

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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Knights of Columbus/Suffield Council

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Steve Rigby, Grand Knight –

(860) 668-4745/(860) 930-5261

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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.

March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday

4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

Monday

8:00 AM

6:00-7:00 PM

Tuesday

8:00 AM

Wednesday

8:00 AM

Thursday

8:00 AM

Friday

8:00 AM

7:00 PM

Saturday

4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

March 16

David Whittemore

March 17

Constance Ambrosi

Jacques Morin

Billy Carney

Intentions of Fr. John Melnick

Rowena Szoka

Stanley Szoka (Living)

Eleanor Fitzgerald

March 18

For the People of the Parish

Confessions

March 19 * Daily Mass at St. Joseph

Robert LeRoy Trask

Florence Christian

March 20

For the People of the Parish

March 21

For the People of the Parish

March 22

Raymond B. McKay

Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph

March 23

For the People of the Parish

March 24

Leo Morency

Christine Sych

Florence Christian

Rowena Szoka

Stanley Szoka (Living)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Weekly Offertory

On **March 10**, there were **512** members and visitors worshipping at Sacred Heart Parish.

The Offertory was:

\$5,452.00	Adults
\$4.40	Young Members
\$5,456.40	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.

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.

March 19 Daily Mass at St. Joseph:

Our 8:00 AM daily parish Mass on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, will be held at St. Joseph Church.



Save the Date: Suffield Sings will return with its second annual concert on **Sunday, April 7 at 4 p.m.** in the Suffield Middle School auditorium.

Singers from Suffield Middle School, Suffield High School, Suffield Academy, First Church of Christ UCC, **Sacred Heart Church**, and Second Baptist Church will join together for a concert celebrating the joy of choral music in Suffield. Come join these choral singers of Suffield for an afternoon of great music and community. Admission is free and open to the public.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY, MARCH 17, 2019 for grades 1-8.

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.

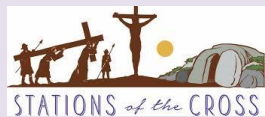
GRADE 4 - 7 PRESENTATIONS, SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019!: Group Learning Presentations for grades 4-7 are scheduled for **Sunday, March 31, 2019**. All families and parishioners are cordially invited to attend these presentations at 9:30am and 11:15am. Thank you.

GRADES 7-10 REMINDER: Students are reminded that **community service hours** are to be completed and submitted **no later than April 1, 2019 –no exceptions!** Service hours outside the 30 day submission limit will **not** be accepted. Questions, please contact our office. Thank you.

IMPORTANT – STUDENT MAKE-UP WORK: Please be sure students have completed any make-up work **and** submitted it to the Religious Education office for credit. Notifications of overdue make-up work have been sent. Questions? - Contact our office.



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!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS -
Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM

3/22 at St. Joseph
3/29 at Sacred Heart
4/5 at St. Joseph
4/12 at Sacred Heart

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.

The Enfield Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen is once again beginning its Springtime Challenge, their principal fundraiser to help keep their doors open. The Soup Kitchen is seeking monetary donations from **Now through April 30**. The Soup Kitchen, located at 28 Prospect Street, served 113,871 meals in 2018, including meals to hungry children and 76,422 snacks served to children participating in after school programs of Educational Resources for Children (ERfC). Another 44,165 meals were provided for home consumption in emergency situations. The reality of Hunger in America is astounding. Although **"Hunger Has No Season,"** these winter months are extremely difficult for the less fortunate. **The meal they receive at the Soup Kitchen may be the only meal they would have that day.** Hot nutritious meals are served from Sunday through Friday starting at 4:00 PM and on Saturday starting at 11:00 AM, at no charge. They are extremely grateful for all of your support and are looking forward to your help this year. The Board of Directors and Soup Kitchen Director Priscilla Brayson are asking the public to open their hearts and send a donation, especially during this "Challenge" to: Enfield Loaves & Fishes, Inc., P.O. Box 544, Enfield, Ct. 06083-0544. Donations through PayPal can also be received via their website, www.enfieldloavesandfishes.com

The Lord is my light and my salvation
(Psalm 27).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH

I have had the privilege of visiting St. Patrick's grave in Ireland and St. Joseph's Church in Nazareth.

St. Patrick is buried in Downpatrick, County Down, behind Down Cathedral, two miles from Saul Church where Patrick first landed in Ireland in 432 AD. In my mind I was expecting to see a monument like the Lincoln Memorial. Arriving at a small cemetery behind the church, I saw no marble pillars or statues so I walked into the cemetery and happened to look down - there was St. Patrick's grave marked by a small boulder – a most humble grave for a saint of such great fame.

St. Joseph lived and worked in Nazareth. The Church of St. Joseph is built over the site of his carpenter shop. This modest church is in the shadow of the imposing Annunciation Basilica, just as Joseph lived in the shadow of Jesus and Mary. The Gospels tells us nothing of Joseph's death or burial place, though Nazareth would seem to be the likely place.

Both Patrick and Joseph, renowned throughout the world, share the most humble memorials, reflecting their lives which were all about Jesus, not about themselves.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY - MARCH 17

I bind unto myself the Name of the Trinity, the Three in One and One in Three.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me.

Christ as a light, illumine and guide me, Christ as a shield, overshadow and cover me,

Christ the lowly, Christ the all-powerful, Christ this day be within and without me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger, in all who draw near me, or see me, or hear me.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY - MARCH 19

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

Assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings.

I never weary contemplating Jesus asleep in your arms.

I dare not approach while He rests near your heart.

Press Him close in my name and kiss His head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, pray for me.

(Ancient prayer dated to the Year 50 AD)