

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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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:

Diane Gilleran (860) 668-2718

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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.

February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday February 23
4:00 PM Michael Zawada
 Judy Laiuppa

Sunday February 24
8:00 AM Jeffrey Mandirola
 Matthew Roy
 Gail Karanian
 Marla Basdekis
 Florence Christian
 Rowena Szoka
 Stanley Szoka (Living)

Monday February 25
8:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday February 26
8:00 AM No Mass

Wednesday February 27
8:00 AM No Mass

Thursday February 28
8:00 AM No Mass

Friday March 1
8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday March 2
4:00 PM Thomas and Rose Modzelesky

Sunday March 3
8:00 AM Roy Family
 Stephen Sorrow
 Regina Guilmartin
 Rowena Szoka
 Stanley Szoka (Living)
 Mary Margotta
 Greg Margotta
 Stanley Rancourt
 Marion Rancourt

9:30 AM
11:00 AM

Weekly Offertory

On **February 17, 587** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.
 The Offertory was:

\$5,886.00	Adults
\$18.51	Young Members
\$5,904.51	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.



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.



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.***

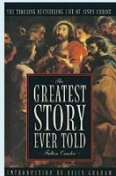
Haiti Trip: The March Mission Trip of Dr. Coombs has been postponed due to the present political unrest and violent demonstrations in Haiti. It is hoped the trip will go on in the summer or early fall as conditions in Haiti improve. Thank you to all who supported the wonderful concert *Singing for Haiti* which brought in over \$2400 and to all who are donating medicines for the mission trip.

Coggins Community Service Scholarship: Suffield residents graduating from high school who give of their time in service to others can apply for the *James Coggins \$1000 Community Service Award*. Fliers are available at our bulletin board.



Looking for upcoming Sacred Heart Parish events?

Go online to www.sacredheartct.com and click on the calendar tab. Upcoming events are listed each month. Check back regularly as new things will be added.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY for grades K-5.

GRADE 9 STUDENTS: TODAY! Youth Mass at 11am followed by Grade 9 retreat - Students are to report to Fr. Ted Hall following the 11am Youth Mass. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Sagon, Confirmation Coordinator at shcconfirmatinocoor@outlook.com

NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 3, 2019 - 8AM YOUTH MASS: Our grade 2 students will be serving and assisting as altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters, etc. at the 8:00am Mass for our next monthly "Youth Mass" at Sacred Heart Church. Hope you will join us!

IMPORTANT – STUDENT MAKE-UP WORK: Please be sure students have properly completed any and all make-up work and submitted it to the Religious Education office for credit. Notifications of overdue make-up work are sent on a regular basis. Questions? - Contact Mrs. Dion in our office.

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.

Suffield Middle School Drama Club will present the musical **Annie** on Thursday, February 28th and March 1st at 7:00 PM 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!



Fair Trade Sales Weekend: Our next Fair Trade Sales weekend will be held **the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd** - Stop by and visit our table!



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.

Give to everyone who asks of you.

Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

TWO MILITARY CHAPLAINS

When the Korean War ended in 1953, a group of U.S. soldiers emerged from a POW camp bearing a 4-foot crucifix. A Jewish POW had made it in honor of the Catholic Army chaplain who men of every faith loved - **Fr. Emil Kapaun**.

In 1950, US forces were overwhelmed by superior numbers of enemy forces. Fr. Kapaun dragged soldiers to safety, anointed the injured, and comforted the dying. A 40-mile death march followed. Soldiers lagging behind were shot. Fr. Kapaun carried an injured soldier for the 40 miles and encouraged others about to give up to continue on. In the POW camp, he was a father to the soldiers, sneaking out to find food, holding Mass in secret, and keeping faith and hope alive.

When he became sick, he was taken to the camp death house from which men did not return. While being taken away, he blessed and forgave his captors.

Fr. Kapaun is the most highly decorated chaplain in US military history. He repeatedly risked his own life to save hundreds of GI's. His courage and faith inspired thousands of soldiers to survive hellish conditions, to resist indoctrination, and to retain their faith in God.

Nicknamed the Grunt Padre for his ministry to the infantry "grunts," **Fr. Vincent Capodanno** was loved by his Marines and was always with them on the front lines in Vietnam. He knew where the fighting was heaviest, a chaplain was needed the most. In 1967, Marines were surrounded by the enemy and outnumbered 5 to 1.

Fr. Capodanno ran around in the chaos, bringing peace to the wounded, ministering to the dying, and saving lives. While running to aide a medic who had been shot, he was hit by machine gun fire. He died on a field in Vietnam with 127 Marines. A Navy frigate was named in his honor. His name is etched on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. The only way to see his name is to kneel.

What do these stories have in common?

Both chaplains were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Both have been named Servants of God - the first step toward sainthood.