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**Kickoff Weekend:
February 14 - 15, 2026**

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February 15, 2026 the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Tabernacle Candle this week burns in Memory of *Our deceased Parishioners.*



Saturday, February 14

4:00 PM Jennifer Portella

Sunday, February 15

8:30 AM Trevor French

10:30 AM Ruth Mlinek

Monday, February 16

8:00 AM Art Boulay~50th Anniversary

3 – 4 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Ehongo Family.

Wednesday, February 18~Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Intentions of John Marcin(L)

6:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Thursday, February 19

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, February 20

8:00 AM For Vocations

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 21

4:00 PM Christopher Rossi~Heavenly Birthday

Sunday, February 22

8:30 AM Gallagher Family

10:30 AM Jennifer Portella

***Apologies for any misspelled names**



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Please keep Our Church clean!

Please put Missalettes & Hymn Books back in their places and remove any items you may have in your pew. Thank you!

Our Weekly Offertory

On **February 8, 497** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

February 8, 2026, Parish Support:

\$5,060.17	Offertory
\$662.25	Online Giving
\$5,722.42	Total

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

February 18th – **Ash Wednesday** Day of Fasting and Abstinence (no meat)

February 18th – Book Club-Fr. Ted Hall – 10:30-11:30AM

The Dictionary of Lost Words

February 20th – Stations of the Cross

February 28th – **FAMILY BINGO** Night

March 15th – Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Tuesdays at 6:30 – *Bible Study* ~ Fr. Ted Hall.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now under way in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese.

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.**

Please respond as generously as your means allow. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Office hours: Monday 4pm-6pm and by appointment only

Closed holidays and school vacations

Donna Swols, DRE: she_dre@aol.com (temporary)

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

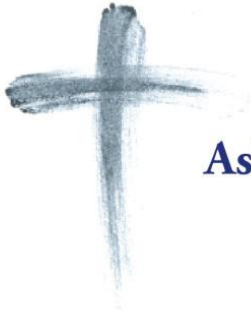


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT MEET this week due to the Presidents' Day holiday. Classes for grades K-7 and 9 resume on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Grade 8 resumes on Sunday, March 15, 2026, with their year-end retreat. Have a safe holiday.



BINGO NIGHT! - FEBRUARY 28, 2026: Fun, food and BINGO! Get ready for a great evening for all our parish families!!! Don't forget to send for your tickets! Flyers are available in the lobby with all the information. Last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

DATES TO NOTE: Youth Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 6, 2026 at 6:30pm; Family Lenten Retreat, Saturday, March 14, 2026; Youth Mass, Sunday, March 15, 2026; Grade 8 Retreat, Sunday, March 15, 2026; 1st Reconciliation Retreat, Saturday, March 21, 2026; 1st Reconciliation Service, Saturday, March 28, 2026; 1st Holy Communion Retreat, Saturday, April 25, 2026; 1st Holy Communion Mass, Saturday, May 2, 2026; Grade 3 Youth Mass and Crowning of Mary, Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 8:30am.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

St. Bernard School is looking for a full-time substitute teacher for our 4th grade classroom teacher for April - June 2026. We pride ourselves on building a family community with our students, parents, and staff in a warm, nurturing, respectful, spiritual, and academic environment. If interested in please contact Mrs. Charlene Mongillo, principal of St. Bernard School, at 860-745-5275 or principal@sbsenfield.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-16 "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand." Choose to do God's will and choose to trust in Him. God will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better. Choose to Love by signing up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:

February 27-March 1, Huntington Seminary, Huntington, NY
March 13-15, 2026, Windjammer Best Western, South Burlington, VT

April 17-19, 2026, Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY
April 24-26, 2026, Corpus Christi Parish, East Sandwich, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, on weekends and 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 wwme.org.



