




KICKOFF WEEKEND: FEB. 24-25, 2024

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal




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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

February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 24

4:00 PM John & Carolyn Gregory

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Roy Family

9:30 AM For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM Raye Mandirola

Monday, February 26

8:00 AM Rev. John Lavorgna

Charles Gogulski

3 – 4 PM **Holy Hour**

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 AM Germaine Leduc–2nd Anniversary

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 AM William Cashin

Thursday, February 29

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, March 1

8:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, March 2

4:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM Gallagher Family

9:30 AM Regina Guilmartin

11:00 AM Jeffrey Mandirola

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Kick Off

This weekend marks the start of the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we can have a profound impact on our local communities not only spiritually, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church. We hope you can help us meet our parish goal of **\$70,000**. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

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/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Our Weekly Offertory

On **February 18, 525** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

February 18, 2024, Parish Support:

\$6,781.00	Offertory
\$566.08	Online Giving
\$7,347.08	Total

Thank you for your support!

LENTEN STEPS TOWARD HOLINESS:

Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. 8:00 AM
(also available streaming on our Facebook page)

Confessions: Monday 6-7:00 PM, Saturday 2:30-3:30 or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday 3-4:00 PM, Friday 7:30-8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross: Friday 6:30 PM

*"Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the life blood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing."
St. Peter Chrysologus*



Open House

The New England Catholic Biblical School (NECBS) invites you to visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life! Come visit a class any time between January 22-May 1st.

Visit: www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com or call 860-242-5573

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) OPERATION RICE BOWL: Pick up your Rice Bowl in the vestibule and return it at the end of Lent. You can submit change, cash and or a check made out to Sacred Heart Parish with "Rice Bowl" in the memo section. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Donor Letters for Taxes

If you are interested in a copy of your contributions to Sacred Heart for 2023, please email the office at SacredHeartSuffield1@gmail.com or call the office at 860-668-4246

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience
Second Sunday of Lent**

Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and love each other. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 15-17, 2024, in Upton, MA

April 26-28, 2024, (non-residential weekend) in Connecticut

June 21-23, 2024, in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.



**Knights of
Columbus**

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates:

- The Connecticut (Hartford) March for Life will be held on **March 20, 2024**. The rally is scheduled for 12:00 noon at the Capitol, with the **march** to follow **beginning at 1:00 p.m.**
- The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local Council # 6281 in Suffield, will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of **March 2nd and 3rd**. Representatives will be available to speak with you at the end of each mass. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #6281 for local information.



- Next local K of C council meeting is scheduled for **March 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** Father Ted Hall. 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_drea@sbglobal.net

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY! Classes for grades K-7 and 9 resume TODAY, Sunday, February 25, 2024. Grade 8 resumes on March 10, 2024.

TODAY! - YOUTH MASS! February 25, 2024 Youth Mass at 8am and 9:30am. Mass. Students from our Religious Education program will participate as lectors, ushers, greeters and altar servers at both Masses. See you there!

DATES TO NOTE: Youth Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 8, 2024 at 6:30pm; Grade 8 Retreat and Youth Mass, Saturday, March 16, 2024; 1st Reconciliation Retreat, Saturday, March 23, 2024; 1st Reconciliation Service, Saturday, April 6, 2024; 1st Holy Communion Retreat, Saturday, April 27, 2024; 1st Holy Communion Mass, Saturday, May 4, 2024; Grade 3 Youth Mass and Crowning of Mary, Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 8am.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: When your child is sick or not able to attend their Religious Education class, **please be sure to call or email the Religious Ed office** and let us know for attendance records. This is very important!! We can also work with you to make arrangements for your child to attend a make-up class, if available. **48-hour notification required** for a make-up class request outside of illness or emergency. Thank you

Saint Gabriel School, Windsor

Pre-K 3 - Grade 8

Devoted to Academic Excellence and Christ's Call to Discipleship (860) 688-6401

stgabrielschool.org

We are in need of:

• Middle School Math & Science Teacher

• Full-time School Nurse

• Substitute Teachers for all Grades

• Lunchroom & Recess Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome for activities throughout the academic year!

If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Amy LaQuerre, Principal of St. Gabriel School

alaquerre@stgabrielschool.org

or call 860-688-6401

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the keys to living out our faith is to expect the unexpected. A good thing to remember on our Lenten journey but also on our life's journey with Christ. Dramatically played out in the gospel narrative of the Transfiguration, the apostles could not have imagined the glory of God that was to be displayed for them on the mountain top. Abraham in our first reading could not have expected that God would ask him to sacrifice his only son, the son God had promised him as the one who would give him many descendants.

Instead of approaching prayer as "what I want from God," let's just be open to "God, show me what you want from me." When you pray your Our Father, it's okay to stop and say "what is your will for me Lord? Or if this is your will for me Lord, show me how to do it, please." Allow God's plan to unfold for your life and more than likely you will find not only the unexpected but also the serenity of becoming the person-God has expected you could be.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com

LENTEN REGULATIONS: According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), CATHOLICS BETWEEN THE AGES 18-59 ARE OBLIGED TO FAST AND ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. ALL CATHOLICS AGE 14 AND UP ARE TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT.

* When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to view/purchase the beautiful olive wood items on display last weekend. Your kindness will help alleviate the hardships our Christian brothers and sisters are enduring at this difficult time.

