

# *Sacred Heart Parish*

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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***Office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.***



### ***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)*

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 8, 2026**

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, February 7 4:30 p.m.	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Carmine & Marie Vaccaro Larry & Mary Laureno
Sunday, February 8 8:00 a.m.	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Elizabeth Brassil Spinella By Christine Wisniewski
10:15 a.m.	Collette Roy (good health) By Mary Lou & David Royce
Monday, February 9 8:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> No intention
Tuesday, February 10 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Scholastica</b> No intention
Wednesday, February 11	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> No Morning Mass
Thursday, February 12 8:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Tom Ciccarillo By Margaret Folse
Friday, February 13 8:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> People of the Parish
Saturday, February 14 4:30 p.m.	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ralph Butch By Mary Ann Butch
Sunday, February 15 8:00 a.m.	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish
10:15 a.m.	Jana Spacek By Vladimir Spacek

## **Adoration**

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**Blessed Sacrament**



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, February 10th for Adoration and the Rosary. We will also have Adoration on Friday, February 13th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to 11:00a.m.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

We are pleased to announce that Betsy Morrison is this year's recipient of the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation for 2026. This medal honors those who have selflessly given of their time and talent over a number of years to be of service to our parish. The Medal of Appreciation is presented at a special mass celebrated by The Archbishop at The Cathedral of St. Joseph once a year. For those who do not know Betsy, She is one of those quiet people who leads by example here at Sacred Heart. Some of the ways she serves is as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and in addition to serving at Mass, Betsy attends to those in need at a local nursing home and in the community. Betsy is also the facilitator of our Sacred Heart book club as well as one of the wonderful volunteers who help in the parish office. Archbishop Coyne will be presenting Betsy with the award on Sunday, March 15th at the Cathedral of St Joseph at 2:30. All are welcome to join Betsy on the 15th at the Cathedral. We congratulate Betsy and thank her for sharing her gifts with all of us here at Sacred Heart.

## **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to prepare a wonderful pancake breakfast for all of us last weekend. We all appreciate your time and effort. We also thank Darlene Kennedy for sponsoring the breakfast in honor of Fr. Robert Vargo. Our next "All are welcome weekend" with our free pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 1st and sponsored by the Duncaster ladies: Kathleen Prewitt, Margaret Culkin and Betty Cronin.



## REFLECTIONS

### From Fr. Stu

We're less than two weeks from the beginning of this year's Lenten season and Jesus of Matthew's gospel is showing us the way. It began last week when he sat down on the hillside with the crowd of followers, God's little ones, the *anawim* of faith, and began teaching them about the kingdom of heaven. This divine reign of love is something they have already experienced a bit in different ways when they've lived out the beatitudes of kingdom life. They know what it's like to be poor in spirit, pained by broken hearts, struggling to forgive and make one another whole and share the peace of God. These are the moments when the Lord's grace is so very real to them, living his love, looking at the world in his unique, caring way, and finding hope together where they and we are blessed and the words of the Mount sermon rise from our hearts and flow from our lips.

Whenever we share it and believe in it as the source of full life, then his light flows out into the world, in the small places where we dwell and through the faraway lands where the ways of faith brighten the darkness, gleaming from the lampstands of the gospel lit by the followers of Christ. He teaches us how to share it, believe in our bright gifts and sit down on the holy hillsides together. It's not always easy; the shadows and hurts can seem to get the best of us. But that's when he repeats the words of the Sermon on the Mount again, in our lives and through us to others: "Blessed are you."

St. Paul knew this. As eloquent as he could be, he came among the Christian communities he helped build humbly speaking a single message: "Christ crucified and raised to new life." That was the heart of it, the beatitude core of gospel life that he learned from the Risen One and it was the source of the true wisdom they would live out together. All were equal in Christ, all called by his gentle cross where he poured out his life for others. They would know it as one if they cared for each other, praising God, breaking the divine bread, passing it on to the poor and suffering. They'd feel the power of God stream through them when they were weak and trembling, afraid but strong in his mighty love. The Spirit of being a community of Christ would grow within and between them, teaching them how to listen and hear his voice, serve and share it with others, basking in his wise ways.

Isaiah echoes the message of Zephaniah from last week, calling us to be the remnant of truth and goodness in a world so in need of compassion and kindness. Then, when we call out to God in our quiet places, prayer spaces of trust and openness, he will come towards us as we move closer to him, helping us sense him when we search and so need to feel his embrace as he gently responds, "Here I am." Perhaps now we can see more clearly what Jesus means when He says: "Reform your lives! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He seems to be inviting us to eradicate our own wisdom and self-absorption, so that we can find true strength in Him. Then we will no longer wish to seek glory in ourselves but will only seek always to glorify God. Amen.

### DINNER CLUB WINNERS!

January

\$50.00 Jennifer Barry  
\$25.00 Jon Clubb  
\$25.00 Denise Coley  
\$25.00 Roselyn Pion



### BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Book Club will be on Wednesday, February 25th at 1:30 p.m. in room 3. This month's book is "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony. **Come join the group!**

### PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly: \$ 4,808.00  
On-Line: \$ 927.00  
Total Received: \$ 5,735.00  
Budgeted: \$ 5,000.00

Thank  
You

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### SOUP DINNERS

On February 26th, March 12th and March 26th we will begin our discussion "Getting Closer to Christ" with a Soup and... dinner. Please consider joining us for dinner at 6:00 followed by the program at 6:30. **If you would be willing to make a soup for one of the evenings, please sign up in the back of the church!**



# WINE & CHOCOLATE PAIRING

Join us and learn about wine, wine tasting tips, and simple food paring!

Event includes:

*Tickets*

\$15

2 Cheese Pairings

4 Chocolate Pairings

Wine Tasting Tips

Wine Facts



**Saturday, February 21, 2026 • 7:00 PM**

Sacred Heart Church

26 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield, CT

Tickets on sale after Mass or by  
contacting the parish office