

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)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 5 4:30 p.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent Vincent, Towana, & Quincy Janunai (Birthday) 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 By David & Mary Lou Royce
Monday, April 7 8:00 a.m.	St. John the Baptist de la Salle Joseph Ettienne-Modeste By Theresa Ettienne-Modeste
Tuesday, April 8 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday The People of the Parish
Wednesday, April 9 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday No intention
Thursday, April 10 8:00 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Isaac & Sarah Suttar (well-being) By Sacred Heart Friends
Friday, April 11 8:00 a.m.	Saint Stanislaus Michael Bobryk By Larry & Mary Lauren
Saturday, April 12 4:30 p.m.	Palm Sunday Marion Nowakowski (Birthday) By His family
Sunday, April 13 8:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Benjamin Nnachetam By Grace & Tony Nwankwo
10:15 a.m.	Mary & John Collins By Betty Cronin



THE ROSARY & ADORATION

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



DECORATING CROSSES

We are looking for 14 individuals, families or groups to decorate our Easter Crosses on Holy Saturday. There are 4 crosses left. If you would like to adopt a cross, please sign up at the entrance of the church.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2025 Appeal literature! Organizations such as **The Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance and Connecticut Food-share** right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today. 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

This Friday, April 11, student musicians from the University of Hartford will join us for Stations. We hope to see you there.

Handbag Bingo
Sold out! *Thank you!*



Words from Fr. Michael

This fifth week of Lent is the final full week of Lent before the intensity of Holy Week. In the readings this weekend we hear how God, in his goodness, provides a pathway for us to return to the life we were made to have.

Even though our experiences shape us, we are not defined by our triumphs nor our failures. Our primary identity is being a child of God.

Failure is crushing. Whether we fail something minor, like a Lenten resolution; or major, like a vow, the failure is painful. It is tempting to let our sins define us.

However, whenever we encounter God, we are given the opportunity to be forgiven and reconciled. Traditionally, the most damning act of pride we can do is to think that we have done something that God cannot forgive or to believe that we can never change our course in life. God is greater than our sins. God is greater than our failings. His grace is enough to enable a change in life. The cross is powerful enough to forgive any sin.

Remember, as we come close to Easter, whatever you have failed can be redeemed. Are you willing to receive from God your true identity as a child and leave behind the lies we tell about ourselves?



RICE BOWLS

Please bring your rice bowl donations to church next weekend.



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Next weekend is the last chance to support Bloomfield Social Services with their request 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

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

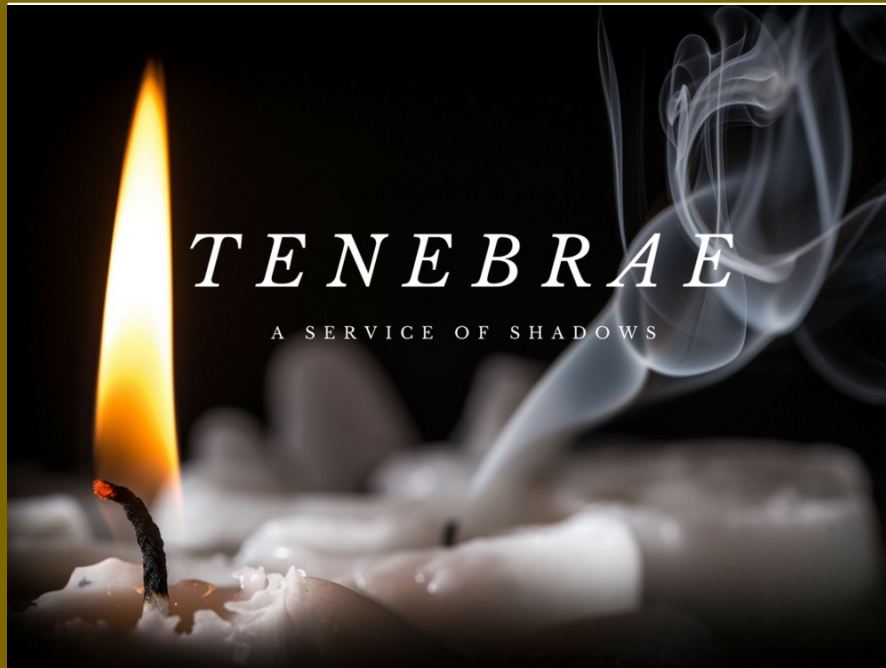
Weekly:	\$ 3,573.00
On-Line:	\$ 685.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,258.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

Thank you!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday: Stations at 12 and liturgy at 3 p.m.
 Holy Saturday: 8 p.m.
 Easter Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.



**Sunday,
April 13,
2025**

7:00 p.m.

The church has practiced Tenebrae, meaning “darkness or shadows,” since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians for many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

We gather together in darkness to remember the darkness Jesus experienced as He hung on the cross. Through music, readings, and silence we will also experience the darkness of that day. As we remember the story of Christ’s passion, lights from 14 candles are extinguished. As darkness increases, the “Christ Candle” still shines, a sign of the light of Christ. A sign of victory, a sign of hope.

Let us join together on the evening of Palm Sunday, as we reflect on Jesus’ suffering, the darkness that covered the land at His crucifixion, His separation from the Father, and the seriousness of our sin. And yet in the end as darkness surrounds us, the light of Christ still glows.



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