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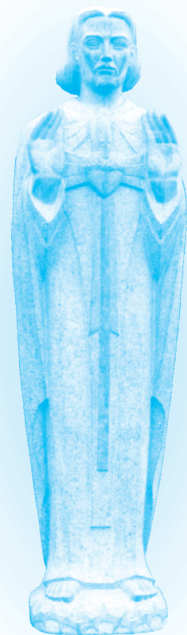
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### **SUNDAY LITURGIES**

Saturday 5:45 PM

Sunday 10:45 AM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM

or by appointment

### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

As listed inside

**WE WELCOME YOU TO SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY.** If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to Father Stan after Mass. We would also appreciate it if you would come to or call the office and register. We need to know who you are so that we may serve you better.

### **SHUT INS**

Please notify us of parishioners who are in the hospital. If any parishioner is unable to celebrate Liturgy with us because of illness or handicap, please notify the office so that we may bring Eucharist to them.

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## Welcome

Welcome to the parish family of Sacred Heart!

Whether this is one of your first visits with us or your first visit in a while; know that you are always welcome here.

Whatever called you to be with us today; know that we were all called here once, just like you were. Pray with us. Celebrate with us. Walk together with us in faith. We eat together a lot; there's always plenty of food and it's always good so please join us for that, too.

Above all, please let us know when there is anything we can do, any question we can help you answer, any need we can fill – anything at all that we can do to help you on *your* journey of faith.

## Coming Soon!

### A Parish Fundraiser at HomeTown Buffet

Join us for **breakfast on Saturday, March 13, 2010 between 8:00am and 11:00am at HomeTown Buffet** located at 165 Slater Street, Manchester.

Tickets will be available in the bulletin on February 27 & 28. Tickets will also be available to the church entrances on March 6 & 7. Present your ticket to the cashier and HomeTown Buffet will donate 10%, 15%, or 20% of the total sales to Sacred Heart Church. Bring your family and friends!

Prices for the breakfast buffet are as follows:

- Adults - \$6.49
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**Tickets are free. You pay the morning of the buffet.**

## Mardi Gras

A celebration of Mardi Gras and pot-luck supper will be held in the Fellowship Rooms on **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Sign-up sheets are at each of the entrances of the church. Please take the time to sign up and inform us of the food item you intend on sharing. This will help us in planning.

Also, as in the past, Prayer Partners for Lent will be drawn after supper.

So, bring some good food to share, dust off your Mardi Gras hats, beads, masks, feathers, etc. and join us on February 16<sup>th</sup>! See you there!

## Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at Sacred Heart at 12:00 noon (with Mass) and at 5:30pm (With the Word.)

## A Meal Prayer for the Season of Lent

*Dear Jesus,  
you fasted for forty days and forty nights  
and afterward you were hungry.*

*During this season of Lent,  
help us to imitate you,  
to give up something  
so that we can think more of others.*

*We are grateful for all you have given us,  
especially for this meal. Amen.*

*- Robert M Hamma, Let's Say Grace*

## Heart and Soul, Feast & Fast

Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound by what the Church refers to as “a grave obligation” to observe a solemn **fast** on both **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. Catholics aged 14 and up are to **abstain from meat** on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday** as well.

To “fast” means to consume only one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted if it becomes necessary. Food and drink “between meals” is not permitted on fast days, with the only exceptions being water and medicine.

To “abstain from meat” means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although not necessarily eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat. The consumption of fish, shellfish, and reptiles (e.g., turtle, alligator, etc. - if you're into that sort of thing) is permitted.

In addition to the mandatory days listed above, abstinence from meat on every Friday throughout the year which is not a Solemnity, and fasting on all Lenten weekdays (especially Wednesdays and Fridays) and on Holy Saturday, is strongly recommended to all the faithful. There always remains, of course, the grave obligation to participate at Holy Mass on all Sundays and days of obligation.

