



Pope Francis

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Sacred Heart Parish

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Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Office Closed on Friday



April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 26

4:00 PM Jean Dunn
Alyssa Melita(L)~*Birthday Intentions*

Sunday, April 27

8:00 AM Thomas Ziccardi
9:30 AM Ann Demers
11:00 AM Paul, Elaine, Howie Ford

Monday, April 28

8:00 AM Intentions of Seminarians
Nicholas Chapman & Michael Cattelan
6 – 7 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, April 29

8:00 AM Judith Ehongo(L)~*Birthday Intentions*

Wednesday, April 30

8:00 AM Richard "Dick" Panko

Thursday, May 1

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, May 2

8:00 AM Deacon Robert Lambert(L)~*Intentions*

Saturday, May 3

4:00 PM David Winters
Ellen Mastorakis(L)~*Birthday Intentions*
Carolyn Stack

Sunday, May 4

8:00 AM Leo & Regina Morency
Margaret Beneski
Cpl. Stephen Bixler
9:30 AM Wladyslaw "Walter" Data~*1st Anniversary*
Bertha Lawson
Fr. Joseph F. Keough~*Anniversary of Ordination*
11:00 AM Edward Markowski
Robert Markowski
Donna Markowski

***Apologies for any misspelled names**

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!

Our Weekly Offertory

On **April 20**, **1,315** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

April 20, 2025, Parish Support:

\$7,002.52	Offertory
\$562.55	Online Giving
\$7,565.07	Total

Thank you for your support!

2025 SACRED HEART PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Seniors who will be attending an advanced education program in September and have been Confirmed and **are active members** of the parish family may apply.

ATTENTION: CATHOLIC MEN are you interested in learning more about your faith and how to best share it with your family? We are forming a Men of Faith Group to talk about the topics important to men of all ages. A casual setting at a time that works for everyone's hectic schedule. Share your ideas with Fr. Joe on what you might be interested in at frjfk@aol.com and let's see what we can do together in faith.

SAVE THE DATE

May 5th – 8:00 AM Mass *May Crowning*

May 13th – 6:30 PM Outdoor Rosary

May 24th – Dustin Doyon Memorial Road Race

June 18th – Book Club 10:30-11:30AM

Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict

Tuesdays – *Bible Study* 6:30 PM - Fr. Ted Hall

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@sbeglobal.net

Jackie Dion, Adm. Asst.

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

DATES TO NOTE: 1ST Holy Communion rehearsal, **THIS** Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 6pm in the church; 1ST Holy Communion Mass, Saturday, May 3, 2025; Grade 3 Youth Mass and Crowning of Mary, Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 8am.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: 1) All community service should have been submitted on completed/signed forms as of April 1st. 2) All overdue make up work should have been completed and submitted to the Religious Education office no later than April 13, 2025, in addition to any other outstanding requirements. Non-submission of make-up work, community service hours and other requirements affect grade promotion. Thank you!

2025-2026 REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration information for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year will be available June, 2025. This will be for both new and returning students. Please note that families/students must register each year for Religious Education at Sacred Heart as well as being a registered member of the parish. Thank you.

Please keep the children of our 2025 First Holy Communion Class in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time, this coming Saturday. May God always be a special part of their lives!

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CELEBRATED LENT AND HOLY WEEK WITH US THIS YEAR! Thanks also to everyone who worked on making it a prayerful success—from the servers, readers, musicians, ushers/greeters, to the cleaners and flower arrangers and Ministers of Holy Communion, the Knights of Columbus and the Easter Bunny! An arrangement of photos throughout the Lenten Season and Holy Week are on the video boards and our parish Facebook page.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL the Lenten practice of alms giving for Catholic Relief Services. **Please return your Rice Bowl by April 30th. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish and mark it "Rice Bowl" on the memo line.**



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:

- A big **thank you** to the generous parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for helping Council # 6281 volunteers raise \$967.31 for individuals with intellectual disabilities during the Tootsie Roll Drive conducted over the Easter Weekend Masses.
- Local council members will again participate in HomeFront on **Saturday, May 3rd**, when volunteers will report to one of three local residential properties for a day of repairs or maintenance for a low-income homeowner. All tools and expertise will be provided, just arrive ready for work! Anyone interested in being part of this worthy one-day project please contact Ed McAnaney at (860) 668-2000 for sign up details.
- Next Suffield Council # 6281 Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.** in Father Ted Hall.
- The 21st Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament at the Suffield Country Club is scheduled for **Saturday, June 7th**. Net profits for this event will be used to support scholarships for graduating seniors. Parties interested in registering to play (\$150 individual), funding a corporate sponsorship at the level of \$100, \$250, \$650 or \$1,500, or volunteering to help out on the day of the tournament, please contact Craig Tini at (860) 888-6697 for more information.

From the Pastor's Desk

“Sede Vacante” The seat is vacant, refers to the time from the death of the Pope until his replacement is seated upon the Chair of St. Peter. Now, for the 266th time in our history, the Church waits for the Holy Spirit to bring forth our new Holy Father.

The death of Pope Francis has shaken the world. He seemed to be gaining his health and strength after the recent hospitalization and bouts of pneumonia. Easter Sunday the world watched him on the balcony as his “Urbi et Orbi” message to the “City and the World” was delivered. The message was a message of hope as were so many of his writings. He invited the world to embrace the hope of Christ’s victorious resurrection and reminded us all that evil no longer has the upper hand.

“The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ—crucified and risen from the dead—hope does not disappoint (cf, Rom 5:5). That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us.”

The Holy Father recognized the presence of evil still in the world and as has been a tradition for many popes in the modern era, used this speech to call attention to the tragedies that many of our sisters and brothers face in the present day. From domestic violence to global conflicts, neglect and abuse. He challenged each of us to bring the message of Christ’s hope back into the world. He then blessed the great throng of people in St. Peter’s Square and moved among them in the “Pope-Mobile”. A close up of the Holy Father on the balcony showed him struggling to make the sign of the cross. His hands swollen and feeble, the Chief Shepherd continued to do his work of blessing God’s flock.

His message continued: “All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of life.”

Early the next morning, he would reach out in confident hope to the God he served so faithfully and placed his feeble hands in God’s strong and mighty hand to let himself be raised up and set out on his final journey with the risen Jesus. A pilgrim of hope and a witness of the victory of love and the disarmed power of life.

May eternal light shine upon him O, Lord. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace! Amen.

Fr. Joe Keough

Highlighted text from the “Urbi et Orbi” Message of His Holiness Pope Francis, Easter 2025 Saint Peter’s Square



Keep Seminarian Mike in your prayers as he heads back to the seminary on Sunday to finish up his semester—writing papers and taking exams! If he doesn’t get elected Pope (it could happen), he will be back with us for the summer beginning May 10th. Pray for all the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Hartford as they journey toward priestly service for you and your family.