# Sacred Heart Church A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT Website: sacredheartbloomfieldct.com Email: sacredheartblct@gmail.com 860-242-4142 Served by: Liturgical Schedule: Rev. Michael Ruminski Saturday: 4:30 P.M. Pastor Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. Deacon Anthony Nwankwo Daily Mass Schedule **Deacon Richard Santos** 8:00 A.M. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) Doris Battle **Religious Education Coordinator** Holy Days: 8 a.m, 12:10 & 7p.m. Diane Wehner Youth Minister Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:45 P.M.- 4:15 P.M. Rian Grimmer Music Director/Accompanist or anytime by appointment.

## Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift (ML 10:8)

### **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 15, 2024



MASS INTENTI Saturday, September 14 4:30 p.m.	<b>ONS FOR THE WEEK</b> 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Linda McKee Hale By Gayle & Mark Brick
Sunday, September 15 8:00 a.m.	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> The People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Napert & Roberge Families By Nancy Roberge
Monday, September 16	<i>St. Cornelius</i> In Thanksgiving By Marie Dorce
Tuesday, September 17 8:00 a.m.	<i>Sts. Robert Bellarmine</i> <i>&amp; Hildegard</i> Caroline DiLeone By Mary Murray
Wednesday, September 18	<i>Weekday</i> No Morning Mass
Thursday, September 19 8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Januarius</i> Guadalupe Duenez By The family
Friday, September 20 8:00 a.m.	<b>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon</b> & <b>Paul Chong Ha-sand</b> Special Intention
Saturday, September 21 4:30 p.m.	<i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mr. & Mrs. Gaspard Pierre By Marie Dorce
Sunday, September 22 8:00 a.m.	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Allyson Givens (well-being) The family
10:15 a.m.	Margaret Cunnane By Jane Thaller
CONFIRMATION	



Confirmation preparation will begin on Sunday, September 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you are beginning 9th grade or have not yet made your confirmation and you are under the age of 18, come to the

gathering on September 22nd. Please contact Diane Wehner, our youth minister at dmwehner@gmail.com for more information.



September 14 was the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. As a feast in the Church, it marks the finding of the relics of the Holy Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine, in Jerusalem. After her conversion to Christianity (in the early

300's) she traveled to the holy land to look for relics of the early Church. In her time there, she oversaw the building of some of the earliest and most important churches, however, most have been destroyed by the Persian or Muslim conquests of the city. The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, being the most famous of the churches she built, still stands.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of the contradictions of Christianity. When my parents were newly married, they lived in northern Utah. The Mormon neighbors would ask my mom, who wore a cross necklace, if she would be wearing a gun around her neck if Jesus had been executed by a firing squad. The comment meaning, it is ridiculous to wear an instrument of torture and death as some sort of glorious symbol.

We have heard of the word, "trophy." It comes from the Greek verb "tropein" which means "to turn." A trophy, as an object, was a memorial of a turning point. Thus, a soldier after a victorious battle would keep the shield, sword, or helmet of one of his opponents and mount it on the side of his house. It was a sign that the battle turned in his favor and he should remember the valor of the one he defeated. Thus, the trophy became a sign, a memorial of when one's life was taken in order to preserve another (even if they were opponents).

The early Christians referred to the cross as the ultimate trophy. The place where the battle for our souls was won. Jesus' death and resurrection is not an embarrassment or an act of weakness – it is the greatest moment of sacrifice, bravery, and valor, giving one's own life for the sake of the salvation for each of us individually and corporately. The cross gives us hope, joy, and comfort because the victory of Christ has been won. Thus, we can look at our own crosses as a source of hope because Christ is victorious. Because the battle has been won and we place the cross on our churches, walls, and bodies it is the turning point for the history of the world.



#### The Traveling Eucharistic, Rosary Congress **October 5th through October 11th**

What is it? Seven days of around-the-clock Adoration happening in almost 50 dioceses around the United States. We here at Sacred Heart will begin our Adoration on Monday, October 8th at 5PM and continue through Tuesday, October 8th at 6PM. It would be wonderful to have everyone participating.

Next week's bulletin will have more information on how you can be involved here at Sacred Heart. Your participation will be a gift to bring peace to our families, our nation, and to the world!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Our religious education classes will be starting in September for children in grades 1 through Confirmation (High School). Classes for grades 1-8 are held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation classes are Sunday evenings from 6 to 7:30. Registration forms are available on-line or outside the hall. Ouestions? Please call: Doris Battle at 860-655-2097 or email: Doris battle@hotmail.com.

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

Weekly: On-Line: Total Received: \$3.750.00 Budgeted:

\$ 3,120.00 \$ 630.00 \$ 5,000.00



### SACRED HEART **BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the group will be in September 25th at 1:30 in room 3. You are invited to join them in discussing "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.





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.

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. 26 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002