



Sacred Heart Parish

The United Parish Family of Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph

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Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Office Closed on Friday

Mass Times:

Weekends: Saturdays: 4:00pm **Sundays:** 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:00AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (NO Thursday Mass)

Holy Day: Please consult the Bulletin.

Sacraments:

Confessions: Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30pm or by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays at 12:00 Noon. Please call the Rectory to schedule a date.

Holy Matrimony: At least six months of notice should be given to arrange for weddings.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the office.

On going devotions:

Weekly Morning Rosary: Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 6 to 7 PM, Fridays 7:30 to 8 AM

Parish Staff

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***Please note that neither Fr. J Keough nor any staff member, volunteers, or members of Sacred Heart Parish will ever call or text requesting donations of gift cards online, bitcoin or electronic transfer of funds.**

Please report any suspicious activity to the parish office and/or Suffield Police.

To report an incident of sexual abuse in the Archdiocese, visit our website or the archdioceseofhartford.com

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM Margaret Matuck

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Matthew & Richard Roy
Eileen V. (Fleming) Blodgett
Raymond E. Blodgett

9:30 AM Robert "Bob" Camion
James Wessling

11:00 AM Albert Helmke
Dianne Legg~5th Anniversary

Monday, December 11

8:00 AM Patricia Yates
Kevin Brian Sweeney

3 – 4 PM Adoration

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 AM Raymond B. McKay
Ann Quinn

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 AM Nicholas Silvestri
Louis Brechue

Thursday, December 14

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, December 15

8:00 AM Ed & Peg Shaughnessy
Alexander Ehongo
Raymond Stearns
Paul Winters

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM Helen & Charles DeGeorge

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Gail & George Karanian
Ronald Duwell

9:30 AM Armand Dieli
11:00 AM Joseph Falkowski

Our Weekly Offertory

On **December 3, 568** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

December 3, 2023, Parish Support:

\$7,288.00	Offertory
\$1,565.18	Online Giving
\$8,853.18	Total

Thank you for your support!

An Advent Evening of Reflection: Coming together to pray in a particular way for our fallen away family and friends. Beginning at 7:00 PM on Monday, Dec. 18th we will offer helpful insights into those necessary but sometimes awkward moments of guiding a lost sheep lovingly back to the Shepherd.

Book Club Meeting

Wed, Dec. 13, from 10:30-11:30 AM – Fr Ted Hall
The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Children's Mass with Living Nativity before Mass
10:00 PM Christmas Hymns with our choir
10:30 PM Christmas Mass at Night

Christmas Day 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM

**Please note Christmas Eve is a Sunday. The weekend schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be 4:00 Mass Saturday, Dec. 23 and 8:00 and 10:00 AM on Sunday Dec. 24.*

Baptized in Christ
Liam Gerald George



PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

NAME/s: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

New Registration Request Envelopes

Change Address, E-Mail, Phone Number

Moving out of parish.

STATUS: Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed (circle one)

Would you like to receive ENVELOPES: YES NO

You may leave it in the marked basket in the church lobby or drop it in the mailbox outside the rectory office.

Come home for Christmas! The Sacred Heart Parish Family will be praying for our family and friends who for whatever reason(s) are not active members of our Sacred Heart Parish Family and the Catholic Faith. Please add their name or initials to a star, and they will be included in our Advent prayers. The stars will be hung on the Christmas trees in the sanctuary throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Hopefully, some will join us for the Christmas Masses and maybe even stay with us throughout the new year.

Advent Evening Holy Hour & Reflection
From the Manger to the Mass
December 12, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM
Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish
Saint Robert Bellarmine Church
52 South Elm Street, Windsor Locks, CT
For more information please see flyer in church lobby.

