

RE-IMAGINE CHURCH | ENCOUNTER JESUS | LIVE WITH PURPOSE

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29BC APRIL 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Welcome!

Sacred Heart Parish is a welcoming and accepting Catholic community that fosters a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and lives that faith through love and service.

St. Vincent De Paul MINISTRY April 12th

St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Shelter

TEAM "D"

For additional Social Outreach Updates

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Jesus Calling

How is Jesus calling you this Easter Season to be Peace in your everyday life?



OF MANY THINGS...

Jesus' Gift of Peace

Our readings for this Second Sunday of Easter invites us to reflect on the power of peace in our lives – that kind of peace that comes from being at one with those around us.

The early Christian community that we hear about in today's first reading knew the joy of being of one mind and one heart – those moments when all seems right with the world – when our hearts open in love toward another – family, friend, stranger – and love pours in – and we become at one with all that is.

We know in that moment such great peace. The pains of the past, the hurts, the betrayals, the abandonments, all seem to surrender to love.

This great gift of Peace was Jesus' greeting to his friends as they hid in fear in that upper room. These were among Jesus' closest friends – who during his agony, *his* darkest hour, they abandoned him, disappeared from view, even denied him.

It is to this group, in *their* darkest hour of fear, that Jesus brings the gift of peace – setting them free – on a path of reckless abandon to love – on a path of forgiveness, compassion, and healing.

What Jesus handed on to his disciples in the upper room... what the disciples handed on to that first community of believers... what has been handed on to us through the centuries... is ours today to receive and to live... in our world.

We have lived through a very difficult and challenging year during the pandemic. I believe that each of us is in need of healing of body, mind and spirit. We need the courage to acknowledge this and open our heart to it. It is a gift, freely given by Jesus, to you and to me.

The Loving – Kindness Meditation is a simple repetitive prayer that begins with prayer for oneself. In that way, it reminds me that I am in need of healing as much as everyone else. I begin to see how much we have in common: our shared concerns, dreams, hopes, sufferings. It reminds me to be more compassionate, and to stretch my heart in love and forgiveness for myself and those around me. It keeps me rooted in the present moment, frees me from worry and anxiety, reminds me that I am not alone on this journey.

To practice this meditation I begin by placing myself consciously in the presence of the God of Healing and Love and ask for openness of heart to pray for myself and others. After a few slow deep breaths, I allow myself to be quiet in body, mind and spirit, and I slowly and reverently say with all good intention:

May I be filled with loving kindness, May I be filled with peace, May I be free of fear, anxiety, compulsion, May I be at peace.

This is repeated three times.

Then I turn my attention to those whom I love and allow their names and faces to drift into my heart. Turning my full attention to them as a group, I reverently, and with all good intention, surround those I love with these words:

May you be filled with loving kindness, May you be filled with peace, May you be free of fear, anxiety, compulsion, May you be at peace.

This is repeated three times for those I love.

Next, I call to mind another group of people, for example, for those who are sick and dying, or for those on the front lines of the Coronavirus, for all who have been affected by Covid or for those with whom you are estranged or in a broken, hurting relationship, etc. You can choose another group of people, and continue for as long as you like, repeating the process. Or you can end this prayer after one group. You can make this prayer as long or as short as you like. You can pray for people by name or in groups of people. You can change the attribute of each line, too! The prayer concludes with praying for oneself again, *May I be filled with loving kindness*, etc...

Allow yourself to feel the power of this prayer – for yourself and for all for whom you pray. United in our desire for healing for ourselves and for one another, may we become the face of God's care and compassion for all people everywhere, no exceptions.

May this Easter Season be for each one of us a time of Peace, Joy, Hope and Love!

-Sister Pat

Thank you

to all you AWESOME Little Black Book readers, listed below, for guiding us through the daily readings and leading our prayer and reflection this past Lent.

And to all who joined our nightly 6 minute gatherings online, on facebook and youtube it was wonderful to have been on your Lenten journey where our hearts were turned around to our Faithful God!

