



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

April 21, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20

4:00 PM Frank Kulina

Sunday, April 21

8:00 AM Leo & Regina Morency

9:30 AM For Vocations

11:00 AM Joseph A. Karmelowicz
Daniel Flynn~*Birthday Blessings*
Kathleen Helmke

Monday, April 22

8:00 AM For the Workers killed on the
Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore
6 – 7 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 AM Peg Shaughnessy
John Eisele

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 AM Joseph A. Klundt Jr.

Thursday, April 25

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, April 26

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

Saturday, April 27

4:00 PM John Cox

Sunday, April 28

8:00 AM Roy Family and the workers killed
on the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore
9:30 AM For Vocations
11:00 AM Joanne Wessling

Our Weekly Offertory

On **April 14**, **533** members and visitors
worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

April 14, 2024, Parish Support:

\$8,507.30	Offertory
\$429.30	Online Giving
\$8,936.60	Total

Thank you for your support!

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.

Baptized in Christ
Caroline Grace Colby



SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are now available for the 2024 Sacred Heart Parish Scholarship. This scholarship is open to any high school senior who is a member of the parish and will be attending an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of this year. Applicants MUST be registered members of the parish, Confirmed and actively involved in living out their faith. Applications and instructions are available in the entrance hall or at the rectory.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life. 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.

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.

Suffield Community Aid Pantry Needs

Lunch Box Snacks, Crackers, Dish Soap,
Shampoo/Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Mayo.

Items will be collected April 20th & 21st.

Thank you, Sacred Heart Human Needs Ministry

BIBLE STUDY

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Third Sunday of EASTER

Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and you will learn the tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 7-June 9, 2024, in Upton, MA

June 21-June 23, 2024, in Huntington, NY

August 2-4, 2024, in Portland, CT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. 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/>.

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.

Help wanted: Saint Therese Parish in Granby is in need of a Parish Secretary. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please call the Parish Office at 860-653-3371

COUNTLESS THANKS: A gracious and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers, student volunteers and parishioners who gave their time, talent and treasure to our Religious Education program this year. Our students and staff at Religious Education say "THANK YOU" again!

REMINDER: **1st Holy Communion Retreat, THIS Saturday, April 27, 2024!** Check your email for details. Thank you!

DATES TO NOTE: 1ST Holy Communion Mass, Saturday, May 4, 2024; Grade 3 Youth Mass and Crowning of Mary, Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 8am.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: 1) All community service should be submitted on completed/signed forms. Forms may be downloaded from our website and are located on the rack outside the Religious Ed office. Thank you! 2) All overdue make up work should be completed and submitted to the Religious Education office. Please note that non-submission of make-up work, community service hours and other requirements affect grade promotion. Thank you!



St. Bernard
Catholic School

232 Pearl Street~Enfield, CT~

(860) 745-5275~ www.sbsenfield.org

Attend Our Upcoming Open House
for

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Monday, April 29, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Call for a tour anytime!

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Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates:

- A big **thank you** to the generous parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for helping Council # 6281 volunteers to raise \$915 with the Tootsie Roll Drive at Easter Sunday Masses.
- Spring clean-up at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hill Street **Saturday, April 27th 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 4th**, 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!
- The 20th Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament at the Suffield Country Club is scheduled for **Saturday, June 1st**. 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

"Beloved, we are God's children now..." This beautiful line from our second reading this weekend reminds us of God's commitment to us as the Loving Father. Through our baptism we are made heirs to the Kingdom and brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Think about that. No matter how young or old; we are God's children. St. John goes on to say that what will come will be even better.

This is a glimpse into what heaven will be. Higher than the angels, we shall be like God and praise God forever. We often think we will become angels when we die. Reinforced by children's books and artwork as well as cartoons—I grew up with Sylvester the cat or Wile E. Coyote turning into angels with wings, harps, and halos after their plans to destroy Tweety Bird or the Road Runner failed drastically. Who could survive that fall off the cliff while carrying a lit bundle of ACME Dynamite and then having that anvil fall on your head?

On a more grown-up note, even the prayers at the cemetery seem to suggest we get our wings in heaven when we pray to God that our dearly departed "may join your angels in heaven." Again, an issue with translation into English, the text means to infer that we join them in praising God for ever in heaven-- alongside the angels.

For me, the worry isn't so much about what heaven will be like so much as, am I going to ever find out! Luckily for me, for all of us, God goes above and beyond to get us there. He sent the Prophets and Moses, and finally His only Son, as our Good Shepherd. Christ guides our earthly journey and leads us home to heaven. We stray at times, we don't move along all the time but always, our Good Shepherd is calling to us, tending to our needs and feeding us with His Sacred Body and Blood.

Beloved we are God's children now. We are Christ's flock now. And if we just cooperate it is going to be even better.

Have a blessed Easter Season!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com

SPRING CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS and support a good cause—our Spring Clothing Drive is happening NEXT WEEKEND: April 27 & 28 after all Masses. Gently used, clean clothes for the warmer months are needed as well as household items such as bed linens and towels. Please label your donations and drop them off at the 4-bay garage after Mass. All items should be received by noon on the 28th. Thank you in advance for your support!

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, April 27 –8AM St Joseph Cemetery Annual Clean Up

April 27 & 28 – Spring Clothing Drive

May 10 – BINGO Night in FR. Ted Hall

May 17 – Trip to Mohegan Sun for CT SUN Basketball WNBA

June 7-9 – Men's Retreat

RETREAT INFORMATION for the Men of the parish!

MEN'S RETREAT JUNE 7-9 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford.

The retreat theme for 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. Last year we doubled the number of men at the retreat compared to the previous year! Let's try to do it again this year, "8 will be Great!"

For more information visit: www.holyfamilyretreat.org