 AM Betty O'Connor
Requested by Tom & Kathleen Magrane

Thursday, September 15

8:30 AM NO MASS

Friday, September 16

8:30 AM Robert & Louise Jarvis
Requested by their daughter Bobbie
Agnes Reese
Requested by her daughter

Saturday, September 17

5:00 PM Mary Katherine Harte
Requested by Barbara Jeffery
Russell Taylor, Jr.
Requested by Mike & MaryAnn Mocciaie
Emma Grailich Cole
Requested by Ronnie, George & Rich

Sunday, September 18

7:30 AM Alvin Coulter
Requested by Adriana Paris
9:00 AM Catherine Sexton
Requested by Maureen Moreno
Evelyn Denisevich
Requested by Jim & Jill
Henry Mailhot
Requested by Gavin Nealon
11:00 AM Salvatore Giacomazzo
Requested by his wife & family
Ruth Grant
Requested by June Summa & son
Joseph Murphy
Requested by The Gibson Family

Of Many Things...*The Book of Job-Hope for Troubled Times*

As we remember the tragedy of 9/11, and all who suffer at the hands of violence and hatred, let us turn to our Scriptures for hope for these troubled times. The Book of Job deals with the problem of suffering, especially suffering of the innocent.

Job is the story of a good man whose life seems to collapse around him. He has crisis after crisis – with his animals, his land, even his children. He is known as a “blameless and upright man,” as a holy man, as a man who has great belief and trust in God.

But that all gets challenged as he deals with his suffering. His friends come to comfort him by offering advice, reminding him of the belief of the day that suffering was a punishment for sin. Job finds this difficult to believe and his well meaning friends only add to his suffering.

Job continues to search for answers but none seem to be forthcoming. On the verge of despair, he curses the day he was born and longs for his death so that he might be put out of his misery. His wife grows weary of his complaining and asks him to curse the God he loves and get it over with!

But Job refuses to curse God. Instead he demands to hear a response from God – and from God alone!

Job is a story with which we can identify. We all know that place of deep suffering and loneliness. We feel abandoned. We feel isolated. We know for sure that no one will understand us, for no one has seen or felt *our* pain. We, like Job, believe that we, too, are good people, and we begin to wonder what we have done to deserve this.

The story of Job offers us a way to hang in there, even when we too want to curse the day we were born and long to be put out of our misery. We, like Job, can dismiss the platitudes of our well meaning friends. We can reach into the depths of our pain and demand answers from God. It really is okay to be angry with God and to voice our deepest feelings to God. Then, we have to be willing to wait, to listen and to trust, none of which are easy. Trust and patience seem to disappear just when we need them most.

Job reminds us not to despair. He reminds us to continue to reach out again and again, to call out from the depths of our hearts, the depths of our pain to the God that seems so distant, so uncaring, so non-existent. For in the end, God does indeed answer Job. God reminds Job of who Job is and who God is, by asking the simple question: “Where were you when I founded the earth?”

This question is meant to direct Job’s attention to the magnificent workings of the universe by the God of all Creation. God does not take away Job’s pain or ever address it. Rather, God enables Job to get outside of the very small world that pain builds for us and see the possibility of the power and the glory of God in all things new and renewing.

God also reminds Job that he found his friends’ advice insulting! Illness, crisis, disasters are never punishment for sin. Why do we suffer? We really don’t know. It is the question that allows us to search for the deeper meaning of life. We do know that we can learn much from suffering. We may, in time, find new friends, discover a renewed hope, surrender old habits, realize other ways of living our lives. But answers, specific answers, always seem to elude us.

Suffering will always be with us, and with it, many questions. Following Job’s process, we can rest assured that in asking the questions and keeping our minds and hearts focused on the God of all that is, we too can find renewed peace and healing.

May all who are on a path of deep suffering these days be assured of God’s faithful presence and loving embrace. Let us hold one another in prayer.

*Sister Pat***The First Spiritual Work of Mercy: To Instruct the Ignorant*****Faith that is Caught more than Taught****Ignorant= unlearned, unknown or unaware*

Communicating the teachings of our faith tradition is important and we have a rich tradition, Scriptures, catechism etc., to draw from. But we also learn through what we see and do with others. Jesus taught in word and action with real experiences that showed what he *knew* was revealed in what he *did*. People decided to *follow*, to actively participate in the mission He created. In this way--observing and experiencing— the unknowing were changed in both mind and heart. What do your actions teach those around you?

This week find a way in our parish to act like Jesus:

- Inquire about any ministry that interests you.
- Volunteer to help those who hunger and are homeless: sandwich-making for Homeless Outreach, or serve dinner at St. Vincent de Paul Shelter, or help with the upcoming KOC Food Bank collection,
- Discover the ministries of care: Bereavement, Stephen Ministry, Friendly Visitors, Eucharistic Homebound Ministry, Prayer Shawl, Parish Nurse Ministry.



