



# 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

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## 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

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Joseph Keough Email: [frjfk@aol.com](mailto:frjfk@aol.com)

**Administrative Assistant:** Jackie Dion email: [SacredHeartSuffield1@gmail.com](mailto:SacredHeartSuffield1@gmail.com)

### Religious Education:

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**Director:** Miss Donna M. Swols email: [shc\\_dre@aol.com](mailto:shc_dre@aol.com) (Temporary)

**Assistant :** Jackie Dion

### Directors of Music

Floyd Higgins & Gretchen Collins [floydandgretchen@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://archdioceseofhartford.com)

# May 3, 2026 the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Tabernacle Candle this week burns  
in Memory of *Cpl. Stephen Bixler.*



*Dedicated by the Bixler Family*

Saturday, May 2

8:00 PM Carolyn & Gregory Stack

Sunday, May 3

8:30 AM Matthew & Richard Roy

10:30 AM Lucia Miranda

Monday, May 4

8:00 AM Cpl. Stephen Bixler

6 – 7 PM Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 AM Akua Apriyie

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 AM Seminarian Michael Cattelan(L)

Thursday, May 7

8:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, May 8

8:00 AM Birthday wishes and Thanksgiving for  
Father Keough

Saturday, May 9

4:00 PM Chuck McSorley

Sunday, May 10

8:30 AM Trevor French

10:30 AM Donald Lombardo

**\*Apologies for any misspelled names**

## Our Weekly Offertory

On **April 26, 627** members and visitors  
worshipped with us at Sacred Heart Parish.

April 19, 2026, Parish Support:

<b>\$5,804.85</b>	<b>Offertory</b>
<b>\$852.25</b>	<b>Online Giving</b>
<b>\$6,657.10</b>	<b>Total</b>

*Thank you for your support!*

### SAVE THE DATE

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Men’s Group at the Rectory 7:10 PM.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – **BINGO Night** to benefit Sacred Heart Scholarships

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Outdoor Rosary 6:30PM.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Hour for our Little Ones 3:30 PM.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Family Picnic.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>** – Pilgrimage to Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Barn Dance

PARISH PICNIC is June 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

### ***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!*

### PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

NAME/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

*Baptized in Christ*  
**Von Thomas Vecchiarelli**  
**Carter Thomas Sullivan**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Closed holidays and school vacations

Donna Swols, DRE: [shc\\_dre@aol.com](mailto: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.



**CONGRATULATIONS!** to our grade 3 students who received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 2, 2026! Many thanks to their catechists, Mrs. Eileen Osborn, and Mr. Tylor Vaillancourt and to all our parents for preparing them this year! May God bless them and keep Jesus near them always.

**TODAY - YOUTH MASS – MAY 3, 2026, 8:30AM MASS!** Our grade 3 students will be participating at our 8:30am “Youth Mass” today at Sacred Heart Church. We will also have the Crowning of Mary for the month of May by our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion children.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:** 1) All community service should have been submitted on completed/signed forms as of April 1st. Forms may be downloaded from our website and are located on the rack outside the Religious Ed office. Thank you! 2) All overdue make up work should be completed and submitted to the Religious Education office no later than April 20, 2026. Please note that non-submission of make-up work, community service hours and other requirements affect grade promotion. Thank you!



## Congratulations FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2026

Natalie B.	Kathleen M.
Jakub D.	Donald O.
Cameron G.	Penelope P.
Delaney H.	Skylar S.
Ailish K.	Cody T.
Josephine L.	Lily V.

## 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 are available in the vestibule and should be returned no later than: **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 21.



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**Suffield Council # 6281**

Ed McAnaney, Grand Knight

### Important Upcoming Dates & Knights News:

- Please note the **special 6:00 p.m. start time** for the next Suffield Knights of Columbus Council monthly meeting **scheduled for this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** in Father Ted Hall. Hoping all Council #6281 members can make the dinner-meeting as we honor and celebrate Fr. Joe's 30th anniversary and years of dedicated service to our Sacred Heart Parish family.
- Suffield Council # 6281 members will again participate in **Home Front** this coming **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, when volunteers will report to a local residential property for a day of repairs or maintenance for a low-income homeowner. All tools and expertise will be provided, **just arrive ready for work!** Anyone interested in volunteering for this one-day project please contact Ed McAnaney at (860)668-2000 for sign up details.
- The **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Suffield Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament** held at the Suffield Country Club is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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>.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

This Monday, I will celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Over the past few weeks, I found myself looking through photo albums of the celebrations of the Ordination, the reception, the first Mass at my home parish and subsequent parishes where I had served as a seminarian (including here at Sacred Heart). Many people who have since gone home to God and others I am blessed to still have in my life. At the reception after Ordination, at some point, probably after several toasts, we began to dance a conga-line. Seminarians from Boston, family, friends and a few religious sisters joined the dance as we made our way through the banquet hall.

Looking back, I can't think of a better way to describe the past 30 years. People followed, people took the lead. Some joined in others sat and watched. Everyone was invited to connect, no matter the age. I have been blessed with a variety of parish assignments over the years, some as an assistant, some as pastor. Some were short term (three of them in 2022 before arriving here in May), some were long term. There were parishes with schools, some with religious education programs with over 1000 students, some with programs of a half dozen students. All the assignments centered on the Eucharist. There have been hundreds of funerals, baptisms, many weddings and sick calls. Blessed one on one moments in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As always, the joy of seeing other men step up for Holy Orders as deacons and priests.

The conga line winds its way through the Archdiocese from Southington to Middlebury, across to Madison, briefly stopping in Union City and then to New Haven, back to Madison and over to Newington. The line juts over to New Britain and then across the river to South Windsor, back over to Bristol and for now, dancing through Suffield.

You and so many others have allowed me into your prayers, your hearts and your homes. As you are reading this, know that you too have joined the conga line and added to my joy. For all of that, I cannot thank you enough but please know that daily, I give thanks to God for putting you in my life.

It won't be another 30 years on my horizon, but I will not only celebrate the past but joyfully welcome each day of ministry that Christ invites me have as the conga line moves forward.

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor!

*Fr. Joe Keough*

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

*Why is Father Joe going there ?*

Developing a habit of praying the rosary each day was a major influence on my discernment to the priesthood. Mary is often referred to as the "Mother of Priests" or "Queen of the Clergy" That is why this year, my 30<sup>th</sup> year as a priest, I have decided to lead a pilgrimage to honor our Lady of Guadalupe. It is an opportunity to offer thanks for all the blessings received through her intercession not just in my priesthood but in my life. I would love to have you come along and share the experience with me. Please join us on this pilgrimage experience in Mexico City with Fr. Joe 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). This trip is not recommended for people with mobility issues as Mexico does not have much in the way of access ramps, or other mobility supports.



**May is the month of Mary! Join us for the rosary every Tuesday morning around 7:30 AM, our outdoor rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Mary Garden next to Fr. Ted Hall.**

**For our little ones, the next PRAY DATE is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in the church and then out to the Mary Garden for the Children's Rosary.**

**Sign up for the pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Gaudalupe with Fr Joe, October 7-12, 2026**

**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!

### **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

### **Fair Trade Sale**

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase this weekend, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> after all Masses.