



# Sacred Heart Parish

The United Parish Family of Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph

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Website: [SacredHeartCT.com](http://SacredHeartCT.com)

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.

**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

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## Parish Staff

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

**Administrative Assistant:** Jackie Dion email: [SacredHeartSuffield1@gmail.com](mailto:SacredHeartSuffield1@gmail.com)

## Religious Education:

860-668-7766 Fax: 860-370-5164

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

**Assistant :** Jackie Dion email : [reledaa22@proton.me](mailto:reledaa22@proton.me)

## 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)

# December 29, 2024 Holy Family Sunday

## Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM Cpl. Stephen Bixler

## Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM Donald Krajeski  
Dorothy Gogulski

9:30 AM Jeffrey Mandirola

11:00 AM For All Families  
Elisabeth Anne Wessling  
Elaine Swols Miarecki

Intentions of Seminarian Michael Cattelan(L)

## Monday, December 30

8:00 AM Ecce Houenou(L)~*Birthday Intentions*  
Deceased members of the Gilleran Family  
3 – 4 PM Holy Hour

## Tuesday, December 31~New Year's Eve

8:00 AM Jenifer Berardi  
4:00 PM Sacred Heart Parish Family

## Wednesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

9:00 AM Fr. Ted Raczynski

## Thursday, January 2

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

## Friday, January 3

8:00 AM Dorothy Gagnon

## Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM Carolyn Stack  
Frank Reynolds

## Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM Gallagher Family  
Jeanne Basile

9:30 AM Peter Markowski  
Intentions of Ellen Lambert(L)

11:00 AM Seminarian Mitchell Kendrioski(L)

**\*Apologies for any misspelled names**

**Parish office will be closed at Noon on December 31<sup>st</sup> and reopen on January 2. Blessings and Happy New Year †**

**\*Note Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

## Our Weekly Offertory

On **December 22**, 617 members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

December 22, 2024, Parish Support:

\$11,258.75	Offertory
\$399.48	Online Giving
\$11,658.23	Total

*Thank you for your support!*

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)  
 NEW YEAR'S EVE (VIGIL) 4:00 PM ~  
 NEW YEAR'S DAY 9:00 AM  
 PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON ON DEC.  
 31 AND REOPEN ON JAN. 2**  
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*Baptized in Christ  
 Armando Marcello Garlick*



*Please help yourself to our 2025 Parish Calendars provided by our friends at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Services as well as Heritage Funeral Home. We thank them both for their generosity and continued service to our parish family!*

### 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](mailto:shc_dre@sbcglobal.net)

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

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** through January 3, 2025, for the Christmas/New Year Holiday. Voicemail and email will be checked once a day during this period. Classes resume **NEXT Sunday, January 5, 2025**, for grades K-7. Grade 8 and grade 9 resume the following Sunday, January 12, 2025. To all our parish families, a holy, blessed, and safe Christmas/New Year's holiday.



**SAVE THE DATE!** 1) Sunday, January 12, 2025, Youth Masses at 8am and 9:30am. 2) Our thirteenth annual "Winter Carnival" from 12noon-2:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall on Sunday, January 26, 2025! Youngsters and the "young at heart" are invited! Food, fun and entertainment!! 3) February 2025 Look for Family Bingo Night!



## Get to know our resident Seminarian!

### Michael Cattelan

*A little about me, you may have noticed that I am a late vocation, or second career vocation. I am currently attending Pope ST John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, which is for older men and late vocations. I am from the Northwest corner of Connecticut, Canaan. I have lived most of my life there and was driving a truck and moving equipment for an asphalt company before I left for the seminary. I also have two children, Anthony 25, and Sarah 22, both very supportive of me on my new vocation journey. I have a brother, a sister, and a wonderful stepmother, all who live in Connecticut, and a handful of nieces and nephews. I am happy to be here during my time off, and I thank you for making me feel welcomed. Please feel free to ask questions.*

*Thank you,  
Michael*

Can you help a bit more? Suffield Samaritans is a newly formed group of caring citizens who are trying to relieve the burden of victims of Hurricane Helene in North Carolina. Your prayers and support can help provide housing support and basic needs for families who are still trying to rebuild. Drop of gift cards from Home Depot, Walmart or Lowes at Suffield Hardware or Turning Point Wellness Center, 1 Mountain Road, Suite 203 (Dr. Don Ledoux) Visit them on Facebook at Suffield Samaritans.