Sr. Pat Fr. Joe Fr. Symolon Loria Marshall Mary Korsu Renee Bogdanffy Jay Szymansky Jen Enger Tim Smith Trista Didonatto Molly Flanagan Chris Calabrese Brian Didonatto Mark Bentivoglio Carol Baldasano Mike Barry Kim Sherwill Sarah Duva Fran Walsh Andrea Woronick Maura Fellin Greg Gibson Donna Gibson Patty Windover Catherine Hughes Mark Windover

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Easter Blessings and Gratitude -Ami

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2021 The 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Reaching Out, Healing Together, in these few short weeks, is in full swing. In the trying times we are facing, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese. Be assured that all funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal



literature or those listed at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal. You may also call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550 for additional information. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Mustard Seed Fund Service Award Applications for are available on the parish website. Service awards are for deserving graduating high school seniors for higher education or vocational development with the stipulation that the recipient regularly attends mass and has given service to the church/community. Completed applications must be received in the parish office (hardcopy or via email to mkorsu@shcsby.org), no later than **April 30th**. Please contact Dave Kania with any questions at dkania08@gmail.com.





For more information:

Referrals Coordinators: Mark Nagy: 203-525-0387 Catherine Hughes: 203-592-8092

Stephen Leaders: Sister Pat: 203-264-5071 Lynn Tidgwell: 203-217-0025

Sacred Heart Parish Center is meant to be a gathering place. We offer guidelines for any parish committee or ministry meetings to be held at Church:

- Register all meetings with Mary Korsu in Parish Office
- Masks are to be worn at all times with appropriate social distancing observed
- Assign a designated chairperson who will schedule meeting, assure building is open and that lights are out when meeting is done. Check with Mary Korsu.
- For each meeting, a log must be kept of attendees and phone numbers and submitted to Parish Office.
- During this Pandemic, parish meetings on Zoom, at a member's house for small groups or outside when the weather permits is always preferred.

MASS CAPACITY is 200

Please register online:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mass-tickets-106807554270?aff= or call the Parish Office during office hours: 203-264-5071

EVENTBRITE CANCELLATION NOTICES

If you sign up for weekend Masses using our Eventbrite process, and you receive a notice of a **cancellation of your reservation**, this simply means that Mass has been cancelled.

We experienced our first event a few weekends ago due to the weather. Many called asking about this cancellation notice. It is our way of contacting you, via the emails you provided that the Mass is cancelled. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

As we move forward to increased attendance at Mass, please make sure you make your reservation early in the week.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Available to visit with you by phone or online once a week for about an hour. If you or someone you know is looking for some extra company, contact:

Sister Pat - 203-264-5071 Lynn Tidgwell - 203-217-0025



The Marian Votive Candle burns in loving memory of Layne Lescault by the Ringes Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mary Frances J.C. Corr Carole Bogardus Teresa Paretti Dylan Stolz Declan Georgette Juergen Matzen Princeton Thrower Steve Brown Ellen Longenecker Nancy Kabasakalian Sue Adams Diane Turano Pat Conte Betty Walsh D Bob Byrnie Ethna McGuinness Carol Jameson Teresa Helbock Barbara Ditter Colleen Anne Rina Conte Phyllis Phelan Yumi Massi

Keith Rafferty Jim & Terri McCarthy Dave Shannon Andrew Francis Parisi Gloria Browning Ann Halford Richie Monarch Hildegard Bayer Anthony Szerszen Gina Montini Stephen Putman

<u>Share your</u>

prayer request... bible verse... intention, prayer of the faithful...

Submit to: https://sacredheartchurch.info/prayer-requests/

If you need to make reservations for Mass, please contact the office during Parish Office hours, 10am to 3pm.



Knights of Columbus News Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert, Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss "Stress-Free Retirement Planning," including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly "Live a Significant Life." His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. The Knights of Columbus encourage all to view Joe's presentation on May 3rd at 7:00 PM. Please email Jay Bucko at jay.bucko@yahoo.com for details.

KOC State Raffle K of C Council #5066 is again participating in the annual State Raffle, and all proceeds will benefit our scholarship program and our charitable works. The drawing will take place at the State Convention in Hartford on Friday, April 30, 2021. There are 10 cash prizes, with the top prize of \$5,000! All ticket stubs and money will be turned in by Friday, April 16th. Winners will be notified by phone or mail. Tickets are available at several local merchants, or by calling Jack Ellis at 203-264-2555.

KOC Scholarship Program <u>All completed applications are due back</u> to Rob LaRosa no later April 15. You must be a registered member of Sacred Heart Parish and must attend a High School other than Pomperaug High School (PHS distributes our application to its students only). You may contact Rob LaRosa for an application at 203-263-5575 or email him at drlarosa84@gmail.com for further details.

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 53 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield is now open Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Sundays, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM. New stock has arrived including spring and Easter items plus Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or visit our website, www.shrinect.org.

