

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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Parish Prayer Line:

Diane Gilleran (860) 668-2718

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Knights of Columbus/Suffield Council

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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.

February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 16</u>
4:00 PM	Eileen Riordan
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 17</u>
8:00 AM	Michael Alexopoulos, Sr.
	Lise Roy
9:30 AM	Bert Marien
11:00 AM	Steve Sorrow
	Marjorie Lillpopp
	Rowena Szoka
	Stanley Szoka (Living)
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 18</u>
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>February 20</u>
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 21</u>
8:00 AM	Sr. Dorothy Connelly
<u>Friday</u>	<u>February 22</u>
8:00 AM	Natalia Gonzalez
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 23</u>
4:00 PM	Michael Zawada
	Judy Laiuppa
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 24</u>
8:00 AM	Jeffrey Mandirola
	Matthew Roy
	Gail Karanian
	Marla Basdekis
9:30 AM	Florence Christian
11:00 AM	Rowena Szoka
	Stanley Szoka (Living)

Weekly Offertory

On **February 10**, **652** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

The Offertory was:

\$7,078.00	Adults
\$15.63	Young Members
\$7,093.63	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: \$22,936.00.



Women's Guild Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

Scholarship applications are now available from The Sacred Heart Women's Guild in the church lobby. **Applications for the Women's Guild are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 28th.** If there are any questions regarding the Women's Guild application, please contact Elizabeth Grigoriou at the Rectory at 860-668-4246. *Scholarship Sunday for qualified recipients of the Women's Guild Scholarship is scheduled for **May 5^h** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. **Recipients must be present at the Mass in order to receive their scholarship.***

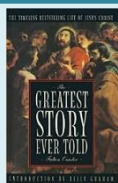


We are looking for volunteers to help with the many aspects that make

Sacred Heart Parish run smoothly! This is a great opportunity to 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! 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 the event we need extra volunteers, that would be wonderful! To sign up, please contact Elizabeth Grigoriou at the Rectory: 860-668-4246 or elizabethgrigoriou@necoxmail.com.



Adults for Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 PM. Adults who wish to be confirmed should contact Fr. Jette for more information.



Book Club: April 2, 2019: The book for the next book club is **The Greatest Story Ever Told** by Fulton Oursler. **The Book Club will meet at 10:30 on Wednesday, April 2nd.** Fulton Oursler's outstanding classic narrates the ever-new, everlasting story of the life of Jesus Christ. A fitting story to be read during Lent. The Rectory has a few copies of the book to lend out. Please call the Rectory at 860-668-4246 during business hours to sign up for the Book Club.

The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT MEET this week due to the Presidents' Day holiday. Classes for grades K-5 and grade 9 (retreat) resume on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Have a safe holiday.

1st RECONCILIATION RETREAT is **this** Saturday, February 23, 2019 for grade 2 students and their families. Parents should have received their information via email. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

GRADE 9 STUDENTS: Youth Mass at 11AM and Mandatory retreat for grade 9 students is **NEXT** Sunday, February 24, 2019. Any questions, please contact Miss Swols at shc_dre@sbcglobal.net or Mrs. Sagon at shcconfirmationcoor@outlook.com

LOST AND FOUND: Be sure to check the "Lost and Found" basket in the classroom hallway to see if any of the "lost" coats and jackets or other item belongs to you. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 1st Holy Communion Retreat, Saturday, March 30, 2019: 1st Holy Communion Mass, Saturday, May 4, 2019.

Suffield Middle School Drama Club will present the musical **Annie** on Thursday, February 28th and March 1st at 7:00PM and Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM. Tickets are sold at the door.
Come see some of our younger members perform in this classic musical!

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied."
—Luke 6:20-21a



The Knights Corner:

Did you know? The Saint John Paul II National Shrine is a major pastoral initiative of the Knights of Columbus, a lay Catholic family organization with nearly two million members around the world. Faithful to continuing the mission and legacy of Pope John Paul II, the Knights in 2011 established a shrine to him in the nation's capital. After five years of construction and the canonization of its patron, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine attracts tens of thousands of pilgrims annually. It is a place of worship, religious formation, and cultural renewal. A major permanent exhibit highlights significant events in the life of John Paul II and his momentous influence as the spiritual father of one billion Catholics and as a world leader. The Shrine also hosts talks, days of reflection, special devotions, and other events to feed the minds and souls of its visitors. It is the Knights' hope that this initiative will serve the life of the Church in the United States and will thus bear abundant fruit for the universal Church and for the world. Visit www.jp2shrine.org for more information.

Parish Prayer Line: We welcome Diane Gilleran as the new Coordinator of the Parish Prayer Line. Pat and Dave Shannon have moved, and Diane has offered to take over the Prayer Line. Her contact information is as follows:

Diane Gilleran
860-668-2718

shc.prayerline@yahoo.com

Please contact Diane with any prayer requests.



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.



Retreat: Centering Prayer Retreat, March 15-17 at Enders Island at St. Edmund's Retreat. This Day of Recollection (9 am - 3:30 pm) will be directed by Deacon Peter Emr. If interested, please call 860-536-0565 or go online to www.endersisland.com for more information and cost.

Bishops' Message Affirming Life

(The recent passage of disturbing new abortion laws in New York State and public comments from Virginia political leaders has properly raised the public debate on abortion and the rights of the unborn and now born.

The following is statement in response to these events by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of the Bridgeport Diocese, Bishop Michael R. Cote of the Norwich Diocese and the Most Reverend Paul P. Chomnycky, OSBM, Ukrainian Eparchy of Stamford)

February 7, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ:

On January 22, 2019, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York signed into law the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), a tragic abortion expansion bill which allows for the killing of an unborn child until birth as a "fundamental" right. Safeguards that previously protected those infants accidentally born alive during an abortion have also been repealed under this new law. Other provisions of this unjust law also place the lives of women in jeopardy by allowing abortions to be performed by non-physicians at the discretion of the abortionist and prevent prosecution for an attack on an unborn child through criminal acts of violence or coerced abortion.

Other states such as Rhode Island, Virginia, and New Mexico are now trying to pass similar legislation.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Connecticut, unequivocally denounce such legislation and all legislation that allows the direct taking of human life at any stage of development, especially in the womb. We uphold the Church's unchanging teaching that affirms every human life to be unique, precious, and a gift from God. It is a basic human right that every life be protected from the moment of conception to natural death.

At a time when we should be working together to better safeguard all lives and find common ground in our increasingly polarized society the New York law makes late-term abortion more available by adopting an absolutist "pro-choice" position that is unacceptable and should speak to the conscience of all those who value life.

As a community of faith, we must continue to take a stand for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in the womb and their mothers, who are often coerced and pressured into making choices against the life they carry. They need our prayers, support and accompaniment to help them choose life, especially when they face any difficulties during pregnancy.

For those who have undergone an abortion, the church stands ready to assist with healing and reconciliation through a variety of means, including Project Rachel, a program which manifests the forgiveness and mercy of God.

As we continue this struggle, we can remain confident that everything is in the hands of God, who sees all, who judges justly, and from whose hand no one can be snatched away – especially an innocent unborn child.

Committed to prayer, education, advocacy and acts of reparation for the millions of lives already lost through abortion, we invite you to join us to serve as witnesses of the truth and defenders of human life in our society.