



Sacred Heart Church

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Thursdays & Fridays 9:30am-6:00pm

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Tyler Tarver, Cantor / Organist - Traditional Choir, Tel: 203-544-8345
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Susan Barnett: 203-834-7663
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COMMITTEES

Finance: Steve Archer, Chairman
Tel: 203-544-7150

Pastoral Council: Jim Ryan, Chairman,
Tel: 203-798-6127

Special Events: Ewa Ojarovska
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am; *Missa Cantata* Wednesday 6:00pm
Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:30am

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES

Novena of the Miraculous Medal.

Rosary.

Divine Mercy Group: Wednesday, 10:00am-12:00Noon, Rectory Meeting Room

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group.

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 9:00 am Mass ending with Benediction at 12:00Noon.

Mens' Ministry: Saturday morning 7:00 - 8:30 am in Rectory Meeting Room.

Women of Sacred Heart Group: Every other Thursday 7:30 to 9:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.

AA: Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:15 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Pre-Baptism Program is by appointment with a priest. 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, or wish a visit by a priest.

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

Dear Parishioners:

Two weeks ago, an important letter was issued from both Fr. Joseph Cervero and I regarding the current status of the merger between Sacred Heart Parish and St. Patrick Parish in Redding Ridge. It was also provided in last weekend's bulletin, and was e-mailed to those whose e-mail addresses we have in our parish database – and it is soon to be mailed out along with other important parish communications. This update notes that the timeline for merger has been accelerated due to the financial constraints that have been experienced for some time in both parishes, and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dealing with the financial state of our parish has been one of the most pressing topics since my arrival here at Sacred Heart. In addressing our current financial position, I have met with our Finance Committee twice and with our Parish Trustees once and have obtained their valued input on how best to deal with our financial difficulties. As I write this message to you, I am preparing to meet with our Pastoral Council as well, and I look forward to receiving their outlook and counsel on the current situation.

From a close examination of our current financial position, it is clear that our expenses exceed our income, and though our Finance Committee crafted as best of a budget as they could for this current fiscal year, the budget still projects a loss. In addition, as the merger process continues, it has become clear that it is necessary to take steps now to ensure that – as of day one – the new parish formed from the merger will be in a healthy financial position so that it will be able to properly pay all of its bills in accordance with the level of income that it can reasonably expect to receive.

To that end, I have had to revisit the matter of parish staffing to determine if our current level of need is consonant with our contemporary fiscal position. After considered discussion with our Finance Committee, and with due consideration of the current financial position of the parish, I am reducing the position of Office Manager to a part-time position **effective this Monday, November 16th**. Office hours are being adjusted accordingly to accommodate the change: the parish office will now be open on **Wednesdays from 9:30am to 1:30pm, and on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30am to 6:00pm**.

I am truly grateful to Mrs. Debra Burke for her dedicated service to our parish as Office Manager, and I am pleased to inform you that she has agreed to remain in her current position in its part-time reconfiguration. On a personal note, since my arrival in September, Debbie has not ceased to be a regular help and support to me, and I know from having spoken to many of you how highly you regard her dedication to our parish and the professionalism with which she embraces her work.

Please continue to pray for our parish and for the success of all of our endeavors as we work to ensure that Sacred Heart Parish remains not only a fiscally-viable community, but is well-poised to embrace its future as part of a larger family of faith in the Georgetown and Redding communities.

Sincerely,
Fr. Peter F. Lenox, S.L.L.
Parochial Administrator

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one - each according to his ability. Then he went away.”

Matthew 25:14-15



WOMENS GROUP. The Women's Group has begun to meet again on *Thursday evenings* from **6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory Meeting Room. The purpose of the group is to meditate on the word of God and to look for ways to apply it to women's daily lives as wives, mothers, sisters, grandmothers, friends, as beloved children of God. It will be a time for spiritual growth, for sharing experiences, for faith strengthening and for supporting one another in the spiritual journey. Please contact **Martha Radocy** at radocy@gmail.com for more information.

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.** All men are welcome. Please contact **Jim Ryan** at (203) 798-6127 or jryan999@att.net for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Eoin Robertson, Philip Joseph Wax, Rebecca Myhill, Sean Callanan, Gerry Commins, Charles Taylor, Rose Hill, Mary Conway, Marie Fontana, Kim Murphy, Tamara Deyle, Alexis Gorman, Janet Ross, Elvira Hidalgo, Philip Gagliano, Ross Hand, Kathleen Gola, Jean Russo, Patti Satkowsky Piech, Jeanie Bangert, Italia Piana, Kathy Melli, Jerry Santilli, Fred Scheyhing, Charlotte Kelly, Linda Licarie, Brian Cole, Ralph Gervasio, Jerry O'Sullivan, Maria Isaza, Sue Ackerman, Kathy Bannar, Deborah Carrier, Ronald Glick, Brooke Lockwood, Larry Twardy, Olivia Firreno, Eileen Long, Richard Sibilio, Ray Osborne, Frank Nataro, Gene Mazzulla, John Nahra, A Diviney, B Coan, Larissa Beth Ramos.

MASS INTENTIONS: November 16 - November 22

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| Wed | 9:00am | Mary Corsault |
| | 6:00pm | |
| Thur | 9:00am | +Tom Scanlon Sacred Heart Parishioners |
| Fri | 9:00am | |
| Sat | 4:15pm | |
| Sun | 9:30am | |
| | 11:30am | |



Special Upcoming Events for Confirmation

Thursday, November 19th, 5:30pm: Mass of Investiture and Affirmation
Saturday, December 5th, 9:30-11:30am: Holy Hour and Confessions for Confirmation students
Friday, December 11th, 5:00pm: Confirmation Mass

OFFERTORY

November 8, 2020

\$3,260

(Weekly Amount needed to meet our ongoing Operating Cost \$5,800)

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

“Let our hearts overflow with thankfulness...” - Colossians 2:7

8th Grade Rite of Investiture and 9th Grade Rite of Affirmation Mass Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 pm – Students and families are to attend this important Mass as the 8th Grade students begin their intense preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the 9th Grade students affirm that they have completed their preparation and stand ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be on December 11th.

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory -The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

"Let all creation help you to praise God. Give yourself the rest you need. When you are walking alone, listen to the sermon preached to you by the flowers, the trees, the shrubs, the sky, the sun and the whole world. Notice how they preach to you a sermon full of love, of praise of God, and how they invite you to proclaim the greatness of the one who has given them being." — St. Paul of the Cross

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS / ONLINE GIVING

The ability to support and participate online is more important than ever during this extraordinary time. Sacred Heart Parish offers Online Giving as an option to support our continued mission.

Making donations to Sacred Heart Parish through automatic withdrawal from your bank accounts or credit card accounts is available for your convenience.



REDIRECTION OF CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

We are disappointed to inform you that due to COVID-19 our Redirection of Christmas ministry program will not run as it has in the past. Our sister Bridgeport and Stamford parishes are not collecting family-to-family gifts this year but instead are asking for gift card donations. If you would like to make a difference for a family in need this Christmas season, please consider making a monetary donation. You may leave a check in the collection basket with Redirection of Christmas written on the memo line. If you have any questions please email Regina Ingulli at redirectionofchristmas@yahoo.com or telephone at 203-431-4428. Thank you