**Bible Study will be on Christmas Recess until Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> at which time they will resume.**

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **February 7-9, 2025, in Litchfield, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### Save the Date

**Sunday January 12, 6:30-7:30 PM** – Evening of Discernment with Caeli and Jack Flanagan. Prayer and music as we seek to respond to God's love in the new year.

**Wednesday February 19 – Book Club - *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki 10:30-11:30am Fr. Ted Hall.**



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**Suffield Council # 6281**

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

### **Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:**

- Next local Suffield Council # 6281 meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at Father Ted Hall.
- Plan a visit to the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, 1 State Street, New Haven, open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. With **free admission and free parking**, don't miss out on the current special exhibits: **Christmas in Africa, Christmas Tree Festival, and Away in a Manger**, all for your enjoyment from **now until February 2, 2024.**
- Another 4th degree exemplification ceremony has been scheduled for **Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:commodore25@sbcglobal.net)) for additional information and/or to get the required signature/verification of your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree status.

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

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Happy Feast of the Holy Family! This Sunday between Christmas and New Year's sets the foundation for us as members of God's family. Maybe the holiday get togethers were as perfect as a Hallmark Christmas Movie ending or maybe less than perfect. This is the feast of the Holy Family not the "perfect" family. Scripture records for us that incident where Mary and Joseph lost sight of the child Jesus and searched three days before finding him in the temple teaching the elders. They had their moments!*

*Our families may not always be perfect, but they are ours. If we need to change the dynamic to be more holy, then we can start with ourselves no matter how young or old. The nice thing is that we don't go it alone. The Holy Family is there to help us. I can't count how many times my father would pray out loud for us, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph! Help me with these kids!" It was often followed up with a chorus of "fa la la la la." The readings for this feast give us guidelines to hopefully get us through whatever issues we are facing as family in this day and age. On the threshold of a new year and in the middle of our Christmas Season, we can make a resolution to pray each day for God's family. That all of us may grow closer to God through his Son, Jesus our brother and our Savior.*

*Have a Blessed Christmas Season!*

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

***Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us as well as our parish staff and volunteers who helped make it all come together! The Advent Season was a great blessing for our parish and community. All the gifts and food items donated to local charities and our neighbors, to everyone who joined us for the Carol Sing and Tree Lighting, the Polish Christmas Concert, Reconciliation Night, Daily Mass, Come Home for Christmas program, decorating, liturgical ministers and choir members, our students in Religious Education for their Christmas pageant. Hopefully, you were able to participate in some of these events to enhance your connection to our parish and most importantly the Sacred Heart of Jesus!***



The Christmas Season is all too often a season of scams either on the phone through calls, texts, or email. NO member of the parish staff or ANY volunteers will ever call or solicit gift cards or money. Hang up or delete the message. Please report it to the rectory and/or Suffield Police.

**SNOWY WINTER WEATHER?** All our weekday and two of our weekend Masses are live streamed in the event you cannot drive to Mass. You can view them from our Facebook page or website [www.sacredheartct.com](http://www.sacredheartct.com) and make a "Spiritual Communion." If the weather is bad, use your best judgement and BE SAFE!

#### **Formation of Parish Building and Maintenance Committee**

We are excited to be forming a Parish Building and Maintenance Committee dedicated to the maintenance and renovations of the parish property. This initiative aims to ensure that our Parish property remains a welcoming and functional space for all our community activities and events.

The Committee will assist with:

- Assessing the current condition of the Parish Hall, Rectory, Church, and Premises.
- Identifying necessary maintenance and renovation projects.
- Planning and overseeing the execution of these projects.
- Ensuring that all work is completed in a timely and cost-effective manner in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines and policies.

All interested parish members are encouraged to join the committee and contribute their skills and expertise. Whether you have experience in construction, project management, or simply a passion for our parish community, your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact pastoral council member David Sylvestre at [davidctlaw@gmail.com](mailto:davidctlaw@gmail.com) or Fr. Joe to express your interest in joining the Building and Maintenance Committee. All are welcome!