

Sacred Heart Parish

✠ *The Combined Churches of Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph* ✠

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday

8:30am – 2:00pm

Office Closed on Friday

Pastoral Staff

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Mass Times

Saturdays: (the Vigil) 4:00pm

Sundays: 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am

Daily Mass: (Monday through Friday) 8:00am

Holy Day: Please consult the Bulletin

Confessions: Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30pm

Weekly Morning Rosary: Tuesdays at 7:40 AM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM

Holy Matrimony: At least six months of notice should be given to arrange for weddings.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Christian Initiation is administered by appointment only on any Sunday of the year. Please call the Rectory to schedule a date.

Parish Staff

Religious Education Office:

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Director- Miss Donna M. Swols

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Directors of Music:

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Parish Prayer Line:

Pat Shannon (860) 653-3343

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Knights of Columbus/Suffield Council

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Steve Rigby, Grand Knight –

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Dave McDermott, District Deputy – (860) 882-3934

Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation:

Please call the Rectory.

How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse

in the Archdiocese: Visit our website.

December 16th – Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday
4:00 PM

December 15
Kevin Ryan
Joseph Falkowski

Sunday
8:00 AM

December 16
Henry G. Carron, Jr.
Eileen V. (Fleming) Blodgett
Raymond E. Blodgett
Roy Family
Dorothy McCarty
Bert Marien
Helen Brown
Rowena Szoka
Stanley Szoka (Living)

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

Monday

8:00 AM

December 17
Anthony and Helen Martino

Tuesday

8:00 AM

December 18
Christine Cass
Antoinette Berardi
Michael Berardi
Francis Berardi

Wednesday

8:00 AM

December 19
Edward and Ann Costello

Thursday

8:00 AM

December 20
Mary Martino
Marcella Galetta

Friday

8:00 AM

December 21
Dustin Doyon
Jim Neagle, Jr.
Marianne Neagle Currie

Saturday

4:00 PM

December 22
Bland and Ducharme Families
Rene and Mel Roy
Albert and Marion Narbin
Mary Roy

Sunday

8:00 AM

December 23
Victor Mosca
Leo Morency
Deceased members of The Gilleran Family

9:30 AM

Richard and Frank Czajkowski
John and Marianna Bucior
Ed and Peg Shaughnessy
Greg and Mary Margotta
Stanley and Marion Rancourt
Rowena Szoka
Stanley Szoka (Living)

11:00 AM



Weekly Offertory

On **December 9**, **683** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish. The Offertory was:

\$6,996.00	Adults
\$12.60	Young Members
\$7,008.60	Total Offertory
Our Diocesan Assessment is approx. 7% of our parish collections, gifts and bequests.	

Weekly target Offertory: \$7,000.00.
Winter Collection to Date: \$21,318.00.
Christmas Flowers: \$2,166.00.
Immaculate Conception: \$1,015.00.
Retired Religious Fund: \$2,919.00.

Oplatek Christmas Wafers: Oplatek wafers are available in our lobby for a free will offering. These wafers embossed with Christmas scenes are a tradition in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania.



Cancellation of Mass: Now that Winter is almost upon us please note the parish policy for the cancellation of daily Mass. **We will have Mass every day even if schools are cancelled or delayed.**



Military Prayer Board: Parishioners who have a family member or friend serving in the Military - please call the rectory or stop by the sacristy with their name and branch of service - we will add their name to our Military Prayer Board next to the Icon of Mary in the church lobby. May the Lord and His holy Mother watch over and protect all who serve our country.



Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: Religious give thanks.

"This money is pure gift, writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Regular business hours: Mon - Wed 9am-4pm
Closed holidays, school vacations and snow days



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED through Monday, January 1, 2019 for the Christmas/New Year Holiday.

Regular business hours resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Voicemail and email will be checked once a day during this period. **Classes resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019 for grades 1-8 and Grade 9. Grade 10 resumes January 13, 2019 (retreat).** To all our parish families, a holy, blessed and safe Christmas/New Year's holiday.



"AWAY IN A MANGER" 1st, 2nd and 3rd GRADE CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION: A great big **thank you** to everyone who came to the "Away in a Manger"

presentation last Sunday, December 9th. Also special thanks to our students and volunteers who always make it such a successful event. Merry Christmas everyone!



BAKE SALE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 GREAT SUCCESS!!! The students from Mrs. Marmo's grade 8 class were able to raise just over \$400 which was split between the Suffield Community

Aid Fund and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A terrific job by students and parents! Many thanks to our patrons who enjoyed the holiday treats!

YOUTH MASSES: **January 13, 2019** Grade 4 Youth Mass at 8am Mass and Grade 10 Youth Mass at 11am Mass. Hope you will join us!



SAVE THE DATE – WINTER CARNIVAL 2019! Youngsters and the "young at heart" are invited to our eighth annual "Winter Carnival" from

12noon-2:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall on **Sunday, January 27, 2019.** Food, games and live entertainment by the Around Town Two Singers. Fun for the whole family!



The Knights Corner:

Why Join the Knights of Columbus?

Lead with Faith - deepen your faith to become a better Catholic man, husband and father. Serve Others - participate in charitable programs to help those in need. Protect your Family - exclusive access to a portfolio of financial products. Defend your Values - defend the faith and build up his Body, the Church. Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs. Your local Suffield Council number is 6281.



Thank you for supporting Fair Trade sales each month.

We appreciate all the support we received this year – whether volunteering with the sales or purchasing an item or two. By purchasing these items, we are supporting a more equitable, alternative trade system that empowers small farmers worldwide. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you again next year!

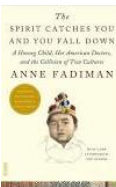


Daily Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass said in remembrance of a loved one, Mass intentions can be arranged by visiting, calling or emailing the parish office. To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Rectory at 860-668-4246 or email your request to elizabethgrigoriou@necoxmail.com.



Christmas Plants and Flowers:

Please use the envelope that was sent to you to make your donations for Christmas plants, flowers and other seasonal expenses. As in the past, you can memorialize your donations. Please PRINT the name(s) of your loved one on the envelope. We will publish a supplement listing of the names of the donors and their memorials in a future bulletin.



Book Club: January 9, 2019: The book for the next book club is ***The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*** by Anne Fadiman. **The Book Club will meet at 10:30 on January 9th with a snow date of January 16th.** We have a

few copies of the book to loan out. Please call the Rectory to sign up.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

SYMBOLS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Angels

The choir of angels proclaimed the good news of the Birth of our Savior.

Candy Canes

Candy Canes recall the staffs of the shepherds who were the first people to hear the angels message and to visit the Christ Child.

Christmas Trees

The evergreen tree stays green all through the year.
It is a symbol of the everlasting life brought by the Savior.

Christmas Gifts

Gifts remind us that God gave us the greatest gift of His Son Jesus.
Our gift giving shares God's love for us with others.

Christmas Wreaths

The wreath in the form of a circle with no beginning or end
is a symbol of the never-ending love of God.

Holly

The thorns on the holly leaves recall the crown of thorns Jesus would wear.
The red berries recall the blood He would shed for our salvation.

Christmas Lights

The lights that we see around us are a symbol of the Light of Jesus
Who came to bring light in the darkness of the world.

The Candle in the Window

The tradition of lighting a candle in the window of a home
is a sign to guide and welcome Mary and Joseph to that home.

The Christmas Star

The star recalls the star of Bethlehem shining in hope for all mankind.