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Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:

- Next local Knights of Columbus Council #6281 monthly meeting is scheduled for **March 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** Father Ted Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus are planning a **Pancake Breakfast** for Sacred Heart Parishioners following the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. masses on **Sunday, March 15th** in Father Ted Hall. Suffield Council # 6281 members interested in helping on this day should contact Brian Kruczek at 203.886.8884 or BK60611@Gmail.com. All are welcome to attend this **free-of-charge event** and there **will be a gluten-free option available**.

From the Pastor's Desk

It is Mardi Gras time, getting ready for Fat Tuesday! All of which leads us to Ash Wednesday and Lent. All of this is important as we prepare to "Return to the Lord with all our hearts." The theme of Lent for us this year is to bring hearts filled with joy and sorrow, faith and doubt, gratitude, and hunger back to our Lord, not just for forty days but forever!

Give some consideration to the season. Don't ask "what do I have to give up this Lent?" ask instead, "what do I want to become this Lent?"

You have a few days to think about it, pray about it, and then plan it out. Use the help of the parish, the Little Black Books are available this weekend, join us for daily Masses if you can, pray the Stations of the Cross with us. Receive the grace of Reconciliation during Lent.

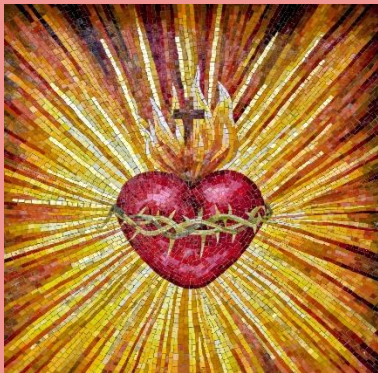
For our younger members there are some coloring pages and other activities on the table near the sacristy. "Fish Stick Fridays" were a big deal in our home growing up (in spite of that, I remained Catholic). Have them wear something purple when they come to church during Lent. Find some prayerful activities to do as a family through our parish subscription on FORMED.org.

The insert in this weekend's bulletin has some Lenten Guidelines on one side and the Ash Wednesday info on the other to help you and your family move in the right direction.

Return to the Lord with all your heart! May you have a better Lent, a better heart, and a better life!

God bless!

Fr. Joe Keough



MOST SACRED HEART of JESUS: From the USCCB, "The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated that in observance of the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, our nation should be consecrated the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart has developed over the centuries following the experiences of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the apparitions she witnessed in the seventeenth century. Popes have lauded the practice of consecration of the self, home, and even whole nations to the Sacred Heart.¹ In his encyclical instituting the Solemnity of Christ the King, Pope Pius XI, drawing on the teaching of Pope Leo XIII,² commended the "pious custom" of consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a way to recognize the kingship of Christ.³ By celebrating this important national anniversary with this devotion, we have the opportunity to encourage all Catholics to honor our Lord and to "infuse the spirit of the Gospel into various communities and departments of life."⁴ The national consecration will take place on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart which this year is June 12."

As we prepare for this national event, let us foster a renewed devotion to the Sacred Heart here in the parish. Throughout the coming year there will be information regarding the history and development of this devotion, the divine favors imparted to individuals and groups dedicated the Sacred Heart as well as devotional and educational experiences.

MASS INTENTIONS: Archbishop Coyne has decided that beginning January 1, 2026, all parishes in the Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Hartford (consists of Hartford, Bridgeport, Norwich, and Providence diocese) will have the same system of Mass intentions. The stipend (offering) will be the same for Sunday/Holiday and weekdays, which will be \$15.00 per Mass. There will be **only one intention per Mass** and one Mass per week to be a "Pro-Populo" Mass or "For the People".

To honor the memory of loved ones who have passed, you can dedicate the ***Tabernacle Candle (Sanctuary Lamp)***. For a \$50.00 donation, the tabernacle candle for that week will be noted in the bulletin "In loving Memory of *****". There will be only one name or family each week. Call the Parish Office to schedule a week for your memorial.