

***Sacred Heart Parish***  
**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 3:30 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)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 5 4:30 p.m.	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Tonicka Hofmuller By The Spacek Family
Sunday, October 6 8:00 a.m.	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Tony & Candi Printz—Duenez (Well-being) By The family
10:15 a.m.	John & Elinor Murray By Mary Murray
Monday, October 7 8:00 a.m.	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Mila Spacek By The Spacek family
Tuesday, October 8 8:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i> Jessie, Ernie & Ricky Bourbeau By The family
Wednesday, October 9 .	<i>Sts. Denis, &amp; John Leonardi</i> No Morning Mass
Thursday, October 10 8:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i> Miloslav & Jozka Zelinka By The Spacek family
Friday, October 11 8:00 a.m.	<i>St. John XXIII</i> The People of the Parish
Saturday, October 12 4:30 p.m.	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> The People of the Parish
Sunday, October 13 8:00 a.m.	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> The Swetcky –Kowalski families By The family
10:15 a.m.	Joseph Dooley By Betty Cronin

## CONFIRMATION



The next Confirmation preparation class will be next Sunday, October 13th 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 Sunday, October 13th. Please contact Diane Wehner, our youth minister at [dmwehner@gmail.com](mailto:dmwehner@gmail.com) for more information.



## 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 at the back of the church.

## DINNER CLUB WINNERS

### September

**\$50. Sandy Braun**  
**\$25. Julie Ackerman**  
**\$25. Linda Zawada**  
**\$25. Janice Dinsmore**



**Just a reminder to RSVP for the dinner on Saturday, October 19. Hope to see you there.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS!

Parents! please get your child's registration form to the parish office or email Doris at [Doris\\_Battle@hotmail.com](mailto:Doris_Battle@hotmail.com) or call Doris to make an appointment to meet at 860-655-2097. We are gathering for religious education students and parents on Sundays 8:55 a.m. All youth in grades 1 through 8 are encouraged to attend. Our faith formation team is excited to begin the new year.

Please spread the word!



## Words from Fr. Michael

What a joy to see the results of the past two months of renovation. It is wonderful to be back in the church even though there are some minor tasks to be accomplished before everything is “done.” Further improvements to lighting and sound will continue in the

coming weeks.

One of the parts of the church that has been renovated is the confessional. The original confessionals, which were located on the edges of the choir loft were abandoned some time ago and relegated to storage. Instead, one of the “cry rooms” was adapted to be a reconciliation room. It has not been the most effective choice for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. First, its location, next to the front doors of the church, is noisy and does not offer a discrete entrance for those waiting for confession. Second, the room itself is awkward to set up and it is difficult to tell when the room is in use or when it is free. Third, it is not preferable for the priest to be “trapped” in a room that another person whom he cannot see has the power to lock the door or block the priest in.

For these reasons, I’ve elected to renovate one of the original confessionals. This will be the one on the flag-pole side of the rear of the church. The confessional has been cleaned; brightened up with fresh paint and woodwork; and has improved lighting. The priest will still sit in the middle (with a separate door), but the penitent may choose one side with the option for face to face or the other which will have the kneeler and screen. There are indicator lights above the confessional. If the red lights are illuminated, the confessional is in use. If only the white light above the priest’s entrance is illuminated, it means that the next person may enter. The “line” for confession should form in the last pew and the person closest to the side aisle should be the next person in line. There will also be a white noise generator to add additional privacy.

This will be a change for the procedure for confession. The result should be increased privacy, a clearer sense of direction, and a more dignified and secure location for the celebration of this beautiful Sacrament. We will begin to use the original confessionals next weekend.

Many thanks to Rob Melanson, Jim Mattingly, and Tim Brannack who did a beautiful job refurbishing the confessional.

**LOVE TO SING?** Come join the Sacred Heart choir! We are very excited to make our home in the newly renovated choir gallery to make more beautiful music for all of you. If you're interested in serving your faith community while making a joyful noise unto the Lord, we hope you will consider joining our musical family! No auditions required, rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 4.

### St. Thomas & St. Timothy—Fall Open House

Fall is *Open House* season at St. Thomas & St. Timothy School and you’re invited!

All are welcome as we showcase each of our two campuses.

**St. Timothy Middle School: Thursday, October 17, from 9:00am-11:00am**

**St. Thomas the Apostle School: Thursday, October 24, from 9:00am-11:00am**

This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about our school! Come explore our middle school/elementary school, see our dedicated faculty in action, chat with student ambassadors, hear from current parents, and discover the academic excellence and programming we provide for our students.

Please visit our website to register today. We look forward to meeting you!

<https://www.statmschool.org/admissions>

### SCRIPTURE GATHERING

Are you interested in learning more about scripture? Join us every Friday when we will study scripture using the upcoming Sunday readings as a starting point. You will be amazed at how much scripture you can learn while making these readings come to life. We will meet in Room 3 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **For those of you who are not morning people, there is a another opportunity each Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30p.m. (also in room 3)** Hope to see you there. Questions: please call Gail Hill at 860-523-7286.

# OCTOBER

## *The month of the Rosary*



On October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. “Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly, but we also desire that the whole of the month of October should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary” (Pope Leo XII; *On Devotion of the Rosary*, September 1, 1883).

This October we offer 4 ways for each of us to honor our mother Mary through the rosary.

1. Monday, **October 7th** at 5PM we will begin Adoration in the chapel with recitation of the rosary each hour until 6PM on **Tuesday, October 8th**. Please stop in at anytime during the 24 hours. We hope you will join us
2. Monday, **October 21st at 7PM** we will have a “Living Rosary”. We need 60 people to represent a bead and lead a Hail Mary or Our Father in the language of their choice. Sign up sheets are available at the entrance to the church.
3. Each Tuesday from 6:00PM to 7:30PM we offer adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary. Stop by the chapel at any point on Tuesday evening.
4. Finally, everyone is encourage to individually say the Rosary. Pick a time in the morning, or on a walk, or any time that works for you.

Together, let us pray for peace for the world, for our families, for each of us!



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