



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

January 26, 2025 the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 25

4:00 PM Christopher Rossi~Anniversary

Sunday, January 26

8:00 AM Lise Roy

Charles Galetta

9:30 AM Vivian Sullivan

11:00 AM William, Wanda, Frank, Michael
and Jacqueline Bycenski

Monday, January 27

8:00 AM Diane Estrela-Cwikla

3 – 4 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 AM Jerry Nardi

Marilyn Triolo

Wednesday, January 29

8:00 AM Raye Mandirola

Ndjoa Madeleine(L)~Birthday Intentions

Charles Gogulski

Thursday, January 30

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, January 31

8:00 AM Seminarian Mitchell Kendrioski(L)

Special Intention

Saturday, February 1

4:00 PM Carolyn Stack

Bro. Eugene Sheehan OFMCAP

Sunday, February 2

8:00 AM Matthew & Richard Roy

Marcella Galetta

9:30 AM For Vocations

11:00 AM Wanda Bycenski

***Apologies for any misspelled names**

Our Weekly Offertory

On **January 19**, **533** members and visitors
worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

January 19, 2025, Parish Support:

\$9,099.00	Offertory
\$728.55	Online Giving
\$9,827.55	Total

Thank you for your support!

FAIR TRADE

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase after all
Masses next weekend February 1st and 2nd. Please stop by
the table and support the farmers, pick up some items for
Valentine's Day ♥

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.*



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!*

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.

On the weekend of Friday, March 21-Sunday, March 23, the women
of this faith community are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat
Center in Farmington, CT. If women cannot come for the whole
weekend, they are invited to come for the one-day Commuter
Saturday on March 22. Come away and be refreshed and renewed in
God's unconditional love and friendship. Experience more
deeply that you are God's beloved one in whom God delights and
rejoices. (Isaiah 62: 4), and to reflect on this year's theme, "I Have
Called You Friends." For information, call Joanne Szlag, (860) 573-
2581, or go to Our Lady of Calvary's retreat
page <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/i-have-called-fou-friends/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Closed holidays and school vacations.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY! Classes for grades K-7 and grade 9 resume TODAY, Sunday, January 26, 2025. Grade 8 resumes on February 9, 2025.



TODAY! - WINTER CARNIVAL - SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025! Youngsters and the "young at heart" are invited to our 13th annual "Winter Carnival" from 12noon-2:00pm in Fr. Ted Hall TODAY, Sunday, January 26, 2025. Food, games, live entertainment by "Around Town Two Singers" and fun are here.... Proceeds benefit Suffield Community Aid Association Fuel Fund. Come on over and have a good time!

GRADE 2 AND 3 MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: NEXT Sunday, February 2, 2025, at 9:45am and 11:15am in Fr. Ted Hall. At least one parent must attend! Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 22, 2025: FAMILY BINGO NIGHT! Fun, food, and BINGO! Check the bulletin and email for more information coming soon!

CLASS CANCELLATION INFORMATION: Class cancellation is announced on WFSB-Channel 3 TV, WVIT-NBC Channel 30 only. If public school classes are released early or canceled due to severe weather, the Religious Education office is closed.

The Beginning Experience® Ministry is a peer led ministry that serves those grieving the end of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. This winter and spring we are offering two programs, and we invite men and women of all ages and faiths to attend.

Healing Weekend- an in-person weekend retreat at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY from **March 28 to March 30, 2025**. For information or to register please call **Phyllis at 914 261 5812** or **Gloria at 646 281 4790**

In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone- one day remote via Zoom program held on **Saturday, February 22, 2025**, from 9AM to 4PM. For information or to register, please call **Jim at 845 220 7883** or **Denise at 845 325 3147**.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-10: "Ezra, the priest brought the law before the assembly. All the people listened intently to the book of the law. Ezra read from the book and interpreted it so all could understand. Then he said, 'Today is holy to the Lord your God.' Do not be sad and do not weep. Instead, rejoice in the Lord for he is your strength." Would you like to strengthen your marriage? Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help with your communication, teach you many skills, and also help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are:

February 7-9, 2025, in Long Island, NY

March 21-23, 2025, in Burlington, VT

April 25-27, 2025, in East Sandwich, 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://wwmectw.org/>.



**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, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** at Father Ted Hall.
- Last chance to 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**.
- The Knights of Columbus are planning a **Pancake Breakfast** for Sacred Heart Parishioners following the 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. masses on **Sunday, April 13th** in Father Ted Hall. All are welcome to attend this **free-of-charge event, which will have a gluten-free option available**. Donations will be accepted at the door and working with a local group of volunteers, Suffield Samaritans, these funds will be forwarded to a charity in Parrottsville, TN, an area severely impacted by Hurricane Helene.

From the Pastor's Desk

Canon Law and civil law require that every Roman Catholic Parish Corporation have two lay trustees. The role of the lay trustee is to both support and challenge the pastor in the operation of the parish in matters of property and finance. They are the “ex-officio” members of the parish finance and pastoral councils and from time-to-time witness or sign legal documents for both the Church and state. Trustees are supposed to serve a one-year term, renewable for up to four years. However, it sometimes is extended well beyond that for a variety of reasons.

Here at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish Corporation, like most parishes, the good and faithful trustees have not only served longer than the four-year maximum, they served above and beyond the call of duty. Upon my arrival, I asked the parish trustees, Margie Osowiecki, and Janet-Helmke-Elmore to remain on in the transition year and through the finalization of the sale of the St. Joseph property last year. All the time receiving pressure from the chancery to bring on new trustees.

With all that behind us and taking a chance to at least *try* to keep the new archbishop happy, I thank them both from the bottom of my heart for their dedication and support of our parish family and my ministry. As of midnight on January 31, their long terms will come to a close. After prayerful consideration, our new parish trustees, for a term of one year, renewable for four terms, will be Gail Szoka and Mark Sullivan. Please pray for them as they begin this new chapter of our parish, Church, and world history.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Joe Keough frjfk@aol.com

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes (February 3 – 11)

Are you praying for physical or spiritual healing for yourself or someone else? You are invited to **come and pray** the nine-day Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes honoring the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Mary told St. Bernadette, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Our lady also told her where to dig to find a miraculous spring. The water from this spring has cured and healed many people ever since. Through this Novena and intercession, may our prayers be heard and granted. While the intention of this Novena is to be recited following the 8:00 AM weekday masses, you may also participate independently, with copies of the Novena made available in the vestibule of the church.



OPEN HOUSE

January 27 - April 30, 2025

Come sit in on an online or in-person class!

Study all 73 books of the Bible at the New England Catholic Biblical School!

“It was a lot of work, but it was one of the best things I’ve ever done in my life!”

Mary C - Alumni Class of 2024

Register: Visit: NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com
or call 860-242-5573 to speak with Judy Kostelni, Director.

Bible Study Tuesdays 6:30PM in Fr. Ted

Save the Date

February 3rd – 11th - Novena for Our Lady of Lourdes after Morning Mass.

February 8th – St. Valentine’s Get together at Three Figs.

February 9th – Prayer Shawl Ministry Weekend.

Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16 – Holy Land Artisans selling hand crafted olive wood items in Fr. Ted Hall after all Masses.

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

March 21-23 – Women’s Retreat Weekend at Our Lady of Calvary in Farmington.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Will meet every first Monday of the month at 4 PM in the Children’s Chapel-SHC.

Less than 11 months until Christmas