Each in his or her own way, every Christian is bound to do penance by virtue of divine law. Only ill health or some similar situation of urgency excuses. During the Lenten season, Christ Jesus' own challenges to “prayer, fasting and almsgiving” are paramount (see the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). We seek ongoing forgiveness for sin (especially in the Sacrament of Penance) and come to appreciate ever more the great sufferings and sacrifice which Our Savior experienced for the sake of our salvation.

## The Deacon's Corner

*Come to us Spirit of the Lord!*

*Your Spirit, Lord, is truth: May it make us free.*

*Your Spirit, Lord, is fire: May it enkindle us with love.*

*Your Spirit, Lord, is gentleness: May it bring us peace.*

*Your Spirit, Lord, renews the face of the earth:  
May it renew the depths of our hearts.*

*Your Spirit, Lord, is prayer: May it open our hearts to  
give praise.*

*Your Spirit, Lord, is life: May it raise us on the last day.*

*Come to us, Spirit of the Lord!*

## Little Lenten Black Books

**Six minutes a day.** That's all these little books ask you to give from Ash Wednesday until Easter. The book will walk you through the whole Passion a little bit at a time and then offer some reflections with each piece.

These Little Books are available at each entrance of the church starting this weekend. Why not plan on stopping to pick up a copy for your Lenten prayer?

## Sunday Faith Formation Classes for Haiti

**Mrs. Glinski's Sunday Kindergarten Faith Formation class** recently collected \$53 in pennies, other coins, and a few dollar bills from the other Sunday morning classes. This money will be sent to the Diocesan Haitian Relief Fund.

We thank Mrs. Glinski's class for remembering the people of Haiti and for organizing this collection. We are very proud of you!

## Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish!

The following family has recently registered with our parish:

***Michael & Jennifer Raimondo and Ryan***

We welcome them to our parish family.

## Youth Group at Cornerstone

Some members of the Youth Group will be going to Cornerstone on Saturday, February 27, 2010 in order to prepare and serve lunch. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:50am.

## Attention: Youth Group

The Youth Group will be hosting a **Valentine Party** for the residents of **Rose Commons** on **Sunday, February 21, 2010**. We will **meet in the church kitchen at 4:30pm** to prepare to bring a ham supper to Rose Commons. Youth Group members are asked to bring desserts. Questions? Please contact Rella (860-875-4563) or at [rella@sacredheartchurch.net](mailto:rella@sacredheartchurch.net).

## Attention: All Faith Formation Classes & Youth Group

All **Sunday Faith Formation classes and Youth Group** will **NOT** meet on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> because of the long holiday weekend for the Vernon School System.

The **Wednesday Faith Formation classes** will **NOT** meet on February 17<sup>th</sup> as scheduled so that they may also enjoy a day off from classes.

Sunday classes and Youth Group will resume on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Wednesday classes will resume on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## First Eucharist Parents Meeting

The last meeting for the parents of the children preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion will be held on *Thursday, February 18 at 7:00pm in the Parish Library*

This meeting is for the parents, but children are welcome to come to the meeting.

Letters have been e-mailed to all the parents of children preparing for First Communion. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Rella at 860-875-4563 or by e-mail ([rella@sacredheartchurch.net](mailto:rella@sacredheartchurch.net)).

## Disciples on the Journey

Lent is starting this Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>! Since Lent is the liturgical season for conversion and renewal, and a special time to focus on our relationship with Jesus, the Thursday Morning Bible Study Group will be focusing on the Lenten Sunday readings. The reflections, discussions, and meditations are designed to give guidance for our Lenten journey.

This series, entitled *Disciples on the Journey*, will be **held on Thursday, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 in the Fellowship Rooms from 10:00 – 11:30am.**

Please note that although there are 6 sessions in the series, if you happen to miss a session you can still come the next week to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact the office (860-875-4563).

