

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 Parish, Bloomfield

Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift

(Mt 10:8)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 23	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Joza & Milada Karas By The Spacek Family
4:30 p.m.	
Sunday, March 24	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Sr. Mary Alice Carbajal O.P. By Delia & Bill Sanders
8:00 a.m.	
10:15 a.m.	John Cronin By Betty Cronin
Monday, March 25	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i> Jada Clark (Birthday) Theresa Ettienne Modeste
8:00 a.m.	
Tuesday, March 26	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> Kendall Jaunai (Birthday) By Anastasia Jaunai
8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday, March 27	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> The People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	
Thursday, March 28	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
7:00 p.m.	
Friday, March 29	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i>
3:00 p.m.	
Saturday, March 30	<i>Holy Saturday</i> The People of the Parish
8:00 p.m.	
Sunday, March 31	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
8:00 a.m.	
10:15 a.m.	



TUESDAY ADORATION

Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, March 26th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

There will NOT be adoration on Good Friday, March 29th



SACRED HEART BOOK CLUB

All are invited to gather together on Wednesday, March 27th at 1:30 in room 3. We will discuss "Amazing Grace" by Kathleen Norris, a book about Christianity, spirituality, and rediscovered faith.



DECORATE A CROSS FOR EASTER

There are 3 lonely crosses waiting for someone to make them beautiful. If you haven't signed up for a cross, please call the parish office. Crosses are to be decorated Saturday, March 30th prior to the 8:00 p.m. Mass.

MANY THANKS "Reconcile & Heal"



Our Monday nights here at Sacred Heart were wonderful opportunities for Reconciliation, Dinner and a time to learn and reflect.

We are grateful for Msgr. Matera, ("Whoever is in Christ is a new creation"), Fr. Federico, ("His Love endures forever") and Msgr. Clancy, ("Letting Go") who joined Fr. Michael, ("Lift up your hearts") with presentations. We are also thankful to our Youth minister Diane Wehner and the members of our confirmation class who prepared and served a delicious dinner each evening. They are: Anna Collette, Heather Foley, Allison Montes, Anthony Nolan, Tyler Scott, Maeve Staunton, and Kevin Wojtcwicz. It was very exciting to see the large turnouts each Monday. Thank you all.



B.I.N.G.O!

***Did you get your tickets yet?
Did you invite a friend?***

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 in the parish office, or on-line through our website. Last year was sold out!



Words from Fr. Michael

Every Good Friday a special collection is taken for the Christians in the Holy Land. This year, we have been asked to give extra attention to this collection.

The Christians in Israel and in the West Bank live a precarious life. They are proud to give witness to Christ and they are proud of their ancestry as Christians living in the

holy places where Jesus walked. Yet, they are also often treated with suspicion by the Israelis and hostility by Muslims. They are often caught in between the political forces at work in that contested part of the world. Much of their livelihood is from tourism and selling handcrafted items from a rich artistic heritage.

The war in Gaza with Hamas has heightened the struggle of the Christians in Israel. Since so much of their support comes from hosting pilgrims from around the world, they have suffered economic hardship since October. No pilgrimages have been traveling to Israel on account of the war. This is a difficulty as pilgrimages were just starting to ramp back up after several years of light travel because of the pandemic.

I have a clear memory from a visit I made in 2011 of speaking to a Christian man just a little older than myself. We were in Bethlehem (in the West Bank) just after dark during Ramadan with the entire square of the city filled with Muslims doing their evening prayers. He said to me, "Please take me with you back to America. I am surrounded by people on every side who wish I wasn't here." The Christians in the Holy Land participate daily in the mystery of Christ's suffering.

There will be baskets set out in the back of the church for the collection to support Christians in the Holy Land during the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies. Although we will not take up a collection during the liturgies themselves, please remember and be generous to our brothers in sisters in Israel.



GET READY!

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is June 7th. We will be celebrating our feast day throughout the weekend with prayer, party and picnics. In preparation, we would ask that **EVERYONE** pray a special Novena each Friday for 9 weeks, beginning April 12th. A novena is a powerful and focused way to bring our intentions before God, seeking His grace and guidance over a continuous period of nine days or weeks. Whether in times of joy or struggle, novenas provide a rich tradition of spiritual connection and hope. **EVERYONE** will have the opportunity to pray at home or at Sacred Heart each Friday after the morning Mass. So **GET READY** to be a part of something special.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Everyone has a gift to share. Here is your opportunity to be a part of our Feast of the Sacred Heart Weekend on June 7th, 8th or 9th. We will need help throughout the weekend in various ways. **PLEASE** come to a gathering on **Monday, April 15th** at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars. More information to come.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,269.00
on-line:	\$ 525.00
total received:	\$ 3,793.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank
you!*



**PALM SUNDAY
VESPERS
5:00 PM**



Holy Thursday
 March 28th 7:00 PM
 Adoration until 9:30 PM

Good Friday
 March 29th
 Noon stations
 3:00 PM service

Easter Vigil
 March 30th, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday
 March 31st
 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM



Confessions

**Monday March 25th
 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



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