

# *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)

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 25 4:30 p.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> People of the Parish
Sunday, April 26 8:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Gary Paliwoda By Colleen Paliwoda
10:15 a.m.	Thanksgiving By Jude & Linda Ileoje
Monday, April 27 8:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> No intention
Tuesday, April 28 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon</b> No intention
Wednesday, April 29	<b>St. Catherine of Siena</b> No morning Mass
Thursday, April 30 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Pius V.</b> No intention
Friday, May 1 8:00 a.m.	<b>St. Joseph the worker</b> No intention
Saturday, May 2 4:30 p.m.	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Jasmine, Sestiny and Amira (Birthdays) By Theresa Ettienne-Modiset
Sunday, May 3 8:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Stephen Sanders By Delia & Bill Sanders
10:15 a.m.	People of the Parish

## Adoration

of the  
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, April 28th for Adoration and the Rosary. There will be adoration also on Friday May 1st from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.



## SACRED HEART BOOK CLUB

All are invited to gather on Wednesday, April 29th to discuss the book: "Memorial Days" by Geraldine Brooks. The group will meet in room 3 at 1:30 p.m.

## ALL ARE WELCOME Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday is our monthly pancake breakfast brought to you by our Breakfast Ministry and this month sponsored by Kathy and Jerry Spitler. Please come and thank our breakfast ministry for sharing their time and talents with us. We especially would like to thank Mary Lou and David Royce for coordinating the event these past years. Pancakes will be ready to enjoy after the 8 and 10:15 Masses. We hope to see you there.



## YOUTH MASS

Calling all young people! Next Sunday, May 3rd at the 10:15 Mass we will have a "Youth Mass" We are looking for greeters, collectors, lectors, and gift bearers. If you would like to participate in anyway, please contact Doris Battle at Doris.battle@hotmail.com or call 860-655-2097. **All Are Welcome!**

## LIVING ROSARY

Let's join together to ask our Mother Mary to intervene on our behalf and ask for peace. Join us on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. Help us bring the rosary to life and sign up.

**SACRED HEART WEBSITE : [sacredheartbloomfieldct.com](http://sacredheartbloomfieldct.com)**

Check out our great website.... Lots of information and beautiful pictures!

## A Reflection to Ponder



Deacon Tony

Since Easter, the gospel readings have been wholly centered around our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The readings this weekend, which are designed to help us deepen our faith in our Lord, continues this trend. The first reading from the Acts of the apostles, shows us about three thousand people desiring to be bap-

tized just after listening to Saint Peter.

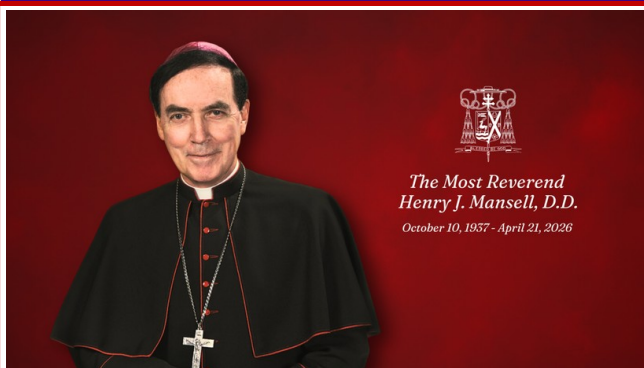
The second reading, seeks to convince us that if we believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly risen, then we must make the changes necessary in our lives to reflect this belief.

In the gospel reading, Jesus uses the parable of a sheepfold to illustrate who He truly is and should, be for us. We must keep in mind that He was directing his message at that time to the pharisees who were angry at and jealous of Him because they considered Him a competitor and as a result, an alternative.

Now, a sheepfold has only one gate. If a person enters the sheepfold by any other way, he is considered an evildoer. For the true shepherd enters through the gate, speaks to his sheep and they recognize his voice. Jesus IS the true Shepard. However, in today's gospel reading, Jesus also makes a critical distinction. He is not just the shepherd, but the sheepgate Itself! And as He states, "whoever enters through this gate (i.e. Himself)" gains eternal life. Notice the word, **whoever**. He does not exclude anyone – not even the Pharisees who spurn Him!

My dear friends, the Lord Jesus Christ is quite clear about what he tells us in the gospel today. They are not several gateways to salvation. There is only one – Himself! And so, for us and for many, the question then becomes, how do we recognize the sheepgate, and how should we respond to Him?

There are two words that help us: Choose and Persevere. St Peter put it succinctly, in todays reading from the acts; "Save yourselves from this generation which has gone astray." And "Reform and be baptized each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. And I might also add the word of the Father Himself, when He says; "This is my beloved Son, **Listen** to Him. May God give us the graces that will enable us to do so. Amen.



### Arrangements for Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, D.D.

Friends and parishioners may pay their respects on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the St. Thomas Chapel at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Hartford, 467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT. Solemn Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead will be celebrated at 6:30 pm.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 11:00 am, at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT, with the Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Sixth Archbishop of Hartford, as principal celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield.

— THE 152<sup>nd</sup> RUNNING OF THE —

# Kentucky Derby

— 2026 —

SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Sacred Heart Church  
5:30 pm—7:30 pm



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