St. Vincent De Paul Ministry Team "D" will be serving Chicken Noodle Casserole, salad, cookies and dessert on **Monday, April 12th** at the St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Shelter on Benedict St. in Waterbury. Trays and lids will be available in the church kitchen this weekend, April 10th and 11th, for the casserole only. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, we are always looking for new volunteers to make part of the meal. Please contact Jack Paret at 203-267-3123 or email at j.paret@frontier.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support. The residents look forward to the meals and they appreciate it very much.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter To support married couples during this time of social distancing, WWE is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at **https://wwmectw.org/**. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on:

Fri/Sat/Sun April 23-25 | Every Mon/Thurs May 3-24 | Every Thurs/Mons Jun 3-24



Covenant to Care: Cindi Putney 7 Talmadge Hill Road, Prospect, CT 06712



34 Willow Street P.O. Box 1612 Waterbury, CT 06721



DePaul



Southbury, CT 06488

Or online: southburyfoodbank.org

Sandwich Ministry

Next Drop off: Apr 13th & 27th 7:30 - 4:30 PM

We must strongly request that if you are having any signs of illness, please do not make sandwiches. As an alternative to making sandwiches, the shelter is *in need of non-perishable* foods like snack bars and pop tarts. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call me, Claire Barlow, at 203-262-0599 or email at cb06488@gmail.com.

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Church and Parish Office: Open 10-3 pm

Confessions - Saturdays 3:30 - 4:15



Sacred Heart Church ONSITE & ONLINE Community: GATHERED AND ON MISSION

LITURGICAL **SCHEDULE**

ONSITE:

Saturday Vigil- 5 PM Sunday-9 AM and 11 AM Tues, Wed, Thurs- 8:30 AM

ONLINE:

Sunday- 7:30 AM^{*}, 9 AM, 11AM If you miss these live Masses, you can always watch them on-demand 24/7. See below. *7:30 AM is broadcast only.

Website

www.sacredheartchurch.info (bottom of homepage)

Facebook

www.facebook.com/ SacredHeartChurchSBYCT

Youtube 🖸

www.youtube.com/c/ SacredHeartSouthbury

Heritage Village Channel 14 Broadcasts Mass: Monday-Friday, 8am and 1pm

- Watch the 4-minute safety video on website, or request full written procedures from parish office
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass
- •Wear face mask when you exit vehicle and in Mass at all times
- Social distancing of 6 feet-look for helpful markers
- •No singing, touching other people, or gathering in the building or parking lots.

 Bring small bottle of hand sanitizer with you to use prior to Communion.

• Receive Holy Communion from 6 ft. the minister with your mask on, walk to the X 6-feet away, remove mask, consume the Body of Christ, put on Mask, return to seat.

• Exit through doors as directed.

Our online Platforms:

shcsouthbury.online.church: An innovative space where our community

can gather and experience Mass online in real time! We strongly encourage you to gather together on Sundays on the shcsouthbury.online. church platform at 7:30am, 9am or 11am. Chat with others from our community, offer your prayer intentions during the Prayer of the Faithful and be uniquely connected in this time when it is not easy to be together physically. If you can't be at Mass onsitethis is the place to be!

Facebook: The 7:30am Sunday Mass is broadcast only and LIVE on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SacredHeartChurchSBYCT

It will always be available on-demand in the timeline. Please *like* and *share* our page with friends and family both near and far. Chat, offer intentions, comment and pray online together.

www.sacredheartchurch.info: Scroll to the bottom of our home page and you will find the video of the 7:30am Mass which is available for viewing starting at 10:30am on Sunday and all week.

YouTube: Our Youtube channel: https://www. youtube.com/c/SacredHeartSouthbury has a library of our previous broadcasts of Masses and reflections.

We are NOW streaming on **ROKU**, Amazon Fire & Apple TV through the Boxcast App!

ONSITE ATTENDANCE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

See the Archdiocese notice on the doors as you enter. Please remember that Archbishop Blair has dispensed the Sunday obligation. Stay safe and healthystay home if you have any concerns.

Reserve your seat at: https://sacredheartchurch. info/mass-reservations/ or call the parish office at 203-264-5071. Reservations required.

<u>All Masses</u> will be limited to 200 people due to state regulation. Seating may be in the overflow areas of the Parish Hall or Chapel.

Please arrive early or on-time as your seat may be given away to those waiting on standby.

IF you come without a reservation you will be asked to record your name, stand to the side and a seat will be offered if available.





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