**FEBRUARY 14, 2010**

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## The Work of the Church

### *THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

#### SATURDAY

- 4:00pm Mass at Saint Maurice  
5:45pm Mass: *Edward Kayan, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*, requested  
by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

#### SUNDAY

- 8:45am Mass at Saint Maurice  
10:45am Mass: *Peter & Angela Aiello*, requested by Frank  
& Maria Neri

#### MONDAY

- 9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

#### TUESDAY

- 9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00am	Mass/Ashes at Saint Maurice
<b>12:00nn</b>	Mass/Ashes: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
<b>5:30pm</b>	Liturgy of the Word / Ashes
7:00pm	Liturgy of the Word/Ashes: at Saint Maurice

#### THURSDAY

- 4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Living Room  
7:00pm Mass: *Antony & Maria Minissale*, requested by  
Frank & Maria Neri  
7:30pm Intercessory Prayer, Eucharistic Chapel

#### FRIDAY

- 9:00am Mass at Saint Maurice  
10:30am Mass at Vernon Manor

### *THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

#### SATURDAY

- 4:00pm Mass at Saint Maurice  
5:45pm Mass: *Guy & Isabel Aiello*, requested by Frank  
& Maria Neri

#### SUNDAY

- 8:45am Mass at Saint Maurice  
10:45am Mass: *Larry Kuhn*, requested by Mary Kuhn,  
- and -*Special Intention for Joseph Tindal*,  
requested by Anne Tindal

## Meetings

#### SATURDAY

- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous, South Community Rooms

#### SUNDAY

- Fellowship before and after Mass

#### NO Faith Formation, NO Youth Group

#### MONDAY

- STAFF SABBATH / OFFICES CLOSED

#### TUESDAY

- 6:00pm Mardi Gras, South Community Rooms

#### WEDNESDAY

- NO Faith Formation, Grades 2-4  
8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous, South Community Rooms

#### THURSDAY

- 10:00am Bible Study, South Community Rooms  
7:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parents Meeting #3, Library  
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book, South  
Community Rooms

#### SATURDAY

- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous, South Community Rooms

#### SUNDAY

- Fellowship before and after Mass  
9:15am Faith Formation, Grades K-5  
4:30pm Youth Group Valentines Party at Rose Commons  
6:30pm Faith Formation, Grades 6-8

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **– BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Parents please call three months prior to baptism date for an appointment with a Pastoral Team member who will detail the program for parents.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY –**

Couples planning to marry take part in marriage information program at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

## **FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS –**

October through May  
Call 875-4563 for information

## **MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Oratory**

The first Friday of each month  
– 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

## **ROSARY – Oratory**

Monday Thru Friday - 8:30 AM

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Oratory**

Thursday - 7:45 - 8:15 PM

## **PASTORAL CONDUCT –**

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February 14, 2010  
**dear Padre**  
**When did Lent begin?**

*When did the Church start celebrating Lent?*  
*Hans*

**Dear Hans,**

Like so many Church traditions, the practice of celebrating Lent developed gradually. It grew out of the annual celebration of Easter, probably beginning when Christians added a fast on the Saturday before Easter to their traditional Friday fast. These days spent in anticipation of Easter were gradually expanded, and the season came to be closely associated with the intense preparation and scrutiny of people being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

As the period of Easter preparation developed, it also took on an association with Jesus' fast of forty days in the desert by becoming a time of penance for those who had sinned and wanted to return to the Church and its sacraments.

For just the Roman Church's tradition of Lent, writings about baptismal preparation date back to the early third century, mentions of forty-day fasts go back to the fourth century, and evidence of a previous practice of a threeweek fast before Easter dates back to the fifth century.

The development of the Lenten season wasn't a steady, linear progression that took place in one particular Church. Rather, the practices of various Churches within the East and West gradually worked on one another and evolved into the Lent we celebrate today.

*Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.*

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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 8:45 AM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Saturday from 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Also by appointment.

**BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:**

Please call the rectory (643-4466).

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

**WELCOME!**

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social after the Sunday Masses on 2nd Sunday of the month and Pancake Breakfast every 4th Sunday. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

**VISITATION TO THE SICK**

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.

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**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**This week**

**Saturday, February 13 :**

4:00 P.M. Mass for John Mastrototaro, request of Dolores, Annita & Gena Betti, and for Mary Varrick.

