

Sacred Heart Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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Office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Daily Mass Schedule
8:00 A.M. (Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday)

Holy Days:
8 a.m. & 12:10 p.m..

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 P.M.- 4:15 P.M.
or anytime by appointment.

Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield

Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift

(Mt 10:8)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 1 4:30 p.m.	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Paula & Jack Van Wart By Larry & Mary Laureno
Sunday, August 2 8:00 a.m.	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vincent Chidozie & Family By Vincent Chidozie
10:15 a.m.	Jana Spacek By Victor Spacek
Monday, August 3 8:00 a.m.	Weekday People of the Parish
Tuesday, August 4 8:00 a.m.	St. John Vianney Frank & Jane Thalle By Gregg Thaller
Wednesday, August 5	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major No morning Mass
Thursday, August 6 8:00 a.m.	Transfiguration of the Lord Kathryn Paliwoda By Colleen Paliwoda
Friday, August 7 8:00 a.m.	St. Sixtus II & St. Cajetan Julie & Louie Bazzano By Cynthia Bazzano
Saturday, August 8 4:30 p.m.	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kimberlyee O'Neil and Fidalgo, O'Neill and Jones families By Linda John O'Neil
Sunday, August 9 8:00 a.m.	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Lucien Voyer By Mary Voyer

Adoration

of the
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, August 4th for Adoration and the Rosary. There will also be adoration on Friday, August 7th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.



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**TAKE A
TOUR
TODAY!**

BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Over the next two weeks we will be collecting back to school supplies for the children serviced by the Cathedral of St. Joseph's Pantry. We are asking for backpacks, Writing supplies: pencils, pens, markers, pencil sharpener, colored pencils; Paper and notebooks; Organization items like folders, binders, dividers, pencil cases, index cards; Arts and Craft supplies such as glue sticks, white glue, crayons, watercolor paints, sketch books; Daily use items: tissues, hand sanitizer, clear tape and staplers. Please drop your items in the boxes at the back of the church by August 16th. Thank you for your help.

A Thought for the Day



Deacon Santos

“What will separate us from the love of Christ?”

“Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loves us. For I am convinced

that neither death, nor life, nor angles, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:35,37-39

This week’s second reading is a source of great hope in our lives, but also an opportunity for self-reflection. There is nothing in this world that can separate us from the love of God. We are made by God to personally know our Father (yes, and Son and Holy Spirit) for all eternity.

Life is full of anxiety and distress, but as painful and debilitating as these can be, God is there with us. We are never alone. Persecution is something we all have experienced in life. In fact, it is difficult to be a lover of God who fully practices the Catholic faith without experiencing persecution to one degree or another.

To be without food, clothing or any of the necessities of life does not separate us from God. We know that God loves all his children. God doesn’t favor one over another because of their possessions. Having abundant possessions doesn’t indicate God has bestowed His blessing upon us. In fact, sometimes God will let us have all we desire in the world in order that we might understand how we truly have nothing if we do not give God the highest place in our lives. Without God at the center of our lives all the designer clothes, new cars, mansions are just a vast empty pit of hopelessness.

“No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us.”

Nothing will separate us from God.

Even death and the fallen angels cannot separate us from our loving Father. Neither can our past. This is worth repeating and letting it sink into our soul, **NOT EVEN OUR PAST CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST!!**

The only thing that has the power to separate us from God is ourselves. Even this, because Jesus took on human nature and died for each one of us individually and personally, can be overcome!

As long as we have breath in our body we can turn away from the garbage and distractions we center our life on and turn back toward God. Unfortunately, this is often easier said than done. We all know the sure path to return to God and embrace His love is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To humble ourselves before God through His priest who is “but a screen door between us and God.” Nobody can do this for us. Nobody can stop us from reuniting with God but us.

This can be the day that we use our calendar for something very important, something that will help us live a life embraced in love and give us the power of God to help others do the same. Pull out your calendar, be it on your phone or on paper and schedule the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How often? Follow the Blessed Virgin’s advice and schedule it at least once a month.

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 10, 2026., Holy Cross Catholic High School, Waterbury, CT

Rebuild My Church Christ’s charge to St. Francis from the Cross

Register at CTCATHOLICMEN.org

PREVIOUS WEEK’S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly: \$ 3,328.00
On-Line: \$ 632.00
Total Received: \$ 3,960.00
Budgeted: \$ 5,000.00

*Thank
you!*



POPE LEO ON X

Firmly rooted in the Word of Jesus, reading the Gospel every day, never stop dreaming of a land where there is peace and fraternity, nor stop looking at the world with wonder, nor stop facing the future with the light of hope. Do not let anything or anyone steal your hope.



Offerings from the New England Catholic Biblical School

THE PSALMS: CHALLENGING AND TRANSFORMING PRAYER

September 12, 9-3PM Northwest Catholic High School. Lunch included with admission.

Dr. Harry Nasuti, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at Fordham University, will present

on the book of Psalms and its relationship to prayer, the liturgy, and Catholic life.

Sponsored by the New England Catholic Biblical School. Email Dayanee.olivieri@aohct.org to register today.

Advanced Biblical Studies

The New England Catholic Biblical School is accepting applications for its Certificate Program in Advanced Biblical Studies program. Multiple class times and locations are available for those seeking scholarly and spiritual instruction on the Sacred Scriptures. Go to; archdioceseofhartford.org for more information or to apply for the September 12 start.

From Darkness to Light, the Heart of John's Gospel

Mini course on the Gospel of John. Tuesday mornings, 10-11:30 at the Pastoral Center in Bloomfield beginning September 22nd. Email: Dayanee.olivieri@aohct.org to register today. The spirituality of this beautiful Gospel unfolds ever so gradually as we meet and interact with each character in relationship with Jesus as he carries out his mission with the authority of the Father and the empowering presence of the Spirit. It is the abiding presence of that Spirit which sustains him despite the ferocious opposition against him, and it is this Spirit that will continue to sustain each one of us as we live in constant struggle with the powers of this world.



Young Catholic Professionals Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Game

Join YCP Central CT for a night at Dunkin' Park in Hartford for a good old Yard Goats game! The Hartford Yard Goats will be playing the Somerset Patriots. Be sure to stay to enjoy the fireworks after the final pitch! **CP Belong Members:** Complimentary ticket **Non-members:** Discount courtesy of YCP Central CT at \$15 per ticket.

Where: Dunkin Park, 1214 Main St., Hartford

When: Saturday August 22

Time: Gates open at 4:30 and the game starts at 6:10

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or email info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.

