



## Sacred Heart Church

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**PASTOR:** Rev. David C. Leopold, ext. 4  
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**Office Administrator:** David Palumbo, ext. 3  
**Parish office hours:** Monday-Wednesday, Friday (Closed on Thursday)  
9:30am-4:30pm (closed for lunch from 12:30pm-1:30pm)

*Welcome to our Catholic family and faith community. We are glad you have joined us. Since 1881, generations of faithful have called our parish home.*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cornelia Hurwitz, Director  
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Email: [religion.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:religion.sacredheart@gmail.com)

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Paula Fontes, Cantor / Organist - Traditional Choir, Tel: 401-474-6929  
Jim Ryan, Folk Choir Director, Tel: 203-798-6127

### ALTAR SERVERS

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### LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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### OUTREACH MINISTRY CONTACTS

#### Soup Kitchen Cooks:

Paula Hand 203-762-5856

#### Emergency Prayer Chain:

Susan Barnett: 203-834-7663  
Marie Hawes: 203-938-2639  
Diane/Jim Ryan: 203-798-6127

#### RCIA:

Anna Lisciandra: 203-938-9612

### COMMITTEES

**Parish Council:** Steve Archer, Facilitator,  
Tel: 203-544-7150

**Finance:** Steve Archer, Secretary  
Tel: 203-544-8583

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday - Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm (EDT), 4:15 pm (EST)  
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 12:30 pm  
Holy day 5:30 pm (VIGIL MASS) 8:30 am, 7:30 pm

### SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES

**Novena of the Miraculous Medal:** Mondays after 8:30am Mass.  
**Rosary:** is said after each weekday Mass.  
**St. Padre Pio Prayer Group:** after 8:30 am Mass on the second Monday of the month.  
**Bible Study Group:** 10:00 am - noon on the second Wednesday of the month (Rectory Meeting Room).  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each month after 8:30 am Mass ending with Benediction at noon.  
**Mens' Ministry:** Saturday 7:00 - 8:30 am in Rectory Meeting Room.

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 4:15 to 5:00 pm or by appointment (DST)  
Saturday: 3:15 to 4:00 pm or by appointment (EST)

**Baptism:** Pre-Baptism Program meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the church. *Please call the Rectory to schedule Baptisms and to register for the Pre-Baptism Program.*

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance. Please do not book reception before speaking to the priests to finalize the date for the church.

**Sick Calls:** Call the rectory if you are hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, seriously ill or confined to home.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Please visit or call the rectory weekdays to register.

**January 13, 2019**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**



The theme for today's readings focus on the Beloved Son. Isaiah reminds us that water is essential, especially for the traveler in the desert. We may stumble, but we can be picked up again by God ***"all you who are thirsty, come to the water."*** The second reading reminds us that we are all becoming children of God. ***At baptism we had the love of God placed in us as a seed and then it bore fruit, horizontally and vertically toward God and others.*** In the Gospel reading, after John baptized Jesus, we hear that after Jesus came out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove (a symbol of Israel) descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens: ***"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*** Mark relates Jesus' baptism as another epiphany by declaring that the Lord Jesus is the Son of Yahweh. This relates to Jesus' personality and gives us a deeper insight into who our Lord is. ***Jesus is there for everyone.*** We need to appreciate and love our Lord for this.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR.** Eoin Robertson, Philip Joseph Wax, Rebecca Myhill, Rita O'Brien, Mary Grady, Jeanne Bruestle, Sean Callanan, Robin Weir, Kathleen Heavey, Thomas Scanlon, Kathleen Kenneox, Gerry Commins, Charles Taylor, Barbara Tarnoff, Marianne Herrighty, Christopher Rice Jr., Eileen O'Brien, Rose Hill, Caesar Cirigliano, Mary Conway, Marie Fontana, Kim Murphy, Tamara Deyle, Alexis Gorman, Janet Ross, Elvira Hidalgo, Philip Gagliano, Ross Hand, Kathleen Gola, Bert Miceli, Jean Russo, Patti Satkowsky Piech, Vincent Callanan, Jeanie Bangert, Italia Piana, Thomas Jagelka, Susan Fleming, Kathy Bannar, Mike Reese, Michael Bannar, Susan Coan, Kathy Melli, Jerry Santilli, Fred Scheyhing, Robert Therrien, Rita McKee.

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS.** Those interested in making donations to Sacred Heart Parish through ***automatic withdrawal*** from their checking, saving or credit card accounts are asked to ***contact the Parish Office at (203) 544-8345 x3 or visit our website at sacredheartgeorgetown ct.org & click on the Online Giving Icon*** below the picture of Sacred Heart Church.