REMINDER Human Needs - Christmas Food

Please return any items you pulled tags for by
Sunday, Dec 17, 12 Noon.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



ONLY 5 spaces remain for the Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and Barcelona with Fr. Joe Keough and Fr. Stephen Sledesky June 23-July 2, 2024. Don't miss the opportunity to join the group, book before Dec. 24 and save \$150.00 per person. For details or to register visit: www.gateway.gocollette.com/link/1193638 or Fr. Joe at the Parish Office.



Knights of Columbus

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates & Notes of Thanks:

- 3rd weekend of December Santa home visits still available (must schedule in advance)
- Thank you to all the Knights and their family members who helped to set up the Sacred Heart Parish creche for this Advent Season.
- Thank you to all the adults and children who attended the Sacred Heart Carol sing, creche dedication, and tree lighting, who then enjoyed some hot cocoa and goodies, along with a very special visit from Santa in Father Ted Hall, hosted by the Knights.
- The Suffield Council was pleased to once again be able to provide winter coats (48 this year) to Suffield Community Aid, with the director assuring all will be distributed, as the need for coats remains high.



Messages or inquiries can be left with the Parish Office at 860.668.4246 and someone will get back to you ASAP.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Office hours: Tuesday 10am-12noon and by appointment only

Closed holidays and vacations

Donna Swols, DRE : shc_dre@sbcglobal.net

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Please use voicemail, email, or our handy outdoor mailbox as necessary to conduct Religious Ed business.



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

PRESENTATION: Sunday, December 10th at 9:45am 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.

TODAY! - BAKE SALE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th: to benefit Paw Safe Animal Rescue. Visit us from 8:45am-12:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall! Bake Sale sponsored by Misses Gleeson/Comette grade 4 class. Pick up some goodies for Christmas!



SAVE THESE SUNDAY DATES! 1) **January 21, 2024**, Youth Masses at 8am and 9:30am. Hope you can join us! 2) Our twelfth annual "**Winter Carnival**" from 12noon-2:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall on **Sunday, January 28, 2024!** Youngsters and the "young at heart" are invited! Food, fun and entertainment!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I hope your Advent is going well. Participation in parish giving events like the gift collection, the food drive and parish support allow us all to reach out to our neighbors in need as well as the Holy Infant of Bethlehem. If you were able to join us for the Carol Sing and blessing of the creche and Christmas Tree or the quiet Holy Hour on Monday, hopefully you had the chance to relax a bit and enjoy the true meaning of the Advent Season--time to enrich your life as a member of the family which is our Church.

We enter the darkest days of winter this week but then soon the winter solstice (Dec. 21) leads us back to the light. This is the reason for the placement of the Nativity of Christ in December as the Emperor Constantine was making the effort to replace the former Roman festivals of the sun god as well as establishing the date of the Incarnation, March 25th. This was the original "Christmas Countdown"--nine months of pregnancy until Christmas!

The significance of Christ's Light conquering the darkness was not lost on the members of the Church, especially in the northern regions of Europe. The liturgical development of the Advent and Christmas Seasons began to take shape in the latter part of the fifth and sixth centuries. Very much scripturally based, the season began with the evening prayers of the nativity and ended with the Feast of the Presentation in February. It DID NOT begin with Halloween or Labor Day and end around noon on the 25th.

Christmas is God becoming flesh in order to bring us a share in the Divine life. It should be more than a day centered on shopping and then planning to return the gifts the next day. Christmas should touch our hearts—humbling us and exalting us at the same time. Use the season of Advent to prepare for a meaningful encounter with the Word of God made flesh, this Christmas.

Have a blessed second week of Advent!

Fr. Joe Keough fjfk@aol.com



BRINGING ADVENT HOME:

Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary as a family once a week.

Pray for the people to whom you are sending Christmas cards and gifts.

Pray a family blessing for your Christmas Tree:

*My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judea: His birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds.*

With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us.

May its lights guide us to the perfect light. Amen.

Advent on **FORMED** check out Advent programs on FORMED by the Augustine Institute. They are offering our parish family members a variety of presentations for adults and children. Visit FORMED.org,