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 can 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, Esther Danoy, Matthew Zahno, Ron Conti, Jr., James Corr, Ted McGrath, Mattison Beard, Joan DiGiulio, Cora Guerin, Mary Wood, Maria Castellano, Michael Bartlomowicz, SR., Kathleen Carmody, Theresa Sayers, Florence Magdits, Jim Megura, Patrick Cullagh, Dennis McLaughlin, Patricia Grunert, Wyatt Hoover, Brian Roche, Peggy Halford, Marietta Potter, Maureen Duggan, Eileen Wish, Annette Reidy, Joanne Gracy, Christopher Yonika, Pat Coulter, Barbara Pelletier, Maureen Griffin, Mary Frances



*The Marian Votive
Candle burns in loving
memory of
Al Savard by his wife
Lina Savard...*

September Prayer Shawl Meeting Change

Due to the use of the Jerusalem Room for the four-week Mercy program beginning in September, our first shawl meeting will be held Wednesday, October 5th, 9:30 AM. If anyone is in need of yarn, please call Mary Comstock at 203-264-9497.

Bereavement Monthly Support Group

If you are struggling with a loss and would like support on your journey from grief to healing, you might consider our monthly group at Sacred Heart. We will meet Tuesday, September 13th in the Hospitality Room from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Call Catherine Hughes at 203-758-5421 for info.

WomenSharingWisdom: an opportunity for women to discover together God present in their experiences and in their lives. The Parables of Mercy will be the topic of the first four sessions: Mondays, September 12 and 26, October 3 and 17 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Jerusalem Room. If you are interested in joining us for these sessions, please contact Sister Pat for more information and registration at 203-264-5071.

BAPTISM MEETING

A Baptism Meeting for parents wishing to have their children baptized will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 PM in the Emmaus Room. Please call Sister Pat at 203-264-5071 for registration and information.

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) invite all women of the parish to join us for the Parables of Mercy Program. Please join us from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM for the Parables of Mercy Program. Over a period of four weeks, we will read, reflect, pray and share our thoughts on each of four "Mercy" gospels. We will begin our regular LIFT program following the Parables of Mercy series. Please email Debi Obenhaus at debi.obenhaus@gmail.com if you would like to join us. Our Welcome Coffee will be on September 13th, 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM...please join us! Our first official session will be on September 20th from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM. Sister Pat Torre will lead our first discussion. PRAYER is LIFT's theme for this year. We will begin following the Parables of Mercy Program.

Holy Passionist Retreat Center

If you have never attended a retreat or you are interested in finding out more about the retreat experience, stop by after Mass today to speak to some of our parishioners. This year's retreat theme is "The Light of Simplicity." The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. To register, visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call 860-760-9705. The Men's Retreat - September 23 to 25 or November 4 to 6: call Alex Gubbiotti at 203-264-3266; for the Women's Retreat - September 30th to October 2nd: Call Pat Kugeman at 203-881-1441.

Southbury Food Bank Drive: Following all Masses on the weekend of September 17 & 18, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing bags and a list of items needed. The filled bags can be returned on the following weekend to the Church parking lot where they will be loaded into vans for delivery to the Southbury Food Bank volunteers.

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

Moms Bible Study

is doing a 4-week Mercy Study on the mercy parables Tuesdays, September 6th-27th 7:30 PM Hospitality Room. Contact **Trista Didonato** at **917-816-0468**

GIFT 2017

SUNDAY	September 18th	4:00 PM—6:30 PM
MONDAY	September 19th	5:30 PM—8:00 PM

Our Year of Prayer begins with special guest presenter **ValLimar Jansen**. This is a unique opportunity for our program and we will begin the event with a picnic style-dinner, where members can bring blankets or lawn chairs, and enjoy dinner outside (weather permitting). It will be a box/bag meal that will be easily transported to the location you choose. Inside seating will also be available but will be limited on Sunday, September 18th due to full capacity registration. ValLimar will lead us into the topic of prayer with her unique blend of story telling, song, teaching and performing.

Please use your gifts for our Parish community. Liturgy of the Word for Children Volunteers & GIFT Teachers Needed

Please contact Ami at ami@shcsby.org

Important Dates This Week

- ◆ **Mission Trip Car Wash**
Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 AM in the Back Driveway. Raincheck date is September 17th.
- ◆ **2017 Mission Trip Info meeting September 11th 6 PM Daily Chapel**
There will be a short informational meeting about the 2017 Mission Trip on Sunday, **September 11th at 6:00 PM** in the Chapel for all students in Grades 9-12 & Young Adults 18-21. If you are new to Mission Trip, this meeting will explain the process/program and hopefully answer any questions you may have. For questions, contact Mike Barry MTSHC@shcsby.org or Ami Conlan ami@shcsby.org.

