

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 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

May 17, 2026 the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Tabernacle Candle this week burns in Memory and Honor of *Robert Giegel, Sr.*



Dedicated by Carol Giegel

Saturday, May 16

8:00 PM Devin McSorley

Sunday, May 17

8:30 AM Roy Family

10:30 AM Lise Banach

Monday, May 18

8:00 AM Antoinette "Toni" Oddon

6 – 7 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM Janet Peyton(L)~*Birth*day wishes.

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 AM Christopher Stearns(L)~*Birth*day wishes.

Thursday, May 21

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, May 22

8:00 AM Dustin Doyon

Saturday, May 23

4:00 PM Cpl. Stephen Bixler

Sunday, May 24

8:30 AM Members of the Jamroz Family
living and deceased

10:30 AM Robert Swan Mueller

***Apologies for any misspelled names**

PARISH PICNIC is June 7th and we'd love to have you attend! Even better if you could help with some of the events that day. Assisting with food set up, clean up, coordinating games for children of all ages, walking around talking to your parish family, being nice. It all adds up to a great day! More information will be coming soon!

Our Weekly Offertory

On **May 10, 613** members and visitors worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

May 10, 2026, Parish Support:

\$12,336.00	Offertory
\$746.95	Online Giving
\$13,085.95	Total

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

May 25th – Memorial Day Mass 8:00 AM St. Joseph Cemetery.

June 7th – Parish Family Picnic.

June 12th – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

June 13th & 14th – Fair Trade after all Masses.

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

October 24th – Barn Dance

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

*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!*



Don't feel left out! You can support our parish family even if you don't carry cash or have a check book! Online giving is always available (and safe). Visit our website for information at www.sacredheartct.com or scan the QR Code on the bulletin for My E-Offering. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: We are in the process of closing year end files for 2025-2026. ****Please note that non-submission of make-up work, community service hours and other requirements affect grade promotion for the year 2026-2027.** If you have received a notice of overdue work and/or owe any other requirements such as service hours, etc. please submit them no later than **May 27, 2026!**

Additional requirements may also affect your child's promotion to the next grade in 2026-2027 also. Any questions please email the DRE at shc_dre@aol.com. Thank you!

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

It is fundamental that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the Catholic ministries and programs as indicated in the 2026 Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. **No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.**

*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Enfield, Ct
100th Anniversary Celebration*

Join us for a spectacular evening!

Saturday May 30, 2026, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Mt. Carmel Hall (93 Park Ave, Enfield, CT 06082)

Tickets: \$45.00 (Includes all Food/Beverage Tastings & Appetizers)

To purchase tickets:

- Pasta Supper on Thursday May 21st at Mt. Carmel Hall (doors open at 5 pm). Cash (exact amount please) or check.
- Troiano Oil in Enfield, CT (Weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM) and must be paid at pickup. Pay by Cash or with Credit Card at their office.

Contact: Email: ftroiano@troianooil.com P: 860-745-0321

Please contact mary@mtcarmelenfield.org with any questions.

*See flyer in Church vestibule for more information.

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

This year we are happy to offer two categories of scholarships for students who meet the criteria. The first is for a registered, active member of the parish currently in 8th grade at a Catholic School and accepted at an Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic High School. The second is for a high school senior registered, Confirmed and currently active in the parish who will be attending a college, trade school, or other advanced academic institution in the fall of 2026. **Applications should be returned no later than: Monday, May 18th.** Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 21

Suffield Community Aid Pantry Needs

Jelly, Baked Beans, Mayo, Peaches, Pineapple, Snacks, Dish Detergent

Items will be collected May 16th & 17th.

Thank you, Sacred Heart Human Needs Ministry♥

Catholic Communication Campaign

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC fulfil its mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to support local efforts. The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Suffield Council # 6281

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:

- The **22nd Annual Suffield Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament** held at the Suffield Country Club is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6th**. Net profits for this event will be used to support scholarships for graduating seniors. For anyone interested in volunteering to help on the day of the tournament, please contact Craig Tini at (860)888-6697 for more information. For those who would like the details for registering to play golf or funding a corporate sponsorship use the following site <https://onecau.se/suffield-kofc-golf>.
- The Suffield Council # 6281 will be helping with set up (before) and take down (day of) for the upcoming **Sacred Heart Parish picnic** scheduled for **Sunday, June 7th** on the church grounds. Anyone interested in volunteering for this family event are asked to contact Rich Sych at suffielddad@aol.com.
- A Knights of Columbus 4th degree exemplification ceremony has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 13th** at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 Quaker Lane South, West Hartford. Any Suffield Council # 6281 member interested in participating in this event, will need a completed **Form 4 and \$60 payment** (payable to: our Assembly). Please contact our local Grand Knight, Ed McAnaney (at commodore25@sbccglobal.net) for additional information and/or to get the required signature/verification of your 3rd Degree status.

From the Pastor's Desk

Most people don't believe me when I tell them that when I was growing up, I was a very shy person. Most of my report cards had the teacher's comment "very quiet" or "shy." So, all the hoopla around my anniversary and birthday (while very much appreciated) is not easy for me to get into.

Celebrating the Mass and administering the sacraments, I never see myself as the center of it, or in some cases even present. As priests we are simply tools for the Lord and try our best to get out of the God's way. Any fumbles or mistakes are ours but if anything goes right, that's the proof of the Holy Spirit! We are called to put ourselves to the side, fade into the background in order that others may recognize Christ's Priesthood present in us.

As we are one of the few archdioceses celebrating the Seventh Sunday of Easter, having kept the Feast of the Ascension forty days from Easter (like in the bible), we hear the gospel narrative where Jesus is affirming his sacred mission – to bring glory to the Father. He is also instructing the apostles, and through them us today, to continue to do all things in the name of the Father for the purpose of giving glory to God.

At the end of the day, all of us who, through our baptism into Christ as "Priest, Prophet and King" should find those moments when our words and actions gave glory to God. Hopefully, we come to a point where every day is more about God and truly less about us.

God bless!

Fr. Joe Keough

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### *Pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe:*

*Is it safe to go there?*

That was my first question! In order to see if the area was safe, I made the journey to Mexico City back in November and found it very safe. The security was very visible whether local police, military police, or private security teams. Our pilgrimage operators have assured me they are in constant contact with people in Mexico monitoring the situation. If there are any security issues, the group would not go. I felt as safe there as I do when I visit New York or any major city. Common sense also helps. *I would not lead my flock into dangerous pastures!* MY concern is, as I mentioned all along is that Mexico is not handicapped accessible so if you need a cane (or more assistance) this is not a trip for you. I would love to have you come along and share the experience with me. Please join us on this pilgrimage experience in Mexico City as we honor Our Lady of the Americas. October 7-12, 2026. For more information visit [www.VersoMinistries.com/sacred-heart-mexico](http://www.VersoMinistries.com/sacred-heart-mexico) or contact Fr. Joe at [frjfk@aol.com](mailto:frjfk@aol.com).



**CAN YOU HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF A PRIEST?** Fr. Josh Wilbur, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford is in desperate need of a liver donor (yours will grow back). He is a young pastor currently serving in Oxford, CT at St Thomas the Apostle Parish. Fr. Josh has a rare liver disease and is in the "end stage" unless a donor is found. For more information on how you could help (ages 22-55) please visit [www.frjoshwilbur.com](http://www.frjoshwilbur.com) Whether you can donate a liver or not, please keep Fr. Josh in your prayers!