



# 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

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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 6 to 7 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:

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

**Assistant :** Jackie Dion

## 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)

## March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, March 15

4:00 PM Thomas Ziccardi

### Sunday, March 16

8:00 AM Roy Family

Trevor French

9:30 AM Eleanor Manning

Thomas & Rose Modzelesky

11:00 AM Richard L. Evans & Doris P. Evans

### Monday, March 17

8:00 AM Fabiola Bille(L)~Birthday Intentions

6 – 7 PM Holy Hour

### Tuesday, March 18

8:00 AM Fr. Peter Tottleben, O.P.

### Wednesday, March 19

8:00 AM Joseph Biejeck

### Thursday, March 20

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

### Friday, March 21

8:00 AM Lucia Miranda

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 22

4:00 PM Frank Reynolds

Dianne Legg

### Sunday, March 23

8:00 AM For Vocations

9:30 AM For Our Parishioners

11:00 AM Eleanor Fitzgerald and the extended  
Fitzgerald Family.

**\*Apologies for any misspelled names**

## Our Weekly Offertory

On **March 9**, **551** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

March 9, 2025, Parish Support:

<b>\$7,004.50</b>	<b>Offertory</b>
<b>\$334.78</b>	<b>Online Giving</b>
<b>\$7,339.28</b>	<b>Total</b>

*Thank you for your support!*



*Happy Saint Patrick's Day!*

### LENT Mass and Confessions:

*Join us for daily Mass at 8:00 AM Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri.*

*Holy Hour Monday during Lent 6-7 PM*

*Holy ½ Hour Fridays from 7:30 – 8:00 AM*

*Reconciliation Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM and Monday 6-7PM*

*Rosary Tuesday Morning at 7:35 AM*

*Stations of the Cross Fridays 6:30 PM*

*Lenten "Take Home Items" Help yourself to the items on the table in the vestibule: Little Black Books for Lent, Operation Rice Bowl to support Catholic Relief Services Worldwide.*

*The church is open for your private prayer time from about 5:30 AM until 6:00 PM (7:00 on Mondays)*

### St. Joseph's Cemetery clean-up

Annual St. Joseph's Cemetery clean-up is just around the corner. Please be sure to remove any items from the gravesites that you may want to keep. **On Saturday, March 29 all items will be cleared away.** American flags will be replaced in time for Memorial Day. Please spread the word to family members and friends who have loved ones there. Snow date will be April 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Baptized in Christ*

*Sienna Rita Marie D'Amato*



### 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)

Jackie Dion, Adm. Asst.

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



**YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS - THIS FRIDAY!:** March 21, 2025, at 6:30pm in the church. Join the youth of the Religious Education program as they lead the Stations of the Cross for Lent.

**NEXT SUNDAY - YOUTH MASS!:** March 23, 2025, Youth Mass at 8am and 9:30am Mass.

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



**DATES TO NOTE:** Grade 8 Retreat and Youth Mass, Saturday, March 29, 2025; 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Retreat, Saturday, April 6, 2025; 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Service, Saturday, April 12, 2025; 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Retreat, Saturday, April 26, 2025; 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass, Saturday, May 3, 2025; Grade 3 Youth Mass and Crowning of Mary, Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 8am.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS 2024-2025:** Grades 7-10, don't forget about your community service hours! Completed service forms should be submitted to the Religious Education office no later than April 1, 2025. Forms may be downloaded from our website or find copies in our pamphlet rack outside of the Religious Ed office. Thank you!

### Bible Study Tuesdays 6:30PM in Fr. Ted Hall.

The March 21-March 23 Women's retreat at Our Lady of Calvary in Farmington, CT has been cancelled due to lack of enrollment from a group of parishes. You are invited to attend the retreat on Friday, March 28-Sunday March 30. One day Commuter Saturday retreat is March 29. This year's theme is "I Have Called You Friends." There is limited time to register. For more information or to register, go to [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net), or call Our Lady of Calvary at (860) 677-8519 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### Suffield Community Aid Pantry Needs

Baked Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna and Chicken, Canned Stew or Winter Soups, Small Laundry Detergent, Coffee/Tea, Mayonnaise.

**Items will be collected March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank you, Sacred Heart Human Needs Ministry**

### 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!

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward.

