

SACRED HEART PARISH
Sacred Heart Church/Stamford & St. Philip Neri/Grand Gorge



Masses of the Week

Saturday, July 10, 2010

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Joseph & Loretta Stock, req. Family
Stanley & Elizabeth Weredyk, req. Family

Sunday, July 11, 2010—*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
Sr. Maureen Maloney, req. M/M T. Rocholl
11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Edna Chastaine, req. M/M L.Chastaine
Louise Laubmeier, req. Gibbons Family

Monday thru Friday, July 12-16, 2010

No Masses Scheduled These Days!

Saturday, July 17, 2010

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Carmella Donofrio, req. Cathie Weredyk
Joseph Nicastri, req. M/M F. Basile

Sunday, July 18, 2010—*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church
Francis L. Govern & Family, req. Estate
11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church
Peter Songdale, req. John & Pat Gibbons
Betty Triolo/Millie Donofrio, req. Gary & Kathy Triolo-Knapp
Special intention for: Dorothy Winberry, req. Kerry McCracken

Daily Readings for July 12-18, 2010

Monday, July 12, 2010

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 13, 2010—*St. Henry*

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:2-24

Wednesday, July 14, 2010—*Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha*

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 15, 2010—*St. Bonaventure*

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 16, 2010—*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, July 18, 2010—*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Have Mercy On Me

Do we really know who needs our mercy? I suspect we are judging wrongly in many cases. It is easy to extend mercy to innocent survivors of a catastrophe. But it is really the guilty people who are most in need of our mercy. The dishonest businessman who swears he's giving you a great deal knows his family doesn't respect him. The woman having an affair with a married man is confused and frightened. The mean-spirited, controlling person at work is deeply insecure. The rude, discourteous teenager who can make life so miserable for others is himself quite miserable. They are all crying out for mercy. This is why, when we have the chance to bestow it, we should, because mercy is so necessary for them—and for us.

But we must get up closer in order to see our neighbor in need. When Fr. Henri Nouwen first lived with people who have mental disabilities, he was assigned as a companion to Adam, a man with many severe physical and mental disabilities. Henri panicked—he had no idea how to help.

But then he decided just to look very carefully at Adam and his needs each day. Patiently, Henri learned how to do small, caring things which created a living bond with Adam. Like Henri, the Samaritan today went closer, while the priest and the Levite tried to put more space between them and their suffering neighbor.

Think about the opportunities you're going to have when you leave here today to extend mercy to someone who needs it! You will need to pray for a sharpening of your inner and outer eyes. As The Little Prince said, in the classic book, "It is only with one's heart that one can see clearly. What is essential is invisible to the eye."

A Personal Note From Fr. Joe

I will be leaving this Sunday evening to visit my family for a short period. Please remember me in your prayers for I have to make a long journey more than 24 hours and please pray also for my mother.

Personally, I will not be here for the next two Sundays—July 17/18 & July 24/25. I will be with you in spirit and will be praying for you all!

On July 17/18 we will be recognizing our Altar Servers. I would like to thank each of them and show my appreciation to all the Altar Servers and their parents. They are part of the Liturgy team. They help us to offer the Eucharist every Saturday and Sunday. At the same time, they also grow in Jesus. I will remember them in all my prayers.

On July 24/25 we will be having "New Parishioner" appreciation day. On these days particularly I welcome all the new parishioners, though I do welcome them every week. I encourage all the new parishioners to participate in our various ministries that are offered here at our parish. Thank you for choosing SHC/SPN as your parish.



Turn
To The LORD
In Your Need,
And You
Will Live.



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Louise von Brockdorff and Angela Sonner** for providing hospitality on June 24, 2010 at the Baccalaureate Service at Sacred Heart Church for the graduates of Stamford Central School.



*Our
SINCERE
Thanks*

We would like to take this opportunity to “thank” Core Values here in Stamford for their most generous gift of \$9,800.00 to our parish (which is already figured into our parish budget for the year).

We would like to thank the Board of Directors of Core Values, all the volunteers from our faith community who work so diligently, and all who donate all the items that are sold there. We will keep all these people in our prayers who are instrumental for this generous donation.

PARISH WEBSITE

Please check out our website (www.sacredheartstamford.org), there have been lots of updates and pictures added recently. Please let us know what you think!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 12, 2010: The Women’s Guild meet today at **12:30 pm** at the parish hall. All women are welcome!

Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **5 pm** at Sacred Heart Church.

Tuesday, July 13, 2010: Rosary at **1 pm** at Sacred Heart Church.

Wednesday, July 14, 2010: “Tai Chi” at **7 pm** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. *Beginners welcome—come for fun and improve your health!*

Altar Servers

Next weekend (July 17/18) at all of our Masses we will be recognizing all of our Altar Servers. If you are an Altar Server please attend one of the Masses next weekend. Thank You!

50/50 Raffle

Each week at St. Philip Neri Church—9 am Mass they will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit their handicap ramp project. They are \$1.00 per ticket. Drawing will be weekend of September 5, 2010.

Last Week's Collection

July 3/4, 2010

<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
\$1,020.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,338.00
Total: \$3,608.00		

Scholarship Fund: \$741.00

Summer is finally here! How thankful we are for the warm sunny days, the green grass and trees, the flowers blooming in our gardens! God's beautiful creation is all around us. We are grateful, too, for those who bring us the word of God each week. Our church and our parish family are such a large part of our lives. Just a reminder—when you go on your summer vacation, don't forget that your church is still here, bringing God's message. Please show your gratitude by continuing to support your parish, no matter what the season. Thank you to all parishioners and visitors for your continued support of our parish!

56th Annual Bishop's Appeal

The 56th Annual Bishop's Appeal is ongoing throughout our Diocese. Our parish has pledged **\$20,753.00** so far from our parishioners and visitors.

As you can see we are still **\$9,153.00 SHORT** of our Diocesan assessment of **\$29,907.00**. Your gift to Our Bishop's Appeal benefits not only our parish but the Diocese as a whole. It's an extremely valuable gift to both!

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Bishop's Appeal.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY FILLED OUT A PLEDGE ENVELOPE, PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT ANOTHER ENVELOPE OR SEND MONEY TO THE PARISH, the diocese will bill you through the mail during this coming year. THANK YOU!



Vacation Bible School for 2010 for **ages 5 to 11**, is the week of **August 9th thru the 13th from 9 am to 12 noon** at the parish hall. If your child is interested in attending, please fill our VBS registration form which are located on the table at the front entrance of church.



Registration Forms for the upcoming Faith Formation school year are located on the table at the entrance of church. Please register EARLY! There will be a \$5.00 extra charge added to the fee this year if you register after classes have resumed.