

Sacred Heart Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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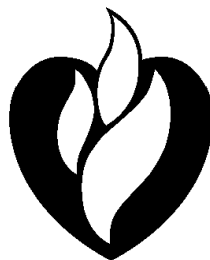
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Pastor

Deacon Robert Barry
Deacon Anthony Nwankwo
Deacon Richard Santos

Doris Battle
Religious Education Coordinator

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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.

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Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift (Mt 10:8)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 22 4:30 p.m.	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Elizabeth Cipkas By Christina Corsetti
Sunday, August 23 8:00 a.m.	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Vincent Chidozie & Family By Vincent Chidozie
10:15 a.m.	Nancy Yungk By Ronald Yungk
Monday, August 24 8:00 a.m.	St. Bartholomew Ken Bischof By John & Linda Clancy
Tuesday, August 25 8:00 a.m.	St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz Pat Kennedy By Darlene Kennedy
Wednesday, August 26	Weekday No morning Mass
Thursday, August 27 8:00 a.m.	St. Monica People of the Parish By Chuck Saccamango
Friday, August 28 8:00 a.m.	St. Augustine Tawana & Quincy Jaunai By Anastasia Jaunai
Saturday, August 29 4:30 p.m.	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Gladys & Robert Spaulding By Friends at Sacred Heart
Sunday, August 30 8:00 a.m.	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time John Cooper By Friends at Sacred Heart
10:15 a.m.	Florence Kragiel By Betty Cronin

Adoration

of the
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, August 25th for Adoration and the Rosary. There will also be adoration on Friday, August 28th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.



PRAYER SHAWLS

Over these past months, women in our parish have been making beautiful prayer shawls. If you know someone who would like the comfort of a prayer shawl, please call or email the parish office. It's a wonderful way to reach out to someone. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please come gather with the group on Monday, August 24th from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



AMAZING!

This past week, we delivered a car load of backpacks and school supplies to the Cathedral pantry. The amount of donations was amazing. Many thanks to everyone who brought an item to help the children at the pantry. Their school days will be much brighter because of your generosity. Thank you.

WALK THE ROSARY!

The first part of our Rosary walk is now in place. Starting by the classrooms where the asphalt meets the gravel, you will find a stone representing the "Our Father". As you walk and recite the Our Father you will come to the next stone representing "The Hail Mary". Continue walking along the path, reciting the Hail Mary each time you come to a stone. Once around the path is one decade. Five times around is the rosary!

BRING A ROCK TO CHURCH!

Next time you are planning to come to Sacred Heart, please put a rock in your car and drop it off by the boulders in the west parking lot!. We need lots of rocks. ANY SIZE will be a welcome addition to our prayerful retreat.

Thank you!



A Note for the day



Deacon Bob

This weekend's readings invite us to reflect on faith, authority, and our personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus asks His disciples a profound question: *"Who do you say that I am?"* Peter boldly responds, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the*

living God." Jesus then entrusts Peter with a special mission, making him the rock upon which He will build His Church.

This question is not directed only at Peter; Jesus is asking it of each one of us. In a world filled with many opinions about Jesus, we are challenged to move beyond what others say and answer from the depths of our own hearts. Our faith cannot rest solely on traditions, family beliefs, or the views of others. Like Peter, we are called to make a personal profession of faith and recognize Jesus as the Savior who gives meaning and direction to our lives.

I recently spent time with a friend who has been through many struggles and was questioning their faith. That is quite normal as we've all questioned our faith throughout our lifetime. The key is to be open to God working in our lives. It's not always easy to put our complete trust in God, particularly when we are having struggles because there are many competing distractions and we live in a culture that tries to push us away from God.

The difficulty is partially that God's ways are beyond human understanding as we hear in this weekend's second reading where St. Paul marvels at the wisdom and knowledge of God. We need to have humility to realize we do not know why everything in life happens. We do not always understand God's plans, but we are called to trust Him, knowing that everything comes from Him and leads back to Him.

This Sunday challenges us to ask ourselves: Who is Jesus for me? Is He merely a figure from history, or is He the living Lord who guides my decisions, strengthens my faith, and inspires my actions? May we, like Peter, have the courage to profess our faith openly and the humility to trust in God's wisdom. Let our lives become a living answer to Christ's question, proclaiming He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, through our words and actions.

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

"Rebuild My Church"

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

Register Today at CTCATHOLICMEN.ORG

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,881.00
On-Line:	\$ 715.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,596.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank
You!*



POPE LEO ON X

In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love. In this way, we are called to safeguard the many "ecosystems" entrusted to us: the ecosystems of creation, of human relationships and of the human heart itself.



Looking for Gardeners
*Help is needed to plant seeds of
Love, Faith, and Hope!*

Be a Volunteer in the Religious Education Program for a Lifetime Experience of Countless Blessings.

Contact Doris Battle for more information: call: 860-655-2097 or email: Doris_battle@hotmail.com

Religious Education programs for grades 1-8 (Confirmation)



Religious Education classes for grades 1 through confirmation will begin the first week of October from 9 to 10 a.m. each Sunday morning. Please feel free to register now. Forms are available on the parish website, at the entrance of the church, or by emailing the parish office: sacredheartblct@gmail.com.



ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Would you like to become Catholic?

Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic?

Would you like to be confirmed?

Adult religious education classes will be forming the beginning of October for anyone interested in becoming Catholic (Order of initiation for Adults) and those adults who would like to be confirmed. Please spread the word. For more information, please call or email the parish office.