



# 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

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## 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*

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## Parish Staff

*Pastor: Fr. Joseph Keough Email: [frjfk@aol.com](mailto:frjfk@aol.com)*

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*Director: Miss Donna M. Swols email: [shc\\_dre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shc_dre@sbcglobal.net)*

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## Directors of Music

*Floyd Higgins & Gretchen Collins [floydandgretchen@comcast.net](mailto:floydandgretchen@comcast.net)*

**\*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](http://archdioceseofhartford.com)

# March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

## Saturday, March 30~Holy Saturday

10:00 AM Blessing of Food  
 8:00 PM Alexandre Benjamin Ehongo(L)~  
*Birthdays Intentions*

## Sunday, March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Roy Family  
 Henry Kleiszewski  
 9:30 AM Dawn Murphy(D)  
 Healing for Donna Hinson(L)  
 11:00 AM For Our Parishioners  
 Sandra, David, & Brenda Desmarais  
 John Carrigan

## Monday, April 1

8:00 AM **NO MASS ~ Office Closed**  
 6 – 7 PM **NO Holy Hour ~ Office Closed**

## Tuesday, April 2

8:00 AM Healing for Jerry O'Connor

## Wednesday, April 3

8:00 AM Ellen Taylor-Stearns(L)~*Birthdays Wishes*

## Thursday, April 4

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

## Friday, April 5

8:00 AM Special Intention  
 Ellen Taylor-Stearns(L)~*Birthdays Wishes*

## Saturday, April 6

4:00 PM Ruth Z. Decozio

## Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Lise Roy  
 9:30 AM For Our Parishioners  
 11:00 AM Thomas & Rose Modzelesky

## Our Weekly Offertory

On **March 24**, **641** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

March 24, 2024, Parish Support:

<b>\$7,769.00</b>	<b>Offertory</b>
<b>\$399.20</b>	<b>Online Giving</b>
<b>\$8,168.20</b>	<b>Total</b>

*Thank you for your support!*

### Fair Trade

*Fair Trade items will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of April 6 & 7. Please stop by the Fair-Trade table and support the farmers. Thank you!*

**Note: The Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 1 and there will be NO Mass or Holy Hour on Monday.**

### SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Our numbers are historically lower between June and September due to summer travel and vacations. Beginning the weekend of **June 1 & 2 through August 31/Sept.1** the weekend Mass schedule will be **Sat. 4 PM, Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM.**

\*If you have a Sunday Mass intention scheduled for 9:30AM those months, you will be contacted to reschedule the intention. If your intention is for 8:00AM it will be scheduled for 8:30AM and 11:00AM for 10:30AM.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** You may return your "rice bowl" to the container in the vestibule anytime between now and April 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Fr. Ted Hall, 6:30 PM  
 All are welcome.

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

### SAVE THE DATES

**Sunday, April 7 – 3:00 PM** Divine Mercy Devotions  
**Monday, April 8 – 6-7PM** Holy Hour for Vocations  
**April 17-19** – Women's Retreat Weekend  
**Saturday, April 27** –8AM St Joseph Cemetery Annual Clean Up

### 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

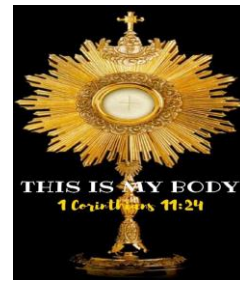
You may leave it in the marked basket in the church lobby or drop it in the mailbox outside the rectory office.



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 7 AT 3PM**

Join us for a celebration of scripture, prayer and the Divine Mercy chaplet at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 3PM.

*Jesus, we trust in you.  
Have mercy on us and on the whole world!*



### **HOLY HOUR to pray for VOCATIONS**

Please join us on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations the priesthood and religious life.

**NOTE:** there will be NO Holy Hour on Mondays from 3-4 PM during the summertime. We will resume our 6-7 PM weekly Holy Hour beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

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

Closed holidays and vacations.

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT MEET** today, Easter Sunday, March 31. Classes resume **next** Sunday, April 7, 2024. Holy and blessed Easter!

**DATES TO NOTE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Service, **this Saturday, April 6, 2024;** 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Retreat, **Saturday, April 27, 2024;** 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass, **Saturday, May 4, 2024;** Grade 3 Youth Mass and Crowning of Mary, **Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 8am.**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS 2023-2024:** Grades 7-9, don't forget about your community service hours! Completed service forms should be submitted to the Religious Education office by **April 1, 2024.** Forms may be downloaded from our website and are located on the rack outside the Religious Ed office. Thank you!

