

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)

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, March 8 4:30 p.m. | First Sunday of Lent The People of the Parish |
| Sunday, March 9 8:00 a.m. | First Sunday of Lent Dolores & Eddie Duenez & Family (Well-being) By Delia & Bill Sanders |
| 10:15 a.m. | Phil Carpenter By Anne Carpenter |
| Monday, March 10 8:00 a.m. | Lenten Weekday Grace Dulka & Maria & Daniel Karas (Birthdays) By Joan & Epi Carrasquillo |
| Tuesday, March 11 8:00 a.m. | Lenten Weekday Jack Morrison By Betsy Morrison |
| Wednesday, March 12 8:00 a.m. | Lenten Weekday John & Shirley Cooper (Good health) By Sacred Heart Friends |
| Thursday, March 13 8:00 a.m. | Lenten Weekday No intention |
| Friday, March 14 8:00 a.m. | Lenten Weekday No intention |
| Saturday, March 15 4:30 p.m. | Second Sunday of Lent The People of the Parish |
| Sunday, March 16 8:00 a.m. | Second Sunday of Lent Barbara Ramsey Comack By Helene Stech |
| 10:15 a.m. | John & Elinor Murray By Mary Murray |



THE ROSARY & ADORATION

There will be the rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evening, March 11th from 6:00 to 7:30. On Friday, March 14th 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Monday, March 10th
from 10 to 11:30 to room 3!

SERVING OUR SENIORS

This Wednesday, March 12th we will be bringing a Chicken Parm dinner to the residents of Interfaith homes on Mountain Ave. We need servers, Chicken Parm, pasta with sauce, rolls, salad, and dessert. (serving sizes for 8 to 10 people. If you can help in any way, please call or email the parish office. Servers and food must be at Sacred Heart on Wednesday by 3:15. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



Words from Fr. Michael

Beginning this season of Lent, we are reminded that by our own power we cannot save ourselves.

Abraham is one of the clearest examples of someone who never moved out of home. He stays and lives in his father's tents until he is

an old man. He never went out on his own, he never started his own family, and he shows no initiative. It is only when God speaks to him and says, "I am calling you to leave home and journey to a distant land," that his life truly begins. God prompts him to leave and to desire something greater.

Then, as he journeys to the promised land, he keeps on doing stupid thing after stupid thing. He is not particularly good at the role of being a father to a great nation. But God keeps prompting him, forgiving him, and rescuing him.

Our heritage as human beings is not primarily a heritage of heroism and excellence. The background inheritance of humanity is cowardice, shirking responsibility, and disobeying God. Excellence is admirable, but rare. Broken humanity is common to us all.

It is God's extraordinary gift of grace – divine life – which moves us towards excellence and holiness. It is God who prompts and calls us outside of ourselves. It is the one who loves us beyond our understanding who desires us to be fully alive.

This Lent, may we pray that God instills great desires in us. A desire to be holy. A desire to know the love of God. A desire to love others as God loves us. A desire to be excellent. Like Abraham, it is easy for us to sit in our favorite seat and be comfortable. It is the God who loves us who calls us to desire greater and more wonderful things.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to this collection next weekend. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.



RIDES NEEDED!

We have parishioners living at Seabury who can no longer drive to the 10:15 Mass. Seabury is unable to provide transportation. We are hoping that someone who attends the 10:15 Mass would be willing to drive. If you are interested and would like more information, please call or email the parish office. Thank you for considering this request.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly: \$ 7,729.00
On-Line: \$ 870.00
Total Received: \$ 8,599.00
Budgeted: \$ 5,000.00

*Thank
you!*

If you wish to start on-line giving go to our website: sacredheartbloomfieldct.com. and click "on-line giving." Tickets to the handbag bingo are available by clicking on the "on-line giving" link.

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.

*All proceeds benefit
The Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry*

**On Sale
NOW!**



*Sacred Heart Church
26 Wintonbury Ave.
Bloomfield, CT*

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 p.m. \$40.00 per person

BYOB and Snacks

Extra Bingo Cards & Raffles—Cash only

Tickets go on sale March 10th

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR RAFFLES.

Please call or email the parish office if you can
help in anyway.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

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