The next ROC Mass is Saturday, October 1st at 5:00 PM



THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART CHURCH**Saturday, September 10**

Holy Family Retreat Information Table after Mass.
Blood Pressure Screening after Mass

Sunday, September 11

Holy Family Retreat Information Table after Mass.
Blood Pressure Screening after Mass
6:00 PM - Mission Trip - Short Information Meeting-D/C

Monday, September 12

6:30 PM - WSW - Jerusalem
6:30 PM - Concert Rehearsal w/ROC Band - Church
7:15 PM - LRSS - Shalom

Tuesday, September 13

9:15 AM - LIFT - Registration & Coffee-Jerusalem
1:30 PM - Bereavement - Hospitality
1:30 PM - CORE - Shalom
6:30 PM - Concert Rehearsal w/ROC Band - Church
6:30 PM - SM-Parables-Jerusalem
7:00 PM - Parables - Library
7:30 PM - K of C - Basement
7:30 PM - MBS - Hospitality

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 AM - SCC - Jerusalem
9:15 AM - Meeting - Hospitality
1:00 PM - LRSS - Emmaus
1:00 PM - Meeting - Jerusalem
3:30 PM - Women's AA - Jerusalem
6:00 PM - GIFT Ministers - Emmaus/Shalom
6:30 PM - Concert Rehearsal w/ROC Band - Church

Thursday, September 15

9:30 AM - LRSS- Hospitality
6:00 PM - Choir with ROC Band
7:00 PM - LRSS-Shalom
7:00 PM - Columbiettes - Hospitality
7:00 PM - Haiti-Emmaus
8:00 PM - AA-Jerusalem

Friday, September 16

7:00 PM - ValLimar Jansen Concert - Church, Hall & Kitchen

Saturday, September 17

6:30 AM - Men's Ministry - Jerusalem
9:00 AM - Mission Trip Car Wash - Back Driveway-Rain date
9:00 AM - Music Ministry Workshop-Church, Hall & Kitchen
K of C to hand out bags for Food collection

Sunday, September 18

K of C hand out bags for Food collection
12:00 PM - GIFT Set-up - Entire Facility
4:00 PM - GIFT - Session I - Entire Facility

Revisiting Our Annual Collection

Years have passed since we took up an Annual Collection. It was beneficial to us in that money raised was used for repairs and maintenance for our facility while not draining resources that are dedicated to doing the work of our mission. If you have not received your Annual Collection letter, please contact Mary in the Parish Office. Copies are available in the Atrium. As always, we thank you for your positive response to our call of need.

Father Joe

St. Vincent de Paul Meal

Team "A" will be serving Shepherds Pie, Salad & Cookies or Brownies on Monday, September 12 at the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter in Waterbury. Trays will be available in the church kitchen. To make this meal happen it involves the work of many who want to show love and mercy to those facing incredible struggles. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Jeanne Tillinghast at 203-264-5847.

Always our Children-retreat day for Gay, Lesbian and all Transgendered Communities and their Families

The retreat will be held on October 22 at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. This will be an opportunity to dialogue about the issues facing gay, lesbian and transgendered communities in an atmosphere of safety and welcome. This retreat for all LGBTQ individuals and all those who love and support them will be led by families who have worked through the inevitable hopes, joys and concerns facing the LGBTQ community. Discussion topics will include family life and spirituality, along with the unique gifts, challenges and hopes that the LGBTQ voices bring to our world. The day will include a continental breakfast, lunch, conversation, panel discussion and quiet time to enjoy the beauty of Holy Family. Offering is \$25. To register, please visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/lgbtq.

Bible Study to resume in September:

Two Little Rock Scripture Study programs are planned. **Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early Church and the sequel to the Gospel of Luke** proclaimed at Sunday Liturgies, this liturgical year, will be offered **Wednesdays at 1:00 PM** starting **September 14th**.

Psalms, Hebrew prayer songs, will be offered **Mondays at 7:15 PM** on **September 12**. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the Atrium. Cost is \$15 for two-book study set. Contact Ed Duffy at 203-262-8253 for information and for later plans for a third LRSS program.

Sacred Heart Adult Choir

We are actively seeking and encouraging new members. There are no musical requirements other than a love of working together and of belonging to a musical group who sings and prays together. We are welcoming new members during the **month of September**. Consider asking in prayer if the choir at Sacred Heart could be for you. **If you would like to join us for a rehearsal to see if the fit is right for you, please do so!! We are missing one voice -- yours!** New membership and growth are essential to continue the vitality of the choir that is created and blessed by God. Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired by your singing of Gods' praises. Contact Patty Richards at prichards@shcsby.org or Janet Conte or Jennifer Lafreniere if you have any questions. We love to have you join us!

Youth Choir News: The Youth Choir is ready to begin a new season! The Choir sings at the 11:00 AM Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We gather in the Social Hall at 10:30 AM for rehearsal. Students from 2nd grade and up are welcome! Please join us for our first singing date on **Sunday, September 11th!** Please contact Patty Richards at prichards@shcsby.org for details.

Free Concert

Please join us for a free concert on Friday, September 16th at 7:00 PM featuring internationally known composer and vocalist, **ValLimar Jansen!** The **Sacred Heart Music Ministry** extends a warm welcome for all to experience an evening of uplifting and inspirational entertainment. This event will be an ecumenical, high energy and spirit-filled evening, consisting of beautiful music, storytelling and inspirational entertainment. A light reception will follow.

In addition to the concert, ValLimar will present a workshop for liturgical music ministers, choir directors, choir members, cantors and all who want to **further explore discipleship through music on Saturday, September 17th, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. The workshop is free, with a \$7 lunch fee. Registration is required for the workshop. Email jenger@shcsby.org or call 203-264-5071 ext. 225.