### **RETREAT INFORMATION for Women and Men of the parish**

WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 19-21

MEN'S RETREAT JUNE 7-9

Both are at: Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford.

The retreat theme for both programs this year is *Only Say the Word*. When Jesus encounters the centurion in the Gospel of Matthew (8:5-13), he meets a person of deep faith and humility who knows that healing comes from God alone. The centurion proclaims, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, ***but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed.***" During this retreat, we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world.

**For more information visit: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)**



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**Suffield Council # 6281**

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Spring clean-up at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hill Street has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** Please have all personal items cleared from the cemetery grounds prior to this date. All members wishing to help on this day are welcome.
- Graduating seniors who are a practicing Catholic from Suffield or a surrounding community, are urged to consider applying for a Knight of Columbus scholarship. Please contact the Parish Office for an application which must be completed and **submitted by no later than May 1, 2024.**
- Local council members will again participate in HomeFront on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>,** when volunteers will report to a local residential property for a day of doing repairs or maintenance for a low-income homeowner. All tools and expertise will be provided, just arrive ready to work!
- A **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** trip to a Connecticut Suns basketball game with the Washington Mystics is being offered. The ticket price will be \$30 with the local council providing and paying for bus transportation. Pick up a flyer in the church vestibule or contact the Parish Office for more information or details.
- The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament at the Suffield Country Club is scheduled for **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Net profits for this event will be used to support scholarships to graduating seniors. Parties interested in registering to play (\$150 individual), funding a corporate sponsorship at the level of \$100, \$200, or \$500, or volunteering to help out on the day of the tournament, please contact Craig Tini at (860)888-6697 for more information.

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



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

# *Easter Blessings!*

*Have a blessed Easter Season! To all our members and guests, thank you for joining us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! The beautiful carving of the Resurrected Christ is the focal point of our sanctuary. It reminds us of the ultimate goal for any follower of Christ; that we come to share in the glory of His resurrection. In the midst of all the personal crosses we carry, we are blessed to have a constant reminder of the hope that only Christ can give.*

*All throughout the gospels, Jesus speaks of "after the Son of Man is raised up," or "when I am raised up..." The cross was a step on the way to the resurrection. The wounds of Christ make sense when we are reminded of all He sacrificed for each of us out of love in order to bring each of us into His glory.*

*Celebrate (today and everyday) the glory of the Resurrection by living an authentic life in Christ's life, death, and resurrection!*

*Have a blessed Easter Season!*

Fr. Joe Keough [fjfk@aol.com](mailto:fjfk@aol.com)



*Christ is risen!  
"Alleluia!"*

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

At the Last Supper which we commemorated on Holy Thursday, Jesus took bread and wine and instituted the Eucharist, instructing the Apostles to "Do This in Memory of Me." (1 Cor. 11:24)

When we come together for the celebration of Mass, we not only experience our unity as living members of the Body of Christ, but we also receive Him — body and blood, soul and divinity — in the Holy Eucharist. This is so, precisely because He is not to be found among the dead, but among the living, and that is our Easter joy.

During this Easter season, we are called to recognize the greatness of His

sacrifice and the incredible gift of life and salvation that He has won for us. The death and resurrection of Christ are the turning point of history and the foundation of our faith. Through His death, He bore the weight of our sins, offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice to reconcile us with God. His resurrection is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of good over evil. In His resurrection, we find hope for our own lives, knowing that through, with and in Him we too can find newness of life and the promise of eternity.

Just as the Apostles, seeing the Risen Christ, were moved from despair to

rejoicing, we too are called to let God's love transform our minds and hearts.

My prayer this Easter Season is for all of the members of our Archdiocese to experience the redemptive love of Christ through participation at Sunday Mass. From there we are sent forth to be loving, merciful and charitable toward others, to share the good news of Jesus Christ by joining our voices with those of His first disciples in acclaiming, "The Lord is risen! He is truly risen!"

May the peace of the Risen Christ truly be with you, and may the great joy of Easter fill your hearts and lives in this season and throughout the year. "Alleluia!"

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*+ Leonard P. Blair*

**Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair**  
Archbishop of Hartford

