

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



**Liturgy Intentions
 For The Week**

Saturday, September 4, 2010

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church

Anna Donofrio, req. Donofrio Family
 Eileen Desimone, req. Louis Desimone

Sunday, September 5, 2010—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church

Bill Mather, req. M/M S. Weredyk

11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church

Elisa Perzan, req. Family
 Louise Laubmeier, req. Anne Cannon

Monday, September 6, 2010—Labor Day

No Mass Scheduled Today!

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

8:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church

Francis L. Govern & Family, req. Estate

2:30 pm—Mass: Robinson Terrace Nursing Facility

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

8:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church

Francis L. Govern & Family, req. Estate

Thursday, September 9, 2010

No Mass Scheduled Today!

Friday, September 10, 2010

12:00 noon—Mass: Sacred Heart Church

Donald Schaefer, req. Christine Schaefer
 Virginia Hull, req. Family

Saturday, September 11, 2010

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass: Sacred Heart Church

For all who died on September 11, 2001
 Michael Forde, req. Anne Cannon

Sunday, September 12, 2010—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am—Mass: St. Philip Neri Church

Eva Kenny, req. M/M T. Dignam

11:00 am—Mass: Sacred Heart Church

Edna Chastaine, req. M/M L. Chastaine
 Dorothy Scarry, req. Vasta Family

Daily Readings for September 6-12, 2010

Monday, September 6, 2010

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 8, 2010—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Thursday, September 9, 2010—St. Peter Claver

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 10, 2010

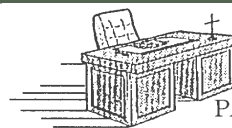
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 11, 2010

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 12, 2010—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32



FROM THE
 PASTOR'S DESK

In the Spirit of Charlie Chaplin

Someone once asked Charlie Chaplin if there were any roles he wanted to play. Charlie said, "I want to play the role of Jesus. I look the part. I'm a Jew. And I'm a comedian." Most of us don't think of Jesus as a comedian, but in everyday life, Jesus must have had a very sharp sense of humor. He was so intimately present in every moment of life, he felt the absurdity and contradictions all around us—which is the deepest type of humor.

Today, Jesus must have caused a few heart attacks when he tossed off this one: "Oh, and if anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." This use of hyperbole was Jesus telling us it will take *complete and total self surrender* to follow in his footsteps. Many of us will follow the rules faster than following Jesus: we'll go to church when we "should," contribute to hurricane relief, volunteer at the soup kitchen.

But it will take more than this, Jesus says. In our hearts, only God can tell if we are willing to detach ourselves from all the other loves, habits, affections, and addictions. All human love has some streak of control or desire to possess (even grandparents!—maybe especially!). Does it shock you that Jesus boldly criticizes the impurity of love? Discipleship is going to cost us more than everything we hold dear. That is picking up our cross.

The cross affects how we choose a job or a lifestyle...whether we have an abortion, adopt a child, how we eat and drink...whether we take a stand when all our friends aren't...all we need for the journey is to carry our own cross and try to follow Jesus—even when we're lost.



Last Week's
 Collection

August 28/29, 2010

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| <u>4:30 PM</u> | <u>9:00 AM</u> | <u>11:00 AM</u> |
| \$1,223.00 | \$1,410.00 | \$999.00 |

Total: \$3,632.00

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| <u>Missionary Cooperative Plan:</u> | \$1,703.00 |
| <u>Christian Service Box:</u> | \$45.00 |

HELP Needed

We are in need of **Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors** for our **4:30 pm** Liturgy on Saturday's. If you would like to be part of this ministry please call Joann Corrao at 214-4022 or Cathie Weredyk at 652-7170 ext. 102.



Religious Education

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.

There seems to be a "misconception" among parishioners, that, after a child makes their 1st Eucharist they do not have to go to Faith Formation Classes till its time to make Confirmation. This is false. Children should enroll in Faith Formation Classes every year from Kindergarten through Confirmation. They will not learn everything they need to about their faith if they do not attend. Fr. Joe encourages anyone who has a child to register them every year in our Faith Formation Program.



RCIA

RCIA is for adults (over 18) who are not baptized in any faith or for those baptized in another Christian faith other than Catholic. Most non-Catholic Christian baptisms are valid—baptism is only administered once.

RCIA is also for Catholics who have been baptized but have not received one or more of the following sacraments: Reconciliation (Confession); Eucharist (First Communion); or Confirmation.

Additionally, RCIA is a wonderful program for Catholics who have received the sacraments to break open Scripture, to talk about their experiences of life and faith, and to learn more about their Catholic faith and its traditions.

If you see yourself in any of these categories, or know someone who is, we invite you and them to join us. Please contact the parish office at 652-7170 ext. 101 or 102 if you are interested.



Next weekend, September 11/12, 2010 "after" all our weekend liturgies we will be having our communal Anointing of the Sick. We encourage those who are infirm, advanced in years, preparing for surgery, or suffering physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually to receive Christ's healing touch.

This is especially helpful in light of the growing priest shortage and the unavailability of priests to respond at the time a loved one is dying.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Loiacono** who passed away last week. Family will have a Memorial Mass at St. Philip Neri in the Spring of 2011.



Monday, September 6, 2010: *Parish Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday!*

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

Tuesday, September 7, 2010: Praying the Rosary at **1 pm** at Sacred Heart Church.

Mass at Robinson Terrace at **2:30 pm**. All are welcome!

Finance Committee Meeting at **6:30 pm** at the parish office/rectory.

Wednesday, September 8, 2010: "Tai Chi" at **7 pm** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Thursday, September 9, 2010: Knights of Columbus Meeting and *Picnic at George Bergleitner's House.*



Stamford Rotary's Annual Chicken Barbecue will be held this Sunday, **September 5th** from **12 noon to 4 pm** at the Stamford Golf Course. Eat in or take out. Full dinners are \$10.00; 1/2's are \$5.50.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel a king and a builder failed to plan properly and met with ridicule and defeat. Plan to spend time with the people most important to you. Don't leave it to chance. Plan ahead. Who in your family needs your time, your forgiveness? Don't get caught wondering "Where did the time go?" Like the builder in the gospel, when we fail to plan, we plan to fall.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Bring a little fun and understanding into your family this week. Try "Changing places for ad day." If your kids are old enough have them cook a meal and the parents can whine for ice cream. If they are too young to actually do any grown up chore (or even talk), you can have fun pretending you're the child for a day. I know you can't attend school for your child and they can't do your job at the office, but have fun with what you can do to feel what it's like to be in each others shoes.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Happiness: Part 1. It's no sin to have fun. Recreational pursuits refresh and nurture us. Sometimes, however, hobbies and sports can rob us of couple time or down time to relax. Are your leisure activities supporting your marriage or stressing it? Try listing your non-work activities and assess what really revitalized you.

