

# KICK-OFF WEEKEND



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# Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield

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

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**March 3, 2019**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 2 4:30 p.m.	<b>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Leonora Krauter By Kathy & Chris Britting
Sunday, March 3 8:00 a.m.  10:15 a.m.	<b>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Joseph Serrano By Ruben & Nancy Serrano Shirley & John Cooper (Comfort) By Delia & Bill Sanders
Monday, March 4 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Casimir</b> Laura Truncali Corbett By The Barry family
Tuesday, March 5 8:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Brian Hall (Healing & Health) By Larry & Mary Laureno
Wednesday, March 6 <b>Masses at 8:00 a.m. 12:10 and 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Thursday March 7 8:00 a.m.	<b>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity</b> Joseph Bussolini (Good Health) By Paul Bussolini
Friday, March 8 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. John of God</b> People of the Parish
Saturday, March 9 4:30 p.m.	<b>9th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Beverly Novakowski By Marion Novakowski
Sunday, March 10 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<b>9th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Frank Testa by Steve & Jean Perreault Raymond A. Yakaitis, Jr. By His Family

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

On Wednesday March 6th. Ashes will be distributed at Masses celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m and 7:00

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As part of our Lenten tradition, we invite you to gather each Friday in Lent and participate in the Stations of the Cross beginning this Friday, March 8th. Each Friday we will need people to help. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. Come let's pray together.

## CENTERING PRAYER

*Deepen your intimacy with God and increase your capacity for living a fuller Christian life.*

Each Thursday in lent, we invite you to join us at 6:30 in Fr. Picher Hall for an Introductory Program to the Contemplative Practice of Centering Prayer. Questions, contact Gregory Kay 860-216-6810 or email Greg at gregorymkay@gmail.com



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

## FOOD DONATIONS

Every day there are hungry people, even in our small town of Bloomfield. We continue to collect food for the Bloomfield Food bank. Any donations can be left in the wooden box behind the last pew.



## ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!

Join us on Saturday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m. as we put on the green and enjoy a traditional Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes. Irish bread and dessert will also be served. Tickets are \$15.00 per person (BYOB) Tables of 8 can be reserved. Bring your friends and family and join us.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



We don't have to be astronomers with powerful telescopes peering deep into the heavens in order to appreciate the splendor of God's universe. A mere glance at our two hands with their complex nervous systems and muscles fed by a labyrinth of blood vessels also serves to give one an appreciation the marvels of God's creation.

When Jesus changed water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11), only the reaction of the waiter in charge is recorded. We are never told how or if the other guests reacted. Perhaps they weren't at all aware of what had happened. Jesus performed that miracle without any fanfare. There are many wonders that exist in our life which few of us ever think about because they are also brought about with no fanfare. The silent workings of the human brain far surpass the most sophisticated of modern computers. When you wonder where you can find evidence of God working in your life, consider the make-up of the person doing the wondering and you have the quiet but astounding answer.



### OPERATION RICE BOWL

With the beginning of Lent comes "Operation Rice Bowl". Next weekend your family will be invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for additional resources to use at home.

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

#### *In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

## PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly: \$ 3,843.00 collected,  
\$ 375.00 on-line  
\$ 3,882.00 total received  
\$ 4,218.00 budgeted

*Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Sacred Heart Parish.*

*If you wish to start on-line giving go to website [sacredheartbloomfieldct.com](http://sacredheartbloomfieldct.com).*

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means to refrain from eating food between meals and to eat only one full meal with the other two being lighter meals. It is required of those who are 18-59 years old on the days noted above. Liquids are permitted between meals. Abstinence means to refrain from eating meat. It is required of those 14 years of age and older on the days listed above.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We need you! Nomination cards are available in the back of the church. Please give it prayerful thought and return your card to the box located in front of the "cry room." As requested by Msgr., please let anyone you nominate, know that you are putting their name in for consideration.



## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be **Friday, March 22nd** at 1:30 p.m.

The book selection this month is: "Watch Me Disappear" by Janelle Brown. "Tantalizing and twisty, *Watch Me Disappear* is both a spider's web of a novel and a moving exploration of the deeper mysteries of marriage and family. You won't be able to put it down, but you won't forget it either." The book is available at the Library.

# From Ashes to Resurrection!

*Join us on this 2019 Lenten journey*



Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday  
March 6, 2019

Don't miss out on the following activities available to make this Lent a very special time of reflection and worship.

## Our weekly calendar

Mondays: 7 to 8 p.m. Confession  
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Adoration and the Rosary  
Wednesday: 12 noon The Rosary  
Thursdays: 6:30 p.m. Centering prayer  
Fridays: at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross



## Outreach opportunities

Bloomfield Food Bank  
Easter Baskets  
Operation Rice Bowl



## PARISH REGISTRATION

It is wonderful to see new faces at the masses here at Sacred Heart. We are so glad that you can join us. We would love to get to know you and your family. If you haven't stopped and introduced yourselves to Msgr. Clancy, please do so. And if you haven't yet formally registered, we ask that you call or email the office so we can add you to our parish list. Our phone number is 860-242-4142. Our email is: [sacredheartblct@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartblct@gmail.com)

**Office hours; 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Monday –Friday— phone: 860-242-4142**

**Please leave a message on the answering machine when the office is closed.**

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**Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish. If Msgr. Clancy or the staff can be of assistance to you, or if you would like to register as a member of the parish, please call the office at 860 242-4142. Please remember to notify the parish office if you or someone you know is at home or in the hospital and in need of a visit.**



## SACRED HEART WEBSITE, FACEBOOK

### And PARISH APP on your phone

Have you checked out our church website or have you sent a friend request to our Facebook page? They are full of up to date information, pictures of your friends and family at parish events, "fun" and interesting stories. In addition, there are links to all types of sites that may answer some questions, or provide you with insight into some topic on the Catholic Church.

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