



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:** 8:30am 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 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 (Fall-Spring 3-4PM), Fridays 7:30 to 8 AM

Rosary: First Sunday of the Month 8:00 AM

Parish Prayer Line: Shc.prayerline@yahoo.com attention Diane.

Parish Staff

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

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

Religious Education:

860-668-7766 Fax: 860-370-5164

Director: Miss Donna M. Swols email: shc_dre@aol.com (Temporary)

Assistant : Jackie Dion

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

August 16, 2026 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Tabernacle Candle this week burns in Memory
and Honor of **Pat Bland**



At the request of Paul & Linda Formanek

Saturday, August 15

9:00 AM Mass for Assumption
4:00 PM Tom Thayer

Sunday, August 16

8:30 AM Harold Butler
10:30 AM Alix Stearns(L)~*Birthday Wishes*

Monday, August 17

8:00 AM Cpl. Stephen Bixler
6 – 7 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 AM Kirby Strole

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 AM Thomas Modzelesky

Thursday, August 20

8:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, August 21

8:00 AM Dustin Doyon and 9 Brother Soldiers~
Anniversary

Saturday, August 22

4:00 PM Ann Marie Mariani

Sunday, August 23

8:30 AM Lise Roy
10:30 AM Mr. Varghese

***Apologies for any misspelled names**

Our Weekly Offertory

On **August 9**, **526** members and visitors
worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

August 9, 2026, Parish Support:

\$7,208.30	Offertory
\$519.42	Online Giving
\$7,727.72	Total

Thank you for your support!



Parish Support made easy: Online giving is
always available (and safe). Visit our website
for information at www.sacredheartct.com or
scan the QR Code in this bulletin for My E-
Offering. Thank you for your generous support!

SAVE THE DATE

August 20th – Jesus Wept Ministry meets 6:00 PM

August 21st – Altar Server Training

August 21st – Youth Ministry

September 8th – Men's Group 7:00PM in the Rectory

September 12th & 13th – Fair Trade Sale

September 12th & 13th – Suffield on the Green

September 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary Devotion

September 18th – Bingo Night

September 19th – **10:00AM** Confirmation Ceremony at the
Cathedral of St. Joseph

September 26 & 27 – Sr. Regina, Maranatha Caring Mission Appeal

October 7th–12th – Pilgrimage to Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

October 10th – CT Catholic Men's Conference

October 18th – **Incredible** Pancake Breakfast

October 24th – Barn Dance

PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

NAME/s: _____

(Please include all family member names and children's age)

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next
Encounter dates are listed below. For more dates and info go
to wwme.org:

**August 28-30, 2026, Holy Family Retreat House, West Hartford,
CT**

September 18-20, 2026, Huntington Seminary, Huntington, NY

October 6-27 (Virtual), Coastal New England-2 nights a week

Registration limited; \$100 application fee. For more information or
to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447
or wwme.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Summer office hours: By appointment only

Closed holidays and school vacations.

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

Jackie Dion, Adm. Asst.

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



JOIN US FOR A SUMMER SOCIAL: Come on over for a SUMMER SOCIAL after Sunday Masses, September 6, 2026, sponsored by the Religious Education program! Stop by Fr. Ted Hall after the 8:30am or 10:30am Mass and enjoy a treat or two and take a break from a busy day! See you then!

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION 2026-2027: Religious Education re-registration and new registration is underway. (Update) Last day to re-register/register is Monday, September 7, 2026. Note that **all** requirements, i.e., make-up work, service hours, etc., **must** be completed before registrations will be accepted. For **new** students, **all** documentation including sacramental information, etc. must be received prior to acceptance in the program. Please note that families/students must register each year for Religious Education at Sacred Heart as well as being registered, active parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. Please look in your mailbox for registration information. Questions? Contact the DRE at shc_dre@aol.com Thank you!

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

We can't thank you enough for your gift of \$1,836 towards our school supply collection. These funds make a huge difference since we use them to purchase specific age-appropriate items schools request, and it allows our children to have the same materials as their peers.

We are so grateful for your ongoing and steadfast support throughout the year. We simply could not do what we do without your support.

Warmly,
Mary, Beth and Lauren at SCA

Jesus Wept Ministry:

This ministry is intended to provide spiritual support, fellowship, and encouragement through faith, sharing, prayer, and Scripture reflection. God is in charge of our healing and will bring it to completion, here or on our way to heaven. Please join us; grief is healing when it is expressed.



HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER- MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND SEPT 25-27, 2026

Peace, unity, and harmony are all things we desire in our lives, especially as we experience division in society, the Church, and our relationships. Our retreat theme for this season, **With One Heart**, will explore how our Christian faith calls us to resist division and to live as one in the love of God. The biblical image of being "of one heart" expresses a deep sense of harmony, shared purpose, and mutual belonging. It points to a way of life in which we move beyond our differences and seek the common good as members of one community.

For more information, contact Scott Flanagan-
safanagan68@gmail.com or 860-794-3809.

Visit holyfamillyretreat.org/themed-retreats for more info and to register or call us at 860.760.9705. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford, CT.

ATTN HIGH SCHOOLERS!!!

Summer is winding down. School is coming back. And before all that kicks in — there's a Friday night, a fire, food, and a new community forming right here at Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart Parish is launching a brand-new monthly gathering for high school teens — and the very first event is a **Bonfire on Friday, August 21st at 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Church.**

No program. No lecture. No awkward icebreakers from 2009.

Just a fire, good food, and a real chance to connect with other teens from the parish before the school year begins. This is a place where you actually belong — where you can ask real questions, have honest conversations, and figure out what your life is actually for.

Come once. See if it's for you.

For any questions, reach out to Anthony Mandrola (anthonymandrola@gmail.com)



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Suffield Council # 6281

Anthony Mandrola, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:

- The Suffield Council # 6281 will again be working with the Suffield Rotary Club to host the Annual **Suffield on the Green** weekend. Anyone interested in volunteering to help by working at the Information Booth, handing out train ride tickets, or in some other way on **Saturday, September 12th and/or Sunday September 13th** are asked to contact Brian Kruczek at 203.886.8884 or BK60611@Gmail.com.
- Attention all Suffield Council # 6281 members, come help make the Knights of Columbus booth(s) set up easier for the Annual Suffield on the Green weekend planned for **Thursday, September 10th (meet at church garage at 5:00 p.m.)** and/or take down on **Monday, September 14th (meet at Town Green at 5:00 p.m.)**. Check your recent Council # 6281 emails for access to the SignUpGenius software link to assist with coordination of resources.

From the Pastor's Desk

In a world where everyone seems so divided, our readings this weekend speak to us of inclusion. Our nation and sadly even our families seem to be torn apart by misunderstanding, fear and even hatred. We have lost the ability to have conversations without argumentation. Disagreement leads to immediate hatred and exclusion instead of a longing for mutual respect and understanding. This is very human, some may say. Humanity at its lowest point, maybe.

The readings remind us that the God who created us, never ceases to bring us together as one family created by God, redeemed by Jesus Christ and alive in the Holy Spirit. Take some time to pray for the person or group of people you might currently have a misunderstanding or outright hatred. While you can find many members of society to support and fuel that anger, you won't find a God who will justify that hatred. Pray to see in others what God sees in them. Maybe the yelling, name calling, and violence will cease when we allow ourselves to be overcome with God's love. This is very God like. This should bring us and all of humanity to our highest point—union with our God and every being created.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Joe Keough

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**YOU HELPED SAVE THE LIFE OF A PRIEST!** For months now we have been praying for Fr. Josh Wilbur, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford was in desperate need of a liver donor. Our prayers were answered as Fr. Josh received a liver transplant last week and is now recovering from the surgery. Fr Josh extends his heartfelt thanks to the many parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford and beyond for all the prayers and support!

**HELP WANTED:** Altar Servers are needed! Students in Grades 4 and up are invited to assist with the weekend Masses as altar servers. An introduction and training will take place on Friday, August 21 at 3 PM in the church. The session will take no more than an hour. Little known fact, kids who were altar servers generally get the best seats in church and in heaven.

**Suffield on the Green is coming up soon. You can be part of the BEST booth on the green this year by assisting at our parish booth AKA the Train Station! Sign-up sheets coming soon!**

Please keep Our Church clean!  
Please put Missallettes & Hymn Books back in their places and  
remove any items you may have in your pew. Thank you!

Traveling this summer? Check out the churches near your destination at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult looking for the sacraments of Baptism/Communion/Confirmation? The process of faith formation for adults will be starting soon. For more information, please contact Fr. Joe at the parish office (after his vacation) or email [frjfk@aol.com](mailto:frjfk@aol.com)



### **Sacred Heart Parish First Sunday Rosary**

Would you like to lead an upcoming First Sunday Rosary? Any member of the Sacred Heart Family may participate in this spiritual opportunity. To be scheduled to lead a future First Sunday Rosary (prayed at 8:00 before the 8:30 AM Mass), please contact Fr. Joe or Caroline Alexopoulos ([alexjr4@cox.net](mailto:alexjr4@cox.net)).