



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 3 to 4 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

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23

4:00 PM Frank Reynolds(D)~*Birthdays Blessings*

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Leo & Regina Morency

9:30 AM Jennie "Olga" Colson

11:00 AM Eleanor Fitzgerald

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM Raymond B. McKay

3 – 4 PM **Holy Hour**

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Pascale Musse(L)~*Birthdays Intentions*

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM Maria Nardi

Kim Waterman(L)~*Birthdays Intentions*

Thursday, March 28~Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29~Good Friday

3:00 PM Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30~Holy Saturday

10:00 AM Blessing of Food

8:00 PM Alexandre Benjamin Ehongo

Sunday, March 31~Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Roy Family

Henry Klescowski

9:30 AM Healing for Dawn Murphy(L)

Healing for Donna Hinson(L)

11:00 AM For Our Parishioners

Sandra, David & Brenda Desmarais

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised **\$14,307.25** for the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided daily by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and Do This in Memory of Me, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate.

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 **March 17**, **502** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

March 17, 2024, Parish Support:

\$5,050.00	Offertory
\$1,856.04	Online Giving
\$6,906.04	Total

Thank you for your support!

HOLY WEEK 2024

Daily Masses Mon-Wed 8:00 AM No daily Mass Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

Monday from 6-7 PM Confessions LAST TIME until after Easter.

Tuesday 11:00 AM Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM

Good Friday: Service 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM

Holy Saturday: Blessing of the Easter Foods 10:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM

Great Vigil of Easter 8:00 PM

***NO Confession or 4:00 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY**

Easter Sunday: Masses 8, 9:30 and 11:00 AM,

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Campaign after all Masses to support people with disabilities.

Sunday, April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions 3:00 PM

Please note that incense will be used on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday Masses.

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 GOOD FRIDAY.

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!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Closed holidays and vacations

Donna Swols, DRE : shc_dre@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 WILL NOT MEET today, Palm Sunday, March 24 and next week, Easter Sunday, March 31. Classes resume on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Have a holy and blessed Easter season!

DATES TO NOTE: 1st Reconciliation Service, next 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.

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!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION For the HOLY LAND on Good Friday, offertory boxes will be placed on the table in the vestibule and the two small tables at the top of the center aisle. There will be no "offertory collection" during the service. Your donation in support of the Christians in the Holy Land are desperately needed. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Parish with "Holy Land" in the memo section. Thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers!

EASTER EGG HUNT! Saturday, March 30 11:00 AM (eggs-actly)

Children from toddlers on up are welcome to attend this FREE event hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Bring a basket and grab some eggs—poachers not allowed!

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



Knights of Columbus®

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates:

- The local council will once again host an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our youngsters on the Sacred Heart Parish church grounds. Please plan to join in the fun scheduled for **Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m.**
- Spring clean-up at the Saint Joseph Cemetery located on Hill Street has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m.** Please plan to have all personal items you wish to retain cleared from the cemetery grounds no later than the day before our crew shows up to work. All local council 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.**
- A trip to a Connecticut Suns basketball game scheduled for **Friday, May 17th** with the Washington Mystics has been tentatively planned. If there is enough interest, the local council will provide (and pay for) the bus transportation, with the intention of arriving at the Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT in time for guests to have a bite to eat prior to the 7:30 p.m. start of the game. As this is a family event **and there will not be any chaperones** provided, all school age children must be accompanied by an adult. Ticket sales and bus reservations with a maximum of 50 will be done on a first come first served basis, with a minimum number of tickets required to be sold by April 15th. See flyer in Church lobby. Contact Craig Tini at 860-888-6697.
- The local Knights of Columbus council will be holding its 20th Annual Golf Tournament at the Suffield Country Club on **Saturday, June 1st**. The tournament is limited to 16 foursomes, so please act quickly if you would like to play. Additionally, there is the opportunity to support/participate as a corporate sponsor at the level of \$100, \$200, or \$500 as the event includes a raffle, silent auction, and dinner. Net profits for this event will be used to support the annual awarding of scholarships to graduating seniors. All parties interested in either registering to play in the tournament (\$150 individual), funding a corporate sponsorship, 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

I pray you had a good Lenten experience and whatever you did or did not do during the 40 days has drawn you closer to Christ. We now enter the holiest time of our year. Beginning with Palm Sunday and culminating in the Great Vigil of Easter and the Easter Season, the next few days are the time to experience all the "smells and bells" of our Catholic faith.

The liturgies of Holy Week are a change of costume and attitude as we elongate certain aspects of the Mass. Events in the life, death and resurrection are highlighted in different ways from the triumphant entrance of our Lord into the holy city of Jerusalem to his staggering journey up to Calvary and the sorrowful footsteps of the women to the tomb on Easter morning. In the days ahead, our prayers will be joyful, sorrowful, and then glorious.

Holy Thursday gives us the time to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and priesthood. Good Friday is the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and on our altar every time we gather for the Mass. Holy Saturday begins in the stillness of Christ in the tomb. A time for our private prayer and reflection. Then the call to life again as Jesus is resurrected from the tomb. We set aside the darkness of Lent and come into his glorious light and life.

Join us if you can for all or at least some of the prayers of Holy Week and reflect on all that Christ has done for you in fulfillment of the Father's Will.

Have a holy week!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com



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.

SAVE THE DATES

**Saturday, March 30 – 10:00 AM – Blessing of Easter Food
11:00 AM – Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

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

Friday, May 17 – CT Sun Basketball trip-see flyer in lobby.

Saturday, June 1 – The local Knights of Columbus #6281 20th Annual Golf Tournament.

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