

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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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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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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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 30th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday December 29
4:00 PM **Cpl. Stephen Bixler**

Sunday December 30
8:00 AM **The Krajewski Family**
Lise Roy

9:30 AM **Dianne Legg**
Steve Sorrow

11:00 AM **Rowena Szoka**
Stanley Szoka (Living)

Monday December 31
8:00 AM **For the People of the Parish**
4:00 PM **For the People of the Parish**

Tuesday January 1
8:00 AM **Billy Carney**
10:00 AM **For the People of the Parish**

Wednesday January 2
8:00 AM **For the People of the Parish**

Thursday January 3
8:00 AM **For the People of the Parish**

Friday January 4
8:00 AM **Christina White**

Saturday January 5
4:00 PM **James and Helen Quagliaroli**
Frank Kertanis

Sunday January 6
8:00 AM **Gail Karanian**
Wayne Maschi
Lise Roy

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With the new year just upon us, we wanted to offer a place in one of our many ministries to you. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the many aspects that make Sacred Heart Parish run smoothly! Plus, you can meet new people, make friends and feel good about volunteering too! Whether it be on the Decorating Committee, the Women's Guild, Fair Trade Coffee Sales, Coffee/Social hour, an Usher at Mass, the Funeral Ministry, a member of the Knights of Columbus or more, there is space for you! There are times when it is hard to find volunteers to help at an event and as our Parish continues to become more active, it would be great to have more volunteers on hand. If you are able to volunteer or be on a sub list in case we need extra volunteers, that would be wonderful! Please contact Elizabeth Grigoriou in the Rectory at 860-668-4246 or via email at elizabethgrigoriou@necoxmail.com to sign up.

Weekly Offertory

On **December 23**, 766 members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish. The Offertory was:

\$9,774.00	Adults
\$9.89	Young Members
\$9,783.89	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: \$21,571.00.
 Christmas Flowers: \$2,569.00.

Weekly Offertory

On **December 25**, 1,215 members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish. The Offertory was:

\$13,232.00	Adults
\$10.00	Young Members
\$13,242.00	Total Offertory
Our Diocesan Assessment is approx. 7% of our parish collections, gifts and bequests.	



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 this 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
regular business hours resume this
Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

RESUME NEXT SUNDAY! Classes resume on next
Sunday, January 6, 2019 for grades 1-8 and
Grade 9. Grade 10 resumes January 13, 2019
(retreat).

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.

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

YOUTH MASSES: Sunday, January 13, 2019

Grade 4 Youth Mass at 8am Mass and Grade 10
Youth Mass at 11am Mass. Students will be
involved as altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters,
etc. Hope you will join us!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REMINDER: Grade 10

Confirmation retreat is scheduled for **Sunday,**
January 13, 2019. Students should report to Fr.
Ted Hall **following the 11am Youth Mass.** Any
questions, please contact Mrs. Sagon,
Confirmation Coordinator at
shcconfirmatinocoor@outlook.com



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:

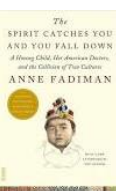
Did you know? Babe Ruth, Vince
Lombardi, and President John F.
Kennedy were all members of the
Knights of Columbus? And, did you ever wonder
how the words “under God” became part of the
Pledge of Allegiance? We can thank the
Knights of Columbus for that! Interested in
becoming a Knight? Contact a member of the
Knights of Columbus Suffield Council. Contact
information is on the front of the bulletin. We
welcome new members! Wishing everyone a
Happy New Year!

Thank you to all our volunteers that decorated

the church for Christmas! We appreciate all the
time and efforts that our volunteers spent
decorating the church last week for Christmas!
It looks beautiful and festive! It was a lot of hard
work and we are thankful for all the help!



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.



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. Please call
the Rectory to sign up.

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.



Looking to participate in a retreat?
Holy Family Retreat Center in
Farmington has several retreats
scheduled! Visit holyfamilyretreat.org for more
information on the Holy Family Retreat experience.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANK YOU

To Deacon John Gancarz for joining us for Christmas week at Sacred Heart...
To our lectors, ministers, ushers, & altar servers for assisting at our Christmas Masses...
To our choirs, organists, cantors and musicians for the Christmas hymns and carols...
To all who helped with decorating the church and donating Christmas flowers...
To our Social Action Committee and our Youth Ministry for their outreach projects
for the needy and to all who supported those projects...
To the Knights of Columbus for setting up our outdoor Nativity Creche
and reminding all to keep Christ in Christmas...
To the Carmon and Heritage Funeral Homes for sponsoring our parish calendars...
To all our parishioners whose presence made Christmas
a beautiful celebration of the Birth of our Savior.

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.

Look at how a single candle can defy the darkness.

A tiny pinpoint of light is greater than the encircling darkness.

At the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, the Children's Memorial, hollowed out of an underground cavern, is a powerful tribute to the 1.5 million children who died in the Holocaust.

The dark cavern is lined with mirrors and lit by a single memorial candle. The light of that candle is reflected infinitely by the mirrors, creating the impression of millions of stars shining in the night sky.

We are like mirrors called to reflect God's light and to let His light multiply in the darkness of the world.

Make it a New Year's resolution to become a candle lighter for the Lord, letting His light shine through you.

You are the light of the world. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl. It is put on a lamp stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before people so they will see the good things you do and give praise to your Father in heaven.