

# *Sacred Heart Church*

## **A Roman Catholic Faith Community**



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### ***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 & 7p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays 3:45 P.M.- 4:15 P.M.  
or anytime by appointment.

# ***Sacred Heart***

## ***Stewardship: The Gift***

# ***Parish, Bloomfield***

## ***you have been given, give as a gift***

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 10, 2024**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 9 4:30 p.m.	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></b> The People of the Parish
Sunday, March 10 8:00 a.m.	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i></b> Margaret Cunnane By Beth Ellison & Tom Ciccarillo
10:15 a.m.	Phil Carpenter By Anne Carpenter
Monday, March 11 8:00 a.m.	<b><i>Lenten Weekday</i></b> Jack Morrison Betsy Morrison
Tuesday, March 12 8:00 a.m.	<b><i>Lenten Weekday</i></b> Ned Wentworth (good health) By Mary Ann & Bob Kalinowski
Wednesday, March 13 8:00 a.m.	<b><i>Lenten Weekday</i></b> Phylis Follo The Swetcky Family
Thursday, March 14 8:00 a.m.	<b><i>Lenten Weekday</i></b> Robert Stachelek By Barbara Perrone
Friday, March 15 8:00 a.m.	<b><i>Lenten Weekday</i></b> Augusta Marino Edward Demarey
Saturday, March 16 4:30 p.m.	<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></b> Kelley DiPippo By Cal DiPippo
Sunday, March 17 8:00 a.m.	<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></b> Gallagher Family By Susan & Lenny Cossette
10:15 a.m.	John & Elinor Murray By Mary Murray

### **B.I.N.G.O!**

On Friday, April 19th we will once again hold a "Handbag Bingo" in Fr. Picher Hall to support the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Tickets are now on sale for \$40. per person. Spread the word and get your tickets early. They are available after Mass, in the parish office, or on-line through our website. Last year was sold out!



### **TUESDAY ADORATION**

Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, March 12th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will also be exposed for adoration on Friday, March 15th from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. We invite everyone to come and spend some time with our Lord.

### **THANK YOU!**

So many people to thank!. First we would like to thank the young people who helped to make our 10:15 Mass this weekend so special. Our thanks go out to: Tyler, Lindsay, Dante, Dash, Alexander, Aiden, Christian, Benjamin, Matthew, Alison, Matheesha, Lana, Anthony, and Alice And to our teachers and parents, thank you! Our next young people's Mass will be April 7th.

Last weekend we were treated to a wonderful pancake buffet by our breakfast ministry. We are grateful to all those who volunteered to cook, serve, set up and clean up. And a thank you to our sponsors Rita and Richard Gileau. Our next pancake buffet will be April 7th. Our sponsor is Paul Pelletier.

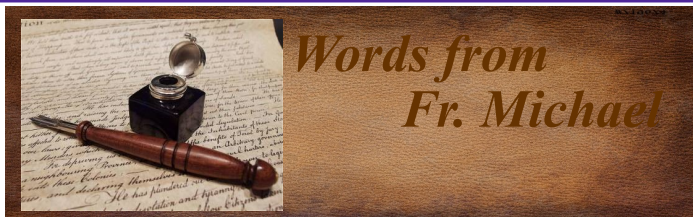
This past Friday was our last outreach to the McKinney shelter until next November. Many thanks to all who brought food these past 5 months for the men at the shelter. Each piece of ham, every cookie was very much appreciated.



### **DECORATE A CROSS FOR EASTER**

It has been a tradition for many years to decorate crosses on Holy Saturday (March 30th). We invite families, individuals and/or groups to participate. The beautiful crosses bring so much joy throughout the Easter season. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church. Questions: Call or email the parish office.





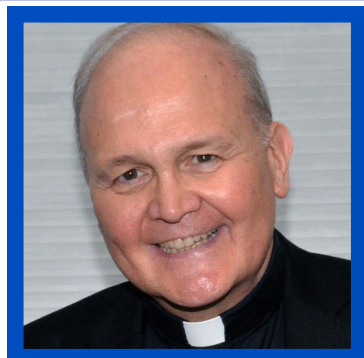
Traditionally, during the winter, we have a presentation on the finances of the parish. Some may have noticed that we have not given a financial update this year.

The reason for this is that the fiscal year for the parish has changed. In the archdiocese, parishes had a fiscal year that went from January through December. However, this was recently changed to a fiscal year from July through June. This was done because the various entities of the archdiocese had different fiscal years which made accounting much more difficult.

Beginning last July, Sacred Heart moved to the new fiscal year. This means our finances are budgeted from July of 2023 through June of 2024. Accordingly, the official financial presentation will not take place until the end of the summer of 2024.

Enclosed in the bulletin this weekend is a six-month financial statement giving updates on the income and expenses of the parish. As you can see, Sacred Heart is in very solid financial condition. Offertory income is slightly below predicted. Expenses are lower than predicted. The parish has also received a large bequest. The endowment has shown modest growth after losses in 2022.

The members of the finance council and I are always happy to receive any questions or comments on the parish finances.



**RECONCILE AND HEAL**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024**  
**6:30 Fr. Picher Hall**

**Msgr. Douglas Clancy**  
**"Letting Go"**

Msgr. Clancy has been a priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford for over 50 years and served in many parishes. His last assignment was here at Sacred Heart where he was beloved by many from 2015 to his retirement in 2021. During his time at Sacred Heart, Msgr. wrote weekly messages (which were published) each provided insight and comfort for our everyday lives. We look forward to hearing his thoughts on "Letting Go."

*"Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness"*

#### **IRISH BREAD**

Our Sacred Heart Irish Bread (made especially for us by the Britting Family) will be available for \$5 each after next weekend Masses on March 16th and 17th. To reserve a bread, please sign up in the back of the church or call/email the parish office.

#### **PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT**

Weekly:	\$ 4,550.00
on-line:	\$ 707.00
total received:	\$ 5,257.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank  
you!*

**March for Life: Hartford, Connecticut March 20th Save the date!**  
**10:00 AM Mass at Cathedral; 12:00 Rally; 1:00 March at Capitol**



## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY HAS BEGUN!

### Confessions

**Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

### Stations of the Cross

**Fridays in Lent @ 7:00 p.m.**

### St. Joseph's Food Pantry

**March 11 through March 24**


**Dish towels & Dish detergent**

**Let's break bread together—Monday, March 11th & March 18th  
Dinner: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

### **Reflections in Lent—"Reconcile & Heal"**

**Mondays from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

**March 11  
Msgr. Doug Clancy  
"Letting Go"**



Let me hear  
the sounds of  
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**March 18  
Fr. Michael Ruminski  
"Lift Up Your Hearts"**

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**Welcome** to Sacred Heart Parish. If Fr. Michael 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 or send an email to [sacredheartblct@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartblct@gmail.com). 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.



**WE ARE HERE TO SERVE!**  
Do you know of someone who is no longer able to come to Mass regularly? Would they like a visit to receive the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Sacrament of Anointing? Would they like a visit just to say hello, or would you like to make one of these visits. If you answered yes, please contact the parish office by calling (860-242-4142) or emailing the parish office at: [sacredheartblct@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartblct@gmail.com).