




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

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Keough Email: frjfk@aol.com

Administrative Assistant: Jackie Dion email: SacredHeartSuffield1@gmail.com

Religious Education:

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Director: Miss Donna M. Swols email: shc_dre@sbcglobal.net

Assistant : Jackie Dion email : reledaa22@proton.me

Directors of Music

Floyd Higgins & Gretchen Collins 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

January 5, 2025 The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

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)

Monday, January 6

8:00 AM Phillip Walker
3 – 4 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, January 7

8:00 AM Intentions of Gary & Alaina Campbell(L)

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 AM Stephen Libera

Thursday, January 9

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, January 10

8:00 AM Peter Niro

Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM Jeffrey Mandirola

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM Leo & Regina Morency
Louis Madore
9:30 AM Intentions of Deacon Robert Lambert (L)
11:00 AM Intentions of Father Keough

***Apologies for any misspelled names**

Our Weekly Offertory

On **December 29**, **532** members and visitors
worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

December 29, 2024, Parish Support:

\$14,241.75	Offertory
\$747.39	Online Giving
\$14,989.14	Total

Thank you for your support!

Christmas attendance and offertory

On December 24th and 25th **1,245** members and visitors
worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

The Total Parish Support = \$11,610.75

Thank you for attending and your support!!

Archdiocese of Hartford

Wedding Anniversary Mass

February 15, 2025, at 3:00 pm.

Cathedral of St. Joseph

140 Farmington Avenue

Hartford, CT 06105

Celebrant:

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne

*We invite couples celebrating a milestone
Year in increments of 5 to 60+ years.*

OPEN HOUSE ST BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sunday, February 2, 2025, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm.
St. Bernard School Campus K-8

***232 Pearl Street
Enfield, CT 06082
860-745-5275***

Also, Little Angels Pre School

Sunday, February 2, 2025, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm.

***Early Childhood Campus
424 Hazard Avenue
Enfield, CT 06082
860-745-6135***

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: she_dre@sbcglobal.net

Jackie Dion, Adm. Asst.: reledaa22@proton.me

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY! Classes resume TODAY, Sunday, January 5, 2025, for grades K-7. Grade 8 and grade 9 resume NEXT Sunday, January 12, 2025. Regular office hours resume this Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

NEXT SUNDAY - YOUTH MASS! January 12, 2025 Youth Mass at 8am and 9:30am Mass.

Religious Ed students will participate in both Masses. Hope you will join us!



SAVE THE DATE - WINTER CARNIVAL 2025! Youngsters and the "young at heart" are invited to our thirteenth annual "Winter Carnival" from 12noon-2:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Food, games, and live entertainment by the Around Town Two Singers. Fun for the whole family!



COMING FEBRUARY 2025: Look for Family Bingo Night! Fun, food, and BINGO! Check the bulletin and email for more information...coming soon!

ATTENDANCE POLICY - IMPORTANT: When your child is sick or not able to attend their Religious Education class, please be sure to call or email the Religious Ed office and let us know for attendance records. This is very important! We can also work with you to make arrangements for your child to attend a make-up class, if available. A 48-hour notification is required for a make-up class request outside of illness or emergency. Thank you.

Please keep the church clean!

Please make sure to put your Missalettes and Hymn Books back in their places and remove any items or trash you may have in your pew. Especially at this time of year when illness is prevalent, please put used tissues in the trash. Thank you!

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, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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 off 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

will meet on Monday, Jan 6th at 4 PM in the Children's Chapel, Sacred Heart Church.
Thank you, hope to see you then!

Bible Study Tuesdays 6:30PM in 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 this **Sunday, January 5th 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 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

Following the stars to encounter Christ. This wasn't just a "Magi Thing"! If you stop and think back to the four Sundays of Advent, most of us had a name or two which we added to the gold/silver stars for our "Come Home for Christmas" program again this year. We prayed and some came home. Some have even stayed. I actually had two young people come up and ask how they could become Catholic! The stars work! Maybe it was your adult grandchildren coming to Christmas Mass. Maybe it was a family member deciding it was "just time" to come back. The stars are working! They are working because of the prayers. Maybe this wasn't your experience yet but just trust and keep praying.

The Magi were drawn by the star to find its meaning. The star brought them to the Promised Messiah, not in the royal palace but in the manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. The star led them to a wonderment that led to a life altering event. A prayer for the ages that is still repeated some 2020 plus years later. The movement toward meaning and purpose in our lives; a connectedness to all of creation; an encounter with the Creator. All of which lead them to profound prayer and adoration of God revealed as a Holy Infant. They came and were fulfilled. Awe struck they offered gifts. Now the most famous gifts in history. All because of a star, rising in the east.

Our family members and friends might not see the little stars on our Christmas trees in church but maybe our words of kindness and our witness to the gospel will move them to an encounter with Christ and they will offer the perfect gift, not gold or frankincense or myrrh but their very selves, guided by God's love shared through us.

Have a blessed Epiphany!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com

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.



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.

SWAMPED BY THE 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 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 or Fr. Joe to express your interest in joining the Building and Maintenance Committee. All are welcome!