

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)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 29 4:30 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent Theresa Ettienne-Modeste (Good Health) By her friends at Sacred Heart
Sunday, March 30 8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Phyllis French By Mary Voyer
Monday, March 31 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday No intention
Tuesday, April 1 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday No intention
Wednesday, April 2 8:00 a.m.	St. Francis of Paola Fr. Michael Ruminski By Mark & Gayle Brick
Thursday, April 3 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Ann Cleary By Chris & Tom Owens
Friday, April 4 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Ngozi Mary Rose Agbala By Linda & Jude Iloeje
Saturday, April 5 4:30 p.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent Vincent, Towana & Quincy Jaunai (Birthdays) By Anastasia Jaunai
Sunday, April 6 8:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent Bob & Barbara (Good Health) By Bob & Mary Ann Kalinowski
10:15 a.m.	Gary Zavatkay



THE ROSARY & ADORATION

There will be the rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evening, April 1st from 6:00 to 7:30. On Friday, April 4th we invite you to morning Mass at 8:00 followed by Adoration until 11:00 a.m.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

On April 6th 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

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised **\$29,115.50** for the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs within the Archdiocese. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, support for our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided daily by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and Trust in the Lord, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. **No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.**

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

The Old Testament readings throughout Lent have all focused on a journey – a movement from one place to another. The journeys have been either the Israelites leaving slavery in Egypt or Abraham journeying from his home

to the promised land. Both of these journeys are brought about by God preparing the way and calling his people to follow in faith.

The Old Testament reading from Joshua this week is notable in its joy, although it may be hard to see the significance of it from hearing it one time. The reading records how the Israelites, after wandering in the desert for forty years because they initially refused to enter the promised land, have now finally entered. They have come home. The first thing they do is they celebrate the Passover. Forty years after they left Egypt, they celebrate the ritual meal that commemorates how God brought them out of Egypt. Then, the next day, the manna from heaven – that simple food which they survived on in the desert – stopped. This was because it was time for them to harvest fresh food from their own land.

This fourth Sunday in Lent is called *Laetare* Sunday, coming from the Latin word “to rejoice.” We rejoice because the work that God is doing within us this Lent will bear fruit. God is actually doing something in us this Lent, whether we realize it or not, and God is faithful to bring it to completion.

Therefore, rejoice this week. Thank God for what he is doing within you. And ask that you are able to see and understand the renewal at work in you.



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Over the next two weeks, we once again ask your support for Bloomfield Social Services.

They have asked for donations of soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and laundry detergent. If you can help, please drop your donations in the boxes located in the back. Thank you.

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.

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.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 4,276.00
On-Line:	\$ 535.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,811.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank
you!*

**HANDBAG BINGO—APRIL 25TH
TICKETS ON SALE NOW—
ONLY 20 tickets remaining.
Call or email the parish office to get
yours today. Don't be left out!**



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us next Sunday for our last pancake buffet until we start again in the fall. Our breakfast ministry will be there after the 8 and 10:15 Masses to serve you the best pancakes! We thank this month's sponsor Margaret Folse. Come join us for breakfast!

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.

RICE BOWLS

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the **pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.



OPEN HOUSE

January 27 -
April 30, 2025

Come sit in on an online or in-person class! Study all 73 books of the Bible at the **New England Catholic Biblical School!**

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Mary C - Alumni Class of 2024

Visit: NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com



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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 AT 6:00 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM

Have you registered as a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish?

We would love to have you join us. Call (860 242-4142) or email the parish office. sacredheartblct@gmail.com

RESPONDING WITH FAITH SAYING "YES" TO GOD

This Monday March 31st we welcome **Bill Dunn** to Sacred Heart Parish. Bill returned to the Catholic Church many years ago after losing his faith in atheism. He works as a freelance writer and his humor column appears weekly in the *Republican-American* newspaper in Waterbury, CT. Bill posts a faith essay called "The Merry Catholic" each week on his website and can be heard on WJMJ, the radio station for the Hartford Archdiocese

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

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.
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