**Sunday: February 14:**

8:45 A.M. Mass for Jean Grybowicz, Helen Grybowicz, and Kim Auger, request of the Auger family

**Next week**

**Saturday, February 20:**

4:00 P.M. for Rudy DeTuccio

**Sunday, February 21:**

8:45 A.M. Mass for Priests of this Parish and for all Priests and for George Maneggia



**Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010**

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26  
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on ALL of the Fridays of Lent. FASTING: Is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**THIS WEEK**

**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*February 13 - 14, 2010*

*Usher Group III*

*Youth Choir rehearsal*

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

FATHER STAN WILL BE RETURNING ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 15 TH AND THERE WILL BE WEEK DAY MASSES BOTH AT ST. MAURICES' AND SACRED HEART CHURCHES

**MONDAY, February 15:** No Mass; **TUESDAY,**

**February 16:** Mass at 9:00 a.m. St. Maurice for

Donald Holbrook, request of the family,

Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Sacred Heart Mardi Gras Party 6:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, February 17**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

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**9:00 A.M. Mass & Ashes, St. Maurice**

**12:00 Noon Mass & Ashes, Sacred Heart**

**5:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Word & Ashes at**

**Sacred Heart**

**7:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Word & Ashes at**

**St. Maurice**

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**Christmas Fair Workshops Church Basement**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TODAY**

**THURSDAY February 18:** Bible Study Group at Sacred

Heart Church at 10:00 A.M.

Mass at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart

**FRIDAY February 19:** Mass 9:00 A.M. at St.

Maurice for Cecile Lavoie, request of Don & Jean Dube

**SATURDAY, February 20 ALL ALTAR SERVERS**

**MEETING AND TRAINING AT 2:00 P.M.**

**CONFESSIONS from 3:30 until 3:45 p.m.**

**Youth Choir Rehearsal after 4:00 P.M. Mass**

**Schedule for Next Week**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Feb. 20th**

Altar Servers: Kyle & Kaila Toce

Lector: Michael Leiner

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

**Sunday, 8:45 am. Feb. 21st**

Altar Servers: : Ryan & Ben Van Dine

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

**Stewardship and Tithing**

*“Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.” Luke 6:24*

Jesus’ words to the crowd can seem harsh to all of us who enjoy the many blessings of living in one of the richest countries of the world. Yet, in reality the sin is not in being rich. The sin is in failing to share our blessings. When was the last time you looked at your income and determined what percentage you were giving to those who had less than you? Remember the Bible teaches us to give 10%. How close are you to that level of giving?

Offertory for week of February 7,	\$2,852.00
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**OPERATION RICE BOWL PROGRAM**  
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On Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl. For 34 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthen and enriching those persons’ lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community’s Lenten faith experience. Children attending our Faith Formation classes have already been given Rice Bowls to bring home to their families. Additional bowls are available in the rear of the church. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the money saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

**REMINDERS**

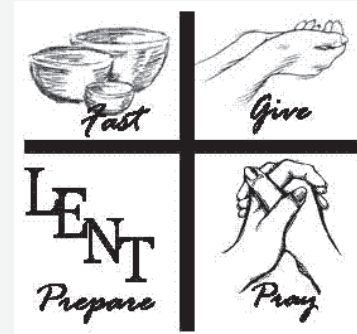
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>** a celebration of Mardi Gras and pot-luck supper will be held in the Fellowship Rooms at Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> in the series Of Bible Studies at Sacred Heart Church, 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>** AT 2:00 P.M.  
 Meeting with Fr. Stan for all Altar Servers and for all young parishioners wishing to be Altar Servers.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 7:00 P.M.**  
 Meeting of First Eucharist Parents in the St. Maurice Church Basement.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 7:15 P.M.** Parish Council Meeting in the rectory



*Invitation to all*  
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**“RETURN TO ME”**

Spiritual Renewal Services will be held at St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT on Sunday February 28: Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM each evening. This Mission will be given by Fr. Ray Introvigne and Mrs. Judith Hughes.

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