

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



*from the Pastors Desk*

**Our Glorious Bodies**

Talking to the mother of Jesus is usually something that all Catholics begin to do in childhood. When non-Catholics ask, "Why do you worship Mary?" we can reply that we don't worship her: we honor and give reverence to Mary.

All of Mary's feasts relate directly to us; they teach us how to live out Christ's gospel more completely. Today, we celebrate the Assumption—Mary being taken, body and soul, into heaven. Most people have never heard this feast explained, but it is so relevant to our everyday lives. The Assumption celebrates the greatness and dignity of the human person, and especially the human body. When we proclaim the fact that Mary was taken up not only in spirit, but "body and soul" into heaven, we are strongly reminded that we are precious for our bodily selves, not just our souls.

Compare this to the world's example of how to treat the body: pornography, casual sex, and drug use; the sex trade abuses men, women, and children, even the youngest. But we admit, we too dishonor our bodies when we don't watch our weight, our fitness level, our lungs, and our hearts.

Our Catechism says, "Life and health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God." Instead of being couch potatoes, we have a positive duty to exercise, go to bed early enough to get proper sleep, and learn how to eat healthily and cook this way for others. Instead of joking about "stuffing our faces" or "getting wasted," we have a duty as Catholics to eat slowly and mindfully—and to let drinking be part of a gracious meal with friends, not a solitary addiction. Let us ask Mary to help us transfigure ourselves in God's plan!

*The queen stands at your right hand,  
arrayed in gold.*



**August 7/8, 2010**

<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>\$739.00</b>	<b>\$1,470.00</b>	<b>\$1,223.00</b>
<b>Total: \$3,432.00</b>		

**Winter Utilities Collection:      \$55.00**  
**Christian Service Donation Box: \$53.00**

**2010 Catholic Home Missions Appeal**  
**Strengthening the Church at Home**

This year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal turns its focus to youth ministry, an essential component of the life and vibrancy of the Church. In youth ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this Appeal, poorer dioceses in the United States cannot sustain vital youth programs. Next weekend (Aug. 21/22) we will take up a collection for this Appeal. Please be generous and help STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH AT HOME!

**Saturday, August 14, 2010**  
4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
Joseph Stock, req. Family  
Louis & Donald Donofrio, req. Donofrio Family

**Sunday, August 15, 2010**  
9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church  
Sophy Scanlon, req. M/M A. Martel  
11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
Edna Chastaine, req. M/M L. Chastaine  
Eleanor Mesina, req. Sundberg/Mesina Families  
Special intention for Eduardo Mesina, req. Family

**Monday, August 16, 2010**  
12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
William Craig, req. Janet Craig

**Tuesday, August 17, 2010**  
8:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
Francis L. Govern & Family, req. Estate

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010**  
8:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
Francis L. Govern & Family, req. Estate

**Thursday, August 19, 2010**  
**No Mass Scheduled Today!**

**Friday, August 20, 2010**  
12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
Francis L. Govern & Family, req. Estate

**Saturday, August 21, 2010**  
4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
Connie & Jenny Migli, req. Migli Family

**Sunday, August 22, 2010**  
9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church  
Peter & Florence Parys, req. Family  
11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church  
Michael Forde, req. Maura & John Keegan  
Ann Faoro, req. M/M D. Bellotti

**Daily Readings for August 16-22, 2010**

**Monday, August 16, 2010—St. Stephen of Hungary**  
Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22

**Tuesday, August 17, 2010**  
Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010**  
Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday, August 19, 2010—St. John Eudes**  
Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

**Friday, August 20, 2010—St. Bernard**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday, August 21, 2010—St. Pius X**  
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

**Sunday, August 22, 2010—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are *thinking* about offering a Faith Formation Program at St. Philip Neri Church this year, but we must have enough children registered for this to happen. So, if you have children who are registered members of our parish and who live in the Roxbury/Grand Gorge/Gilboa/Prattsville area and would like your children to attend this program at St. Philip Neri Church, please call the parish office at 652-7170 ext 103 to register them. Also, if you have a child who wants to attend our Confirmation Program they must commit to a 2-year program. We would also be in need of teachers, aides etc...so, if you would like to volunteer for this please call the parish office.



August, it is time to register your children for our parish Faith Formation Program, which will begin on September 12th. All youth of the parish are strongly urged and encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to receive 1st Penance, 1st Eucharist, and Confirmation MUST attend classes. This year if you register after classes have started, there will be an extra fee. Forms are available at the entrance of church or call the parish office.

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THANKS

Thank you and congratulations to the following people for a huge VBS success this year: *Corinne Connington and Tatiana Larson*. A special applause to those who are youth in our parish and helped a great deal: *Christian Larson, Elizabeth DeGregory, and Megan Adlum*. This year's program would not have been possible without you!!



This Week in our Parish

**Monday, August 16, 2010:** Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

**Tuesday, August 17, 2010:** Rosary at 1 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm at the rectory/office

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010:** "Tai Chi" at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. *Beginners welcome—come for fun and improve your health!*

**Friday, August 20, 2010:** K of C "Blood Drive" 12 noon—6 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

## 56th Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated this year to the annual Bishop's Appeal. There is still time to pledge or make an outright offering. Please place it in an envelope and mark the outside "Bishop's Appeal" and drop it in any of our collection baskets or mail/drop off at the parish office.

We are still approximately \$8,000.00 short of our 2010 assessment of \$29, 907.00.



You put a lot of effort into your job, home and children. Have you given your marriage the attention it deserves? Give the gift of time to each other on a Marriage Encounter Weekend where your coupleness is the focus. In Latham on September 25-26th or November 20-21st. Need to apply before September 13th so call: 518-279-3243 or email: MEalbany@juno.com.

## Hobart Community Farmer's Market



Friday Evenings

4pm – 7pm

Starts July 30<sup>th</sup>

Hobart Village, Maple Avenue (Town Hall Green)

LOCALLY GROWN. LOCALLY MADE. LOCALLY CRAFTED.

DISCOVER locally grown foods and specialty items. Sell your HOME GROWN PRODUCTS and your HANDMADE CRAFTS. Connect with your NEIGHBORS and FRIENDS, old and new. IDEAS welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Frances at 538-9707, Kim Whritner at 538-1655  
or Andrew Flach at 538-1092.

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## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said to all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." We cannot earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us. This is our deepest identity and destiny.

## Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Our bodies change over the years. Arise to a new way of being alive today. Maybe you awoke with aches and pains; maybe it's your heart that aches or your mind that worries. Trust that your love does not depend upon a perfect body or mind.