- Since 1997, Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over \$22 million in funding to community-based local charities throughout Hartford, New Haven, and Litchfield Counties to assist them in their important work of serving the needs of God's people. In 2024, we were able to provide over \$1,000,000 to over 160 various organizations, nominated by pastors, across the Archdiocese.

- Organizations such as Suffield Community Aid, right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors. 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.



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**Suffield Council # 6281**

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

### Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:

- The Connecticut (Hartford) March for Life will be held on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**. The **rally** is scheduled for 12:00 noon at the Capitol, with the **march** to follow **beginning at 1:00 p.m.** Various Knights of Columbus councils are sponsoring bus trips to the March, with the closest one being Enfield. For information on attending by personal car or for anyone wishing to register for one of the sponsored busses, please consult the following website <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut/>.
- Spring clean-up at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hill Street has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** (rain date April 5, 2025). Please have all personal items cleared from the cemetery grounds prior to this date. Suffield Council # 6281 members wishing to help on this day are welcome.
- Suffield Council # 6281 will again be sponsoring holiday **Fruit Baskets** for our fellow parishioners who are homebound. If **interested in helping** to prepare the baskets on **April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** or subsequently assist in the home delivery of the baskets, please **contact Craig Tini at 860.888.6697**.
- Suffield Council # 6281 will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our youngsters on the Sacred Heart Parish church grounds. Please plan to join in the fun scheduled for **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** Anyone interested in helping for this event should **contact Anthony Mandrola at [anthonymandrola@gmail.com](mailto:anthonymandrola@gmail.com)**.

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph (patron of the Archdiocese of Hartford and some great pastors). For many years now we have used the occasion of this feast to celebrate the many outstanding volunteers in parishes throughout the archdiocese. This Sunday, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph our parish will honor another one of our members who offers a great deal of time and talent for our parish. While it is never an easy task to pick just one from a group of so many, I am happy to announce that this year's recipient is Tracey Michael.

Tracey is a dedicated volunteer for Religious Education. She has given countless hours to help our parish children learn their faith as well as offering assistance in the Religious Education office. Wife, mother, friend and most importantly, a disciple of Christ, Tracey has gone "above and beyond" for our Sacred Heart Parish Family!

Please join me in congratulating her and thanking all our volunteers for their service to our parish!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Joe Keough

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**OPERATION RICE BOWL** the Lenten practice of alms giving for Catholic Relief Services. Containers are available in the vestibule. Please consider supporting this vital service for so many of our brothers and sisters around the world who depend on CRS for food, shelter, health care and educational opportunities at a time when it is so desperately needed. Your pocket change can literally change the world for a person in need.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** Please use these guidelines for a more effective Lenten journey.  
Fasting and abstaining from meat: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
Abstaining from meat: the Fridays of Lent

#### **Save the Date**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** Connecticut March for Life.

**March 21 - 23** – Special Collection for Suffield Samaritans.

**March 28-30** – Women's Retreat Weekend at Our Lady of Calvary in Farmington.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – St. Joseph Cemetery Clean Up.

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** – Free **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**April 9-11** – Combined Parish Lenten Mission at St. Robert Church, Windsor Locks.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Book Club Meets 10:30-11:30AM-Fr. Ted Hall, *Conclave* by Robert Harris.

#### **Special Collection to Benefit the Families in Tennessee and North Carolina**

There will be a **special second collection** during each of the masses for the **March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** weekend to benefit families severely impacted by Hurricane Helene. The Suffield Knights of Columbus Council # 6281 has agreed to **match all parishioner donations** received during the weekend or subsequent March 30<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast up to a maximum of \$5,000 with all funds collected to be forwarded to a charity in Parrottsville, TN. This charity has been working with a Suffield based group of volunteers, **Suffield Samaritans**, serving as the local onsite coordination for the ongoing relief efforts to assist a group of Tennessee and North Carolina families to get back on their feet. For tax purposes, personal check donations should be made payable to **Suffield Knights of Columbus**.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus are planning a **Pancake Breakfast** for Sacred Heart Parishioners following the 8:00am & 9:30am Masses on **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** in Fr. 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 in support of Hurricane Helene Survivors. Suffield Council #6281 members interested in helping with this event should contact Brian Kruczek at 203-886-8884 or [BK60611@Gmail.com](mailto:BK60611@Gmail.com).