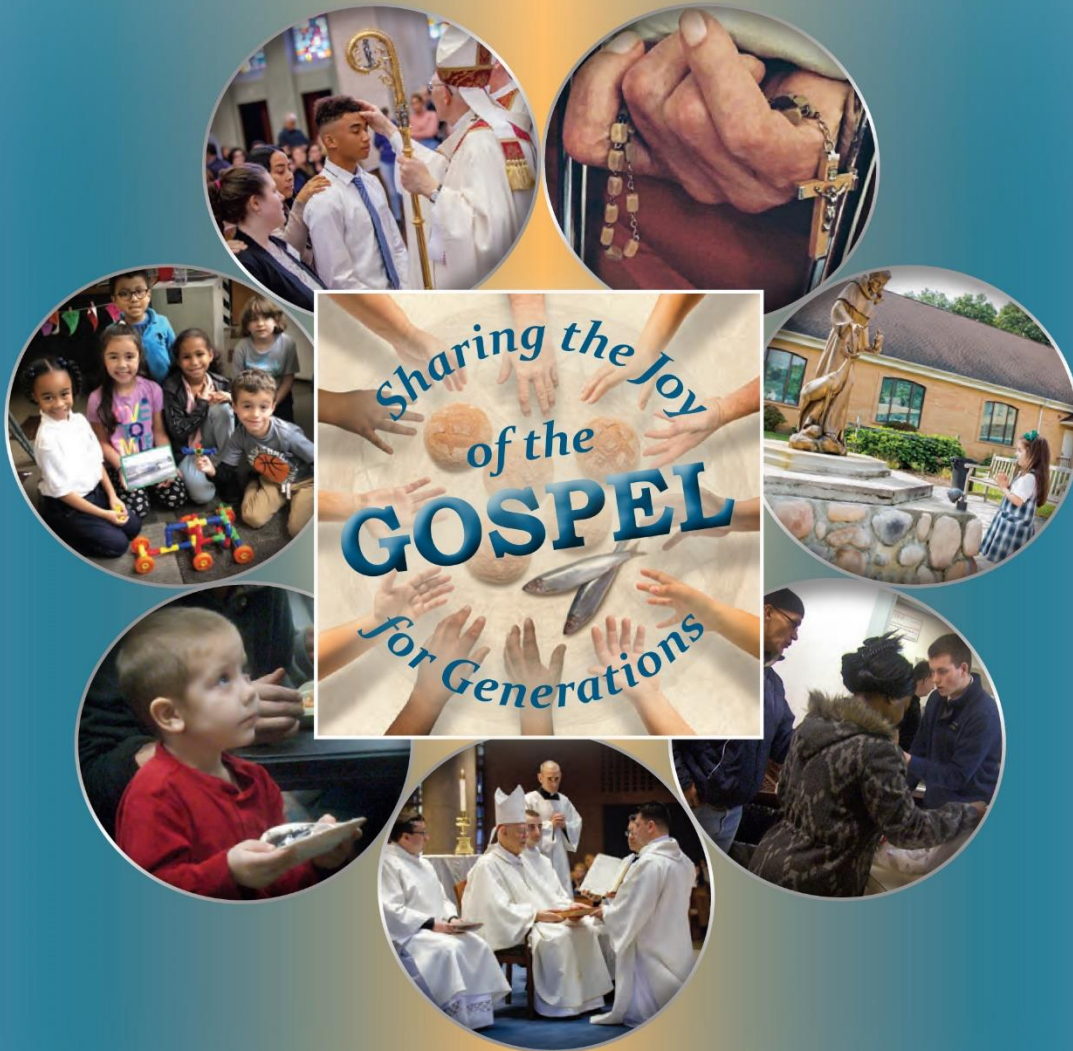


Sacred Heart Parish

KICK-OFF WEEKEND



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

2019

Archbishop's
Annual Appeal



March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 9</u>
4:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 10</u>
8:00 AM	Theresa Lapoint
	Trevor French
	Lena Kulina
9:30 AM	Ritchie Rodzen
11:00 AM	Rowena Szoka
	Stanley Szoka (Living)
	Rose and Daniel Nardozi
	Jeff Mandirola
	Shirley Benning
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 11*</u>
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
6:00-7:00 PM	Confessions
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>March 12</u>
8:00 AM	Scott Merrill
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 13</u>
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 14</u>
8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
<u>Friday</u>	<u>March 15</u>
8:00 AM	Inez Laird
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 16</u>
4:00 PM	David Whittemore
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 17</u>
8:00 AM	Constance Ambrosi
	Jacques Morin
	Billy Carney
9:30 AM	Intentions of Fr. John Melnick
11:00 AM	Rowena Szoka
	Stanley Szoka (Living)
	Eleanor Fitzgerald

The 2019 Archbishop's Appeal is now underway. Your support of the Appeal ensures that essential charitable and pastoral ministries are continued. We ask for your generosity in support of the appeal by mailing the pledge card received in the Appeal mailing, by picking up an Appeal packet at our bulletin board, or by visiting the Diocesan website at archdioceseofhartford.org. All gifts are used exclusively for charitable and pastoral ministries. No funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8*

Weekly Offertory

On **March 3**, there were **684** members and visitors worshipping at Sacred Heart Parish. The Offertory was:

\$8,360.00	Adults
\$19.93	Young Members
\$8,379.93	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: \$22,986.00.



