

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)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 23 4:30 p.m.	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> The Brick Family By Gayle & Mark Brick
Sunday, November 24 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> The People of the Parish Tom Durie By Betty Cronin
Monday, November 25 8:00 a.m.	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i> Joseph Ettienne-Modeste By Theresa Ettienne-Modeste
Tuesday, November 26 8:00 a.m.	<i>Weekday</i> Holy Vocations to Marriage By Laurie & Peter Schwartz
Wednesday, November 27	<i>Weekday</i> No Morning Mass
Thursday, November 28 9:00 a.m.	<i>Thanksgiving</i> Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29	<i>Weekday</i> No Morning Mass
Saturday, November 30 4:30 p.m.	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Kelson & Dexter Ettienne-Modeste Birthdays By Theresa Ettienne-Modeste
Sunday, December 1 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> The People of the Parish Roger & Julianne Roberge By Nancy Roberge



Please join us for Adoration and the Rosary on Tuesday, November 26th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will not be adoration on Friday morning November 29th.

SOUP NEEDED

(And folks to eat it!)

Each Monday in Advent, beginning December 2nd the Parish Council will host a Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. in Fr. Picher Hall. If you could bring a soup, please sign up in the entrance to the church or contact the parish office. It is our hope that we can all gather for food and friendship each Monday during Advent.

PARTY TIME!

Christmas is just around the corner and we ask you to mark your calendars for a special Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th after the 10:15 Mass. There will be food of course, but also an opportunity to decorate a Christmas tree, sing some carols, do a craft and there will be a special gift for all who attend.

In addition, we would like to invite all our bakers to participate in a **cookie swap**. We will be asking for 4 dozen cookies (some of which will be enjoyed at the party). Cookies will be swapped at 11:30 on the 15th. We will even make arrangements for those who can't be present on the 15th. More information next week.



YOUNG PEOPLES' MASS

Next Sunday, December 1st, we invite all our young people to participate in the 10:15 Mass. We need greeters, lectors, collectors, gift bearers, altar servers. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Doris Battle at 860-655-2097 or email Doris at Doris_Battle@hotmail.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST
AFTER THE 8 AND 10:15 MASS

Thanks to our sponsor Syd Schulman in honor of Elba



Words from Fr. Michael

The Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe is a fairly recent addition to the annual celebrations of the Church year – it is only around 100 years old.

It is hard to imagine, especially in continental Europe, the devastation after the First

World War. The loss of life was enormous – a whole generation of young men were either killed, wounded, or left mentally shattered. Europe plunged into a severe economic depression. Countries lost borders, people lost cultural traditions, whole towns disappeared. There was a Europe before the war and a radically changed Europe after the war.

What was the purpose of this devastation? Empire building? Struggles for power? Dying empires struggling to hold on? The Prussian empire, the Austro-Hungarian empire, the Ottoman empire – all attempts to assert themselves ended with destruction. Many people didn't even know what nation they belonged to after the war. For example, on my Polish side, half my relatives were from the Austro-Hungarian empire and the other half from the Prussian. People who were Hungarian one day found themselves part of Romania after the borders were redrawn. After the raw human suffering, the war caused a crisis of culture and identity.

This was the context for the declaration of the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. During this time of loss, confusion, broken cultural identity, and suffering that could not be answered by an emperor, Pope Pius XI felt it essential to remind the world that man is not God. Kings are not gods. Peace cannot be enforced by a "war to end all wars." Violence perpetuates violence. Peace is only found in Christ Jesus. Peace only comes from the cross of Christ. Peace comes through the conversion of a heart, a people, and a nation. Humanity, stripped from a relationship with God, cannot make anything good. In the 1920's what did men without God produce? Fascism, communism, and consumerism.

This year, as ever, we must declare that Christ is the King of the Universe. Our leaders, whether we like them or not, need to fall under the kingship of Christ. Our bishops must fall under the kingship of Christ. Our families must do homage to Christ. Our hearts, as stubborn as we may be, need to worship Christ.



INTERFAITH HOUSING McKinney Shelter

Previous years, we have prepared a dinner for the men at the McKinney Shelter. Our services are no longer needed at the Shelter. We are now turning to our own Bloomfield Community. Our neighbors in Interfaith housing would love a home cooked meal.

We will be going to Bestor Lane on **Wednesday, December 4th** to do just that. We would like to provide the 86 seniors with a meal consisting of Ham, Potatoes, Vegetables, Desserts, and Rolls. Food should be brought hot to the church by 3:15. We also welcome help from 3:30 to 5:30 setting up and serving the meals. If you can help in any way, please call 860-242-4142 or email the parish office: sacredheartblct@gmail.com.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly: \$ 4,458.00
On-Line: \$ 350.00
Total Received: \$ 4,818.00
Budgeted: \$ 5,000.00

THANK YOU!



THANKSGIVING MASS

Let us gather together on Thanksgiving morning (**Thursday, November 28th**) to give thanks with a grateful heart. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring a food item you will be serving at Thanksgiving for a special blessing.

WHIST THANK YOU!

A great time was had by all last Saturday at our Monte Carlo Whist. Many thanks to the Caruso family for bringing back a favorite card game and providing delicious pies. See you next year!

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Sacred Heart Dinner Club

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How the Club Works

No meetings to attend! No dinners to cook!

The Sacred Heart Dinner Club began 48 years ago and the tradition of supporting our parish and the community continues. The Dinner Club has been our biggest fundraiser throughout the years raising at least \$10,000 annually. It is supported by a group of Sacred Heart parishioners and friends who pay dues of \$15 a month. Thank you to all who are members! (Current members do not have to read any further or fill out the form below!)

Here's how it works: Each month there is a drawing of 4 prizes totaling \$125. In October members are invited to a fun filled evening of food, drink and entertainment at which time over \$3,000 in prizes is awarded. The only commitment is your dues, (\$15 per month, \$180 per year). Payments can be made in any increment comfortable for you: monthly, quarterly or yearly. Just drop it off in the collection basket or to the parish office. Just label the envelope: Dinner Club.

We hope you will join the club and increase our membership and our donation to our parish.

Our Dinner Club co-chairs are Renee Santos and Suzanne Brannack. Feel free to ask them questions or call the parish office: 860-242-4142.

Sacred Heart Dinner Club

I would like to be a member of the Sacred Heart Dinner Club: Sign me up!!

Name: _____
(as you would like it on your winning checks!)

Address _____
(where you would like your winning checks sent!)

Phone # _____

Please return this form to the parish office or the collection basket. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart. ***Thank you and Welcome to the Dinner Club!***