



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.

Summer Hours: June through August: **Saturdays:** 4:00pm **Sundays:** 8:30am and 10:30am

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 after the last Mass. 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

December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM Sheila Beneski

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM Glenn Packard
Thomas & Susan McDermott
9:30 AM Marjorie Lillpopp
11:00 AM Marjorie Lillpopp
John J. Martin

Monday, December 2

8:00 AM John Brechue
Janice Smith
3 – 4 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM Intentions of Annette Doyon(L)
Daniel Sullivan(D)

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 AM Peter Markowski
Helen Leary

Thursday, December 5

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, December 6

8:00 AM Lillian Brechue

Saturday, December 7

4:00 PM Carolyn Stack
Brother Eugene Sheehan

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Peter Beneski
Diane Mballa(L)~Birthday Intentions
9:30 AM Brother Eugene Sheehan
11:00 AM Janice Smith
James H. Wessling

***Apologies for any misspelled names**

Our Weekly Offertory

On **November 24, 563** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

November 24, 2024, Parish Support:

\$6,763.00	Offertory
\$738.25	Online Giving
\$7,501.25	Total

Thank you for your support!

FAIR TRADE SALE

Fair Trade items will be available after all Masses next weekend, 12/7 & 12/8. Please stop by and pick up some items and support the farmers. Great Christmas gifts!

JOIN US THIS Wednesday! Kolędy Polish Christmas

Carols on Wednesday Dec. 4 from 10:15-11:15 AM for our Second Annual Kolędy concert This FREE event will take place in the church and all are welcome to attend. Music provided by local musicians: June Ingram, Eddie Forman, Ed Zieminski, and Jim Turek. Get in to the Christmas spirit and enjoy this beautiful Polish tradition.



Baptized in Christ
Noah Charlie Mangelli



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Closed holidays and school 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT MEET today, Sunday, December 1, 2024, due to Thanksgiving Holiday Recess. Regular schedule for grades K-9 resume next Sunday, December 8, 2024. The Religious Education office will be closed through December 2, 2024, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Have a pleasant and safe holiday.



SAVE THESE SUNDAY DATES! 1) Sunday, December 15, 2024 – “Away in a Manger” Christmas Presentation AND Bake Sale sponsored by Mrs. Lombardo/Mr. Upton’s grade 6 classes. 2) January 12, 2025, Youth Masses at 8am and 9:30am. 3) Our thirteenth annual “Winter Carnival” from 12noon-2:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall on Sunday, January 26, 2025!

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center
31 Colton St. Farmington, CT 06032
Women’s Retreat Weekend
March 21-23, 2025

On the weekend of March 21-23, 2025, the women of our parish are invited to attend a retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. Come away for a weekend of soul soothing rest and be refreshed and renewed in God’s unconditional love and friendship. You will have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women, and to reflect on this year’s theme “I Have Called You Friends.”

Bible Study every Tuesday
at 6:30pm, Fr. Ted Hall

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Ministry **will meet the 1st Monday of each month 4-5 PM** in the Children’s Chapel, Sacred Heart Church.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: First Sunday of Advent:

Thes 3:12-13: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father." You and your spouse can increase your love for one another by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you to grow in intimacy and grow in faith with one another. Check it out! Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 7-February 18, 2025, Virtual 3RE, NY
January 24-26, 2025, in North Easton, MA

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/>.

Come Home for Christmas! Our annual Advent program to pray our loved ones back to the faith will begin next weekend. Simply write the initials or first name of someone who for whatever reason is not practicing the faith, on a star which will be hung on our Christmas trees in the church. We will be praying for them all through the Advent and Christmas seasons in the hopes that they join us for Christmas and remain with us.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:

- Next local Suffield Council # 6281 meeting is scheduled for this **Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 p.m.** (note the special start time) at Father Ted Hall. Prior to this council meeting, members will gather **Sunday, December 1st at 4:00 p.m.** to assemble the creche for the December 8th tree lighting and Carol Sing.
- The Knights of Columbus will host a reception with light refreshments on **December 8th**, following the blessing of the creche, tree lighting ceremony and Carol Sing (**scheduled to start at 5:15 p.m.**). Mark your calendars.
- Santa is Coming to Town on the **1st & 3rd weekends of December**, home visits available (schedule in advance at www.Suffielddonthegreen/Santa).
- Another 4th degree exemplification ceremony has been scheduled for **Saturday, January 11th** at St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, 155 Washington Street, Middletown. Any Suffield Council # 6281 member interested in participating in this event, will need a completed **Form 4 and \$60 payment** (payable to: our Assembly). Please contact our local Grand Knight, Ed McAnaney (at commodore25@sbcglobal.net) for additional information and/or to get the required signature/verification of your 3rd Degree status.

The deadline for your application and reservations is January 6, 2025.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's Advent! The time of peaceful waiting for the Messiah. Find some peace for yourself in the coming weeks. A few moments of prayer and meditation to focus on Christ coming to you this Christmas. Light up your Advent wreath at home and watch the gentle light increase each week (a blessing is included in this bulletin). Pray for each person as you write out their Christmas card or wrap the gift. Maybe you can't get them to pray with you but pray that they pray.

Join us on Monday afternoons if your schedule permits, to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament anytime between 3-4 PM. Feel free to stop by and spend some quiet time in church during the week. It is usually open between 5:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

Help yourself to some of the Advent devotional materials in the vestibule. The "little blue books" from Saginaw Diocese are simple and yet provocative, helping you to have a more prayerful Advent journey. A selection of booklets from Word on Fire publishing is available as well. This series of meditations and reflections for each Advent Day invites you to pray and keep a small journal for spiritual growth.

Have a blessed Advent!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com

Advent Household Prayers:

Week 1: Blessing for the Advent Wreath

Before lighting the first candle, make the sign of the cross and pray-



In the short days and long nights of Advent we realize how we are waiting for deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God's promise.

(optional reading from Isaiah 9:12)

Lord, our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Light the first candle.

***From the Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers, USCCB**

ADVENT begins TODAY!: Prayer/Mediation resources are available in the vestibule as well as online at FORMED.org.

It is a new liturgical year! This is your invitation to participate in our parish liturgies as a reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, altar server or usher. Please check with Fr. Joe for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

December 4th, Wednesday – Kolędy Polish Concert in Church 10:15AM

December 8th, Sunday – 5:15 PM Christmas Carol Sing, Blessing of the Creche & Lighting of the Tree!