**THE FOLK GROUP** is a ***small but joyful group***, always ***open to new members*** (high school and older) who would like to use their voices or instrumental talents to enrich the worship of others. ***We sing at the 9:30 a.m. mass each week and rehearse at 8:45 a.m. Sunday mornings in the rectory basement meeting room.*** We also join the traditional choir for Holy Thursday and confirmation. ***If you feel closest to God when you're singing or playing an instrument, please consider joining us.*** For more information contact ***Jim Ryan*** at (203) 798-6127 or ***jryan999 @att.net.***

***"PRAYER IS A REALITY. God listens to us and, when we pray, God enters into our lives, he becomes present among us, works among us. Praying is a very important thing that can change the world. And it is important to help each other by praying: to pray together in the liturgy, to pray together in the family."*** ***Pope Benedict XVI***

***"Holy Spirit may my heart be open to the Word of God, may my heart be open to good, may my heart be open to the beauty of God, every day"*** - ***Pope Francis***

**THOMAS MERTON CENTER** in Bridgeport needs peanut butter and jelly for their guests. To help, please drop off at the Merton Center, 43 Madison Avenue, between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., or call Brian Jenkins at phone: (203) 367-9036.

**MORNING GLORY** in Danbury is in need of cereal and pancake mix. For more information and to make a donation, please contact Michele Conderino: (203) 748-0848, ext. 231.


**OUR PARISH PRAYER REQUEST BOX** is located on the shelf near the left entrance of the Church. ***If you would like to write a prayer intention and place it in the box, you are encouraged to do so.*** At the end of each month, the box will be emptied to make room for the following month's petitions. ***These intentions will be remembered weekly in the Prayer of the Faithful.***



**Scripture readings for the Week of January 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)**  
 Isaiah 40:1-11 / Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 /  
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday** Hebrews 1:1-6 / Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday** Hebrews 2:5-12 / Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday** Hebrews 2:14-18 / Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday (Saint Anthony, Abbot)**  
 Hebrews 3:7-14 / Mark 1:40-45
- Friday** Hebrews 4:1-11 / Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday** Hebrews 4:12-16 / Mark 2:13-27

**MASS INTENTIONS: January 14 – 20**

Mon	8:30	Father M. Joseph Joaquin on his 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		Sat	4:15	Sacred Heart Parishioners
Tue	8:30	Suzanne Case Smith		Sun	8:00	Pera Vassallo
Wed	8:30	Veterans of the Armed Forces		9:30	Ross Hand (living)	
Thur	8:30	Deceased Members of the Armed Forces		11:15	The Sick	
Fri	8:30	The Homeless		12:30	Members of the Armed Forces	

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>Christmas \$22,962</b>	<b>New Year's \$1,365</b>	<b>January 6, 2018 \$4,265</b>
<b>(Weekly Amount needed to meet our ongoing Operating Cost \$5,800)</b>			

**LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: January 19 – 20**

	<u><b>5:15</b></u>	<u><b>8:00</b></u>	<u><b>9:30</b></u>	<u><b>11:15</b></u>	<u><b>12:30</b></u>
<b>L</b>	C Hurwitz	C Coburn	A Collins	P Roux	A Brings
<b>EM</b>	J Kress	M Ferrandino	G Fagan	M DiBari	M Radocy
<b>EM</b>	C Hurwitz	K Tomko		A DiBari	R Leon-Paez
<b>EM</b>	Z Jankowski			J MacEachen	
<b>EM</b>					

**FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**



*“As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary.” - Saint Thomas Aquinas*

**Mid-Term Exams.** Exams will be on Tuesday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> for students in Grades 2-7. **Students must use the study sheets to prepare; Chapters 1-14.**

**Parent Teacher Meetings.** On Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, the **Parent-Teacher meetings** will take place. The results of the recent **Mid-term** exam will be discussed. The meetings will begin at **5:15 p.m.**, and all parents are expected to attend.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Mass.** The **9:30 a.m. Mass** on next **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** will be a special 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mass. There will be a parent **sacrament meeting in the Catechetical Center** for First Reconciliation after Mass.

**Confirmation Class.** The parents of our Confirmation candidates will receive a letter regarding the beginning of a more **intense period of study and preparation for the candidates.** There will be **homework assignments and chapter quizzes**, based on the new **Confirmation textbook.** We ask that parents check to see that the assignments are being completed.

The **Religious Education and Parish Offices** will be closed on **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**, for the **Martin Luther King Holiday.**

**MEN'S MINISTRY.** There are a lot of distractions in today's world that can make it difficult being the men we want to be. *Guided by scripture (and fueled by coffee and bagels), the members of the Sacred Heart Men's Ministry discuss the challenges in our Christian walk, how God can help us each day and how we can support and encourage each other.* Topics we've covered include Men at Work, Discipleship, Dealing with Failure and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. *We meet each Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the rectory meeting room.* We know it's early, but it's time well spent that won't get in the way of being with your family. *All men are welcome.* Please contact **Jim Ryan** at (203) 798-6127 or [jryan999@att.net](mailto:jryan999@att.net) for more information.

*“Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.” - Saint John Vianney*

**PROJECT RACHEL.** Free and confidential help for those seeking healing after abortion. Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? *Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church seeking to assist those suffering from a past abortion come to healing in Christ.* “Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...the Father of Mercies is ready to give you *His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*” *Blessed John Paul II.* Contact Project Rachel (203) 416-1619 or [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org).