

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 Easter

May 3, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 2 4:30 p.m.	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Jasmine, Destiny and Amira (Birthdays) By Theresa Ettienne-Modeste
Sunday, May 3 8:00 a.m.	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Stephen Sanders By Delia & Bill Sanders
10:15 a.m.	Thanksgiving By Jude & Linda Ileoje
Monday, May 4 8:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Weekday</i> People of the Parish
Tuesday, May 5 8:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Weekday</i> No intention
Wednesday, May 6	<i>Easter Weekday</i> No morning Mass
Thursday, May 7 8:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Tom Ciccarillo By Florence Adamowicz
Friday, May 8 8:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Weekday</i> No intention
Saturday, May 9 4:30 p.m.	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Sten Jakuba By Vic Spacek
Sunday, May 10 8:00 a.m.	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> No intention
10:15 a.m.	Tom Ciccarillo By: Betsy Morrison

Adoration

of the
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, May 5th for Adoration and the Rosary. There will be adoration also on Friday, May 8 from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.



MOTHER'S DAY BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLES

Happy Mother's Day! Birthright will distribute baby bottles after Masses on Mother's Day, weekend, May 9th & 10th. We ask that you take the bottles home, fill them with coins, cash, or a check and return them to the Birthright volunteer stationed after Masses on the weekend of May 30th and 31st. As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. Birthright will send an acknowledgement card of your gift of life. This is an opportunity for our church families to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers' lives. Thank you for any help you can give.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Over these past months, women in our parish have been making beautiful prayer shawls. If you know someone who would like the comfort of a prayer shawl, please call or email the parish office. It's a wonderful way to reach out to someone. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please come gather with the group on Monday, May 4th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room 3.

Almost \$10,000 was raised for the Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry. Turn to the back page to find out how it was done!

REFLECTIONS

From Fr. Stu

Last Monday, as I was returning from running some errands in Avon, I was driving down Mountain Road on my way back to Bloomfield. When I looked to the left, I saw a young woman walking briskly down the sidewalk. She was pushing a baby carriage with her right hand, while also walking her dog on a leash with her left. All she needed was to be talking on a cell phone attached to the carriage and she would have been the epitome of a multitasking mom!

I think of this funny tale in light of this Sunday's First Reading from Acts 6 when the first Christian deacons were selected. There were seven of them asked to tend to the everyday needs of Greek-speaking widows who were being forgotten in the daily happenings of the community. Each deacon was selected by other members of the churches based on their reputations and talents. While they were initially asked to tend to the food needs, serving at table, making sure everyone had enough to eat, they would eventually grow into new roles, helping during worship in a similar way to Deacons Bob, Tony & Rich here at Sacred Heart. Indeed, one of them – who would later be known as St. Stephen - became so adept at teaching and debating about scripture as it pointed to Christ that it led to the end of his life as the first martyr of the Christian church. And it all started by living out his faith and serving others.

This weekend marks the end of this season's religious education schedule as the young people of our parish complete this year's journey of learning about the Lord Jesus and how they can follow him. We'll be celebrating the Young People's Mass at our 10:15 liturgy as those in the program take part in different ways as always, serving our parish with the help of their catechists and the love and support of their families. These special Masses have been a blessing for us and a chance for our youth to learn more about their own gifts.

Another activity that I've been a part of with them once a month is our "Praying & Sharing Time" at the end of class. We all gather in the classroom with the nice comfortable chairs, students, catechists, parents and families alike. I usually begin by asking if anyone had any tests or quizzes in the past week or did anything else happen that they want to tell us about. Last time there were four different kiddos who had math tests. When I asked how they thought they did, they quietly said "Okay..." After I spoke a bit about Holy Week and the beginning of the Easter Season, we began our "prayer and petitions time" when everyone has a chance to ask the group to pray for a special need. It's so inspiring with young ones and adults speaking from their hearts. One student also asked if we could pray that he has no more math tests anytime soon! Everyday parts of the Christian life being shared as we learn about ourselves, each other and our God who loves us.

This merging of prayer, service, learning and growing was very present during the recent funeral of our former Archbishop Mansell. I joined a big crowd at the Cathedral made up of many priests, deacons and members of the archdiocese as well as visiting bishops with Archbishop Coyne as the presider. When Fr. Melnick, the rector of the Cathedral parish, went to the pulpit to give the homily from his thoughts and memories of Archbishop Mansell as his priest-secretary, he spoke about one particular gift he had: the ability to remember the names of everyone who took part in a Confirmation Mass in the parishes of the diocese. When Fr. Melnick asked him why he challenged himself to remember everyone's name, Archbishop Mansell replied, "Because people are important." Simple words from a soft-spoken, faithful shepherd. It reminds us that from the early days of the church, when seven men were prayed over to serve, to young people who strive to be kind and caring, to all of us here in our parish who are disciples of Christ, we live out his gospel in our own ways. Many who live in our area, others in need that we regularly reach out to help, and young moms and other parents living their busy lives. They are all God's people. And they are important.



LIVING ROSARY

On Thursday, May 21st at 7p.m. we will honor our Mother Mary with a living rosary. We ask everyone to join us this evening, either representing a bead of the rosary, or being a part and reciting the rosary with all of us. We welcome all ages. We are asking for 60 people to participate and lead a Hail Mary or Our Father. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church. Please consider joining us for this special evening.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,778.00
On-Line:	\$ 587.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,365.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

Thank you!

THANK YOU!

This past Friday, Sacred Heart hosted a “handbag Bingo” to raise almost **\$10,000** to help the Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry. We are grateful to everyone who helped in so many different ways from offering their time or making a donation of a raffle prize or a monetary gift.

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