

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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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

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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 9th – Second Sunday in Advent

<u>Saturday</u> 4:00 PM	<u>December 8</u> Peter Beneski Thomas and Rose Modzelesky Joseph Falkowski
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 AM	<u>December 9</u> Gail Karanian Matthew Roy
9:30 AM	Emily Rak The Ruggiero Family
11:00 AM	Helen Brown Rowena Szoka Stanley Szoka (Living)
<u>Monday</u> 8:00 AM	<u>December 10</u> Victoria Mulson 20 th Anniversary
<u>Tuesday</u> 8:00 AM	<u>December 11</u> For the People of the Parish
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:00 AM	<u>December 12</u> Raymond B. McKay
<u>Thursday</u> 9:00 AM	<u>December 13</u> For the People of the Parish
<u>Friday</u> 8:00 AM	<u>December 14</u> Billy Carney
<u>Saturday</u> 4:00 PM	<u>December 15</u> Kevin Ryan Joseph Falkowski
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 AM	<u>December 16</u> Henry G. Carron, Jr. Eileen V. (Fleming) Blodgett Raymond E. Blodgett Roy Family
9:30 AM	Dorothy McCarty Bert Marien
11:00 AM	Rowena Szoka Stanley Szoka (Living)



The Sacred Heart Parish Youth Ministry created a Christmas tree and it is on display at the Tree Gala sponsored by the Suffield Garden Club. Youth Ministry members created 75 ornaments to adorn the tree. Trees will be on display at the Suffield Senior Center from December 1st through December 15th and are available to purchase. (Saturday and Sundays 1:00-4:00 and weekdays 9:00-4:00).

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

Weekly Offertory

On **December 2**, **825** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish. The Offertory was:

\$8,144.00	Adults
\$26.81	Young Members
\$8,170.81	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: \$21,108.00.
Christmas Flowers: \$1,707.00.

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.

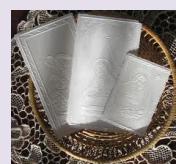


Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS

WEEKEND: Retirement Fund for

Religious Collection: Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY, Sunday, December 9, 2018 for grades 9 and 10.



"AWAY IN A MANGER" 1st, 2nd and 3rd GRADE CHRISTMAS

PRESENTATION: TODAY Sunday, December 9th at 9:30am and

11:15am in Fr. Ted Hall, **everyone** is

invited to our Christmas Program – "Away in a Manger" presented by our 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. Come witness our "little children" as they welcome Baby Jesus this Christmas.



BAKE SALE - TODAY, DECEMBER 9: to benefit Suffield Community Aid and St. Jude Hospital for Children. Visit us from 8:30am-12:00pm! Bake Sale sponsored by Mrs. Marmo's grade 8 class in Fr. Ted Hall. Come on over,

stay for the children's Christmas program and have some refreshments – pick up some goodies for Christmas and help those in need.

IMPORTANT!! GRADE 9 STUDENTS – TONIGHT, Sunday, December 9 there will be a "Teen Lures" presentation beginning at 6:00pm sharp (please report at 5:45pm)! As this presentation is a requirement of the Archdiocese and the Safe Environment Office, **ALL students must attend!** Parents are encouraged to attend this presentation as it contains valuable information.

NEXT 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 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.

Marian Stove Project: Recently, funds in the amount of \$10,350 were sent from Sacred Heart Parish to Fr. Pontiano in Sumbawanga Tanzania. These donations from our parishioners were made over the past three months in support of the Marian Stove Project. God bless all our people who so generously supported this worthy project.

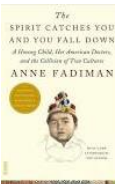


Daily Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass said in remembrance of a loved one, Mass intentions can be arranged by visiting, calling or emailing the parish office. To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Rectory at 860-668-4246 or email your request to elizabethgrigoriou@necoxmail.com.



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.

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE SAINTS OF ADVENT

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Francis recalled a visit he had made to Bethlehem and resolved to recreate the manger he had seen there. In 1223 AD, he created the first creche at a cave at Greccio using real people, a real manger, a real ox and ass, and real shepherds. He wanted to help people remember the Christ Child and how He was born in Bethlehem. Francis wanted people to see and experience how He lay in a manger with an ox and ass standing by. Word went out to the people in the area and they arrived carrying torches and candles that lit up the night as they approached the creche. Once again, shepherds came to adore Him. Francis stood before the crib and preached about the Babe of Bethlehem.

And a great tradition began - the tradition of the Christmas Creche.

ST. NICHOLAS

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there....As I drew in my head and was turning around, down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. (Twas the Night before Christmas)

St. Nicholas is also known as Father Christmas, Pere Noel, and Kris Kringle. When Dutch sailors came to our land, they spoke about their beloved saint *Sinterklaas* which sounded to our ears like Santa Claus.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He is one of the saints of Advent. His faith in Jesus and his love for children and the poor pointed the way to Jesus. He showed us the true spirit of Christmas giving by his generosity to those in need. He is still giving and caring. He is still seeking out the poor and needy. He is still showing us the way to heaven. May our lives reflect the faith and love and generosity of St. Nicholas during this holy season.

JOHN THE BAPTIST, JOSEPH, AND MARY

During Advent, we remember the great people of faith who were part of the immediate preparations for the Lord's birth. We ask their prayers for us during this holy season that we may imitate their faith, hope, and love.

John the Baptist - the prophet who prepared the way for the Lord.

Joseph - the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus.

Mary - the woman full of grace who was chosen to be the mother of the Savior.