

# 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.

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## Parish Staff

### Religious Education Office:

(860) 668-7766 Fax: (860) 370-5164

Director- Miss Donna M. Swols

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Confirmation Coordinator: Mrs. Patricia Sagon

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### Directors of Music:

Floyd Higgins and Gretchen Collins

Email: [floydandgretchen@comcast.net](mailto:floydandgretchen@comcast.net)

### Parish Prayer Line:

Pat Shannon (860) 653-3343

Email: [pjshannon@msn.com](mailto:pjshannon@msn.com)

### Knights of Columbus/Suffield Council

#6281 P.O. Box 184, Suffield, CT 06078

Steve Rigby, Grand Knight –

(860) 668-4745/(860) 930-5261

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 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fourth Sunday in Advent

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

Dianne Legg

11:00 AM

Ed and Peg Shaughnessy

Greg and Mary Margotta

Stanley and Marion Rancourt

Rowena Szoka

Stanley Szoka (Living)

Monday

4:00 PM

December 24

Nancy Karangekis

John Karagenkis

Jim and Rose Fleming

Emily Rak and The Ruggiero Family

Ann Morin

James D. Letournea

David Desmarais

10:30 PM

Tuesday

8:00 AM

December 25

Dustin Doyon

Billy Carney

10:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

Wednesday

8:00 AM

December 26

For the People of the Parish

Thursday

8:00 AM

December 27

Joseph Gallagher

Louis Ambrosino

Reginald Smith

Friday

8:00 AM

December 28

Steve Sorrow

Saturday

4:00 PM

December 29

Cpl. Stephen Bixler

Sunday

8:00 AM

December 30

The Krajewski Family

Lise Roy

9:30 AM

Dianne Legg

11:00 AM

Rowena Szoka

Stanley Szoka (Living)

## Weekly Offertory

On **December 16, 678** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish. The Offertory was:

\$8,804.00	Adults
\$11.41	Young Members
\$8,815.41	Total Offertory
<b>Our Diocesan Assessment is approx. 7% of our parish collections, gifts and bequests.</b>	

Weekly target Offertory: \$7,000.00.

Winter Collection to Date: \$21351.00.

Christmas Flowers: \$2,429.00.

Immaculate Conception: \$1,040.00.

Calendars for 2019 are available in our lobby. We are grateful to Carmon and Heritage Funeral Homes for sponsoring our annual calendars.

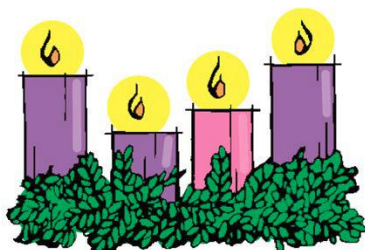
**Cancellation of Mass:** Now that Winter is almost upon us please note the parish policy for the cancellation of daily Mass. **We will have Mass every day even if schools are cancelled or delayed.**



**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.



**Consecration to the Holy Family: The Suffield Knights of Columbus** are hosting a Consecration to the Holy Family at our Masses next weekend - Holy Family Sunday. This will ask for God's help to strengthen families under the protection of the Holy Family - Jesus the perfect Son, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph the model for every father. Please take a Holy Family prayer card with a prayer to pray daily in the week ahead.



## 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.

### MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION

**SESSIONS:** Please mark your calendar for these mandatory meetings for grade 2 and 3 families. At least one parent must attend! Thank you.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents** scheduled for **Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 9:30am and 11:15am** in Fr. Ted Hall.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents** scheduled for **Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 9:30am and 11:15am** in Fr. Ted Hall.

**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:** Joy is an attribute of God's divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ. Put joy into practice by singing together Advent and Christmas hymns or reading a Christmas story out loud. We wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas!



### 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!

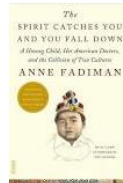


**Daily Mass Intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass said in remembrance of a loved one, Mass intentions can be arranged by visiting, calling or emailing the parish office. To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Rectory at 860-668-4246 or email your request to [elizabethgrigoriou@necoxmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrigoriou@necoxmail.com).



### 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 9<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of January 16<sup>th</sup>.** We have a few copies of the book to loan out. Please call the Rectory to sign up.

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

In the light of the Christmas star -  
God bless you.  
In your travels both near and far -  
God bless you.  
As you celebrate the Savior's birth -  
God bless you.  
As you pray for peace on earth -  
God bless you.

## CHRISTMAS - GOD ENTERS OUR WORLD

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory.  
God's eternal Word leaped down from heaven in the silence of the night  
and we are filled with wonder at the nearness of our God.  
A child is born for us, a Son is given to us.  
They name Him Emmanuel which means "God is with us."

## CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES - 1914

World War I was only a few months old. German and British troops faced each other from their trenches. It was Christmas Eve and all was quiet on the battlefield.

The British troops suddenly heard their foes singing *Silent Night* so they responded with *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*. Through the night, Christmas carols went back and forth across the battlefield.

Then as sentries watched, a German soldier walked slowly across No Man's Land carrying a small Christmas tree lit with candles. Soldiers from both sides came out of the trenches. They sang together, shared food together, and even played a soccer game together. They were no longer foes. They were God's people, celebrating the Birth of our Savior.

That night, the miracle of Christmas stopped a war. It brought peace and light and hope. A British soldier wrote a letter home: *A Christmas carol almost ended the war. And you have to wonder - if the power of Christmas can touch us for one day, why not every day?*

May we see the Lord more clearly, follow Him more nearly, and love Him more dearly, on Christmas and on every day.