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 Donations: Thank you to all who made donations for Dr. Coomb's Haiti Mission Trip. Concert proceeds and other monetary donations amounted to \$4,271. Several boxes were also filled with donated medicines. God bless you for your generosity.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

TODAY IS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! – Daylight Savings Time begins **today** Sunday, March 10, 2019. Religious Education classes will resume next Sunday, March 17, 2019 for grades 1-8. Enjoy your weekend!

CONSIDER BEING A VOLUNTEER! How about becoming a catechist, co-catechist or aide in our program for the upcoming school year 2019-2020? *"The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few..."*

Volunteer opportunities are available at all levels! Please consider joining our ministry to bring your faith to life for the students of Sacred Heart. Contact our office for more information.

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

1st HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT is scheduled for **Saturday, March 30, 2019** for grade 3 students and their families. Parents should have received their information via email. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

GRADE 4 - 7 PRESENTATIONS SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019! Group Learning Presentations for grades 4-7 are scheduled for **Sunday, March 31, 2019**. All families and parishioners are cordially invited to attend these presentations at 9:30am and 11:15am. Thank you.

Suffield High School Drama Club will present the musical ***Mamma Mia!*** This week starting on Thursday, March 14th, Friday, March 15th and Saturday, March 16th at 7:00 PM. (Doors open at 6:30 PM.) Tickets are sold at the door. Come see some of our younger members perform and sing many of the popular ABBA songs!

New Priest in Residence at our Parish: Fr. Mathieu Isaac is beginning prison ministry at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Facility in Suffield and will be in residence at Sacred Heart Rectory. Fr. Mathieu is from Haiti and was most recently assigned at St. Nicholas Parish in Seymour. We welcome Fr. Mathieu to Suffield and pray for God's blessings upon his new ministry.

The Knights Corner:



Did you know? The Knights of Columbus founder, Father Michael McGivney may become a saint? His cause for canonization is open, and he was given the title "Venerable Servant of God" by the Holy See in 2008.

To be a Knight – There is a call within each man to go deeper and reach higher to become the man God made him to be. In a world full of challenges, the Knights of Columbus equips men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values.

For more information on becoming a Knight, contact Steve Rigby, Grand Knight or Dave McDermott, District Deputy. Contact info on front of bulletin.



**Social Action/
Human Needs Ministry
Suffield Community Aid (SCA)
Collection: March 16th and 17th**

Specific needs are: canned fruit, pet food (dry dog and cat food), cooking oil and granola bars.

Your support is very much appreciated.



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.



Social Action Committee is collecting **baskets, grass, plastic eggs, candy, toys that fit into the baskets and small denomination gift cards to Target, CVS, Walmart and Dollar Store in small denominations (\$10 - \$15)** for Easter Baskets to be distributed by the Suffield Community Aid. If you are able to donate a small gift card, please put in the collection box on the table near the Sacristy by March 31st. Thank you for your support!

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble
(Psalm 91).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

TEMPTATION

If evil were not made to appear attractive, there would be no such thing as temptation.

The devil doesn't come dressed in a red cape and pointy horns.
He comes disguised as everything you've ever wished for.

Free cheese is always available in mouse traps.

Opportunity may knock only once but temptation leans on the doorbell.

Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole.
Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in.

In all temptations let us consider not what he offers but what we shall lose.

The devil knows your name but calls you by your sin.
God knows your sin but calls you by your name.

Temptation is everywhere but so is God.

THE THREE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

Turn these stones into bread.

Jesus was hungry. His feelings were telling him to eat. The temptation was to follow his feelings. We get the same temptation - *if it feels good, do it.*

Jesus' refusal to turn stones into bread shows that he will not use His power for his own comfort or benefit. He will hunger and suffer to accomplish His mission on earth.

Jump off the temple. The angels will save you.

The temptation was to put on a show - to be popular with the crowd. We get the same temptation - *Be popular. Do what the crowd wants you to do.* It's called peer pressure.

Jesus' refusal to throw himself down from the Temple and be saved by the angels shows that He came not to be served but to serve.

I will give you all wealth and power if you will worship me.

The temptation was the allure of wealth and power. We get the same temptation - *The more you have, the happier you will be. Whoever dies with the most toys, wins.*

Jesus' refusal to kneel before the devil shows that He will not compromise or negotiate with evil, that God is God, right is right, and wrong is wrong.