

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)

Second Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 22 4:30 p.m.	Third Sunday of Lent George Szala By Harold Barenz
Sunday, March 23 8:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Lent The People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Frank DiPippo By Cal DiPippo
Monday, March 24 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday No intention
Tuesday, March 25 8:00 a.m.	The Annunciation of the Lord Mary Schwartz Special Intention By her parents
Wednesday, March 26 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Our families By Mark & Gayle Brick
Thursday, March 27 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday No Intention
Friday, March 28 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday No Intention
Saturday, March 29 4:30 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent People of the Parish
Sunday, March 30 8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent No intention
10:15 a.m.	Phyllis French By Mary Voyer

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Michael will be available every Monday in Lent to hear confessions from 5 to 6 PM and each Saturday from 3:30 to 4:15.



THE ROSARY & ADORATION

There will be the rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evening, March 25th from 6:00 to 7:30. On Friday, March 28th we invite you to morning Mass at 8:00 followed by Adoration until 11:00 a.m.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

On April 2nd we will once again ask all the children of the parish to help in some fashion at Mass. We are looking for lectors, greeters, collectors, altar servers. Children of all ages are welcomed. For more information, please contact Doris Battle at:

Doris_Battle@hotmail.com or
call 860-655-2097.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To view some of the wonderful things accomplished through your generosity, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is continuing the web-series called, **The Appeal at Work**. The season premiere will be airing on Thursday, 4/3/25 on all Archdiocesan Social Media sites as well as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal webpage. New episodes will also air the first week of May & June. Episodes will highlight some of the wonderful ministries supported by the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **Trust in the Lord** by going to the Annual Appeal website, <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>, you will find a link for each episode. Please tune in on the third for the season premier.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are invited to the Way of the Cross each Friday during lent beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Words from Fr. Michael

This coming Easter, it is with joy that we will be welcoming several people into the fullness of grace through the Sacraments. It has been a number of years since Sacred Heart has celebrated Sacraments at Easter. Adults choos-

ing to embrace the faith is sign that God is at work in our midst and we should be a cause for joy.

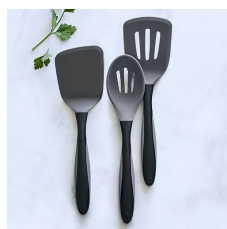
Rosalyn “Roz” Allen has been worshipping with us for quite some time. She will be fully initiated into Church at the Easter Vigil through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Samantha Pruitt is a freshman at the University of Hartford and is embracing a life of faith. She will be fully initiated into Church at the Easter Vigil through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Laqual Montini regularly worships with us and will have the rite of reception at the Easter Vigil along with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Michael Widjaja is a junior at the University of Hartford and has been excitedly growing in his relationship with God. He will have the rite of reception at the Easter Vigil along with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

I ask you to pray for these individuals whom God has been drawing into a greater life of faith. During the final weeks of Lent, we will be praying in a special way for those who will be baptized, Roz and Samantha. These will include a series of extra rituals at the 10:15 Mass for adult converts called “the scrutinies.” This is a time for us to pray and accompany them with joy as they prepare for baptism.



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

We are now collecting Kitchen utensils for the Cathedral of St. Joseph Pantry. The pantry provides those who are getting a place to live with start –up kits of household items. The need is great. Thank you for reaching out.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

On April 25th Sacred Heart will host a “Handbag Bingo” to benefit the Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry. At the bingo, attendees will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win prizes. We need help getting items for the raffle baskets. If you can not come on the 25th, but would like to help, please consider donating an item, gift card or cash towards the event. Thank you.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,611.00
On-Line:	\$ 730.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,341.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank
you!*

**HANDBAG BINGO—APRIL 25TH
TICKETS ON SALE NOW—
ONLY 26 tickets remaining.
Call or email the parish office to get
yours today. Don’t be left out!**



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

On March 12th our parish family came together with food and time to serve a meal to the residents at the Interfaith community of Mountain Avenue. What a wonderful experience for everyone involved. For those who donated food, and those who served, we thank you. Our chicken Parm and Pasta was a big hit. We will be resuming our meals this coming fall with the hope of establishing a special ministry to serve our elderly and disabled Bloomfield Community. More information will be forthcoming this summer!



BOOK CLUB!

This month the group is reading "Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times" by Katherine May. The next gathering will be on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 in room 3. All are welcome.



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass said for a specific individual or family, please call the parish office. Masses can be said for good health, birthdays, and anniversaries as well as for those who have died. Intentions can be made for weekend and daily Masses. If you are able, we ask for a donation of \$15.00 for each weekday Mass and \$20.00 for a Mass on the weekend.

RESPONDING WITH FAITH SAYING "YES" TO GOD

This Monday, March 24th we welcome back Maddie Smith to Sacred Heart Parish. After serving for two years as a missionary at the United States Naval Academy, Maddie is now serving as a Team Director at Central Connecticut State University. Because of Jesus, a missionary's life is transformed in extraordinary ways—and she spreads that joy. Together, Maddie and other missionaries help everyone experience a personal, intimate relationship with Christ through real, life-giving friendships. We hope you will join us for this inspiring discussion.

Dinner will be served by our confirmation students at 6:00 p.m. Maddie will begin her presentation at 6:30.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Anyone who knits or crochets (or wants to learn) is invited to gather on **Monday, March 24th** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The group makes prayer shawls for various groups of people including veterans, babies, and those who are ill. If you know someone who would like a prayer shawl or more information on the group, please contact Mary Lou Royce at 860-242-5266.



DECORATING CROSSES

We are looking for 14 individuals, families or groups to decorate our Easter Crosses on Holy Saturday. If you would like to adopt a cross, please sign up at the entrance of the church.