



Sacred Heart Church

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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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MUSIC MINISTRY

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OUTREACH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Soup Kitchen Cooks:

Paula Hand 203-762-5856

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Susan Barnett: 203-834-7663
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COMMITTEES

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

Finance: Steve Archer, Secretary
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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.

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Advent is the time of waiting for the coming of Christ. During this first season of the Church's Liturgical year, we all must practice patience. *We must learn to accept the human condition of "not yet" with the patient hope of better things to come.* Today's readings speak of such waiting. The Christians of Thessalonica were waiting for Christ's return during their lifetime. Many lost patience and did not live blamelessly. *Advent is a time of repentance, and perhaps even a change of attitude.* We wait for Christ's renewed coming at Christmas and his final coming. Let us take the words of the Psalm today as our prayer: *"Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way."*



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Saturday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be the *Vigil, Friday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m.* and *Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 in the Morning*

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.

ST. AUGUSTINE MEDAL OF APPRECIATION

Congratulations to Sacred Heart Parishioners Stephen and Sarah Archer!! They were awarded the 2018 St. Augustine Medal of Service from the Diocese of Bridgeport in a ceremony conducted by Bishop Frank Caggiano at St. Augustine Cathedral on Saturday, November 17th.

Steve and Sally are long time parishioners at Sacred Heart and serve the Lord through the parish in numerous ways. Steve is currently the President of the Parish Council and head of our Finance Board. Sally is a loyal member of our 9:30 Folk Choir and has been involved in teaching some of the Bible Classes to our Confirmation Students as well as other service in the religious Education department over the years.

May the Lord continue to Bless Steve and Sally in gratitude for their Dedication Service to our Parish!

Sincerely,

Father David Leopold

ATHLETES FOR CHRIST

A **SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS** to Mrs. Una Callanan for providing the delicious **"SHEPHERD'S PIE"** dinner for our November 18th meeting. Also **"THANK YOU"** to Mrs. Mary Kennedy for the delicious brownies that she baked for our dessert

Our next "Athletes for Christ" meeting will be on **Sunday, December 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

A peaceful time in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity to receive the Lord's special gift of spiritual peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent Season will also be offered.

Please join us and make Advent, 2018 a specially grace-filled time for each of you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
For Upcoming Parish Social Event

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST CAFÉ
Sunday, December 16th
8:30 a.m.- Noon

Pryor Hubbard Hall
Enjoy a hearty breakfast and
Christmas cheer before
or after Mass.



For more information, to register, or to volunteer, please contact the SHC Parish Office at: 203-544-8423 x3.

Scripture readings for the Week of December 2nd

- Sunday (The First Sunday of Advent)**
Jeremiah 33:14-16 /
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-26
- Monday (Saint Francis Xavier)**
Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11
- Tuesday (Saint Damascene)**
Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday** Isaiah 25:6-10 / Matthew 15:29-37
- Thursday (Saint Nicholas)**
Isaiah 6:1-8 / Luke 10:1-9
- Friday (Saint Ambrose)**
Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31
- Saturday (Feast of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**
Genesis 3:9-20 / Ephesians 1:3-12 /
Luke 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS: December 3 – 9

Mon 8:30 Frank & Dorothy Funk Family
 Tue 8:30 The Homeless
 Wed 8:30 Deceased Members of the Armed Forces
 Thur 8:30 Members of the Armed Forces
 Fri 8:30 Veterans of the Armed Forces
Vigil Immaculate Conception Dec. 7th
5:30 Ross Hand




Sat **Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th**
8:30 The Sick
 4:15 Marco Kichler
 Sun 8:00 Sacred Heart Parishioners
 9:30 Susan Kelly Shallcross
 11:15 Blanche Nirrengarten
 12:30 Frank & Dorothy Funk Family

OFFERTORY

Campaign for Human Development \$873 November 25, 2018 \$4,965
(Weekly Amount needed to meet our ongoing Operating Cost \$5,800)

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: December 8 – 9

	<u>5:15</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>11:15</u>	<u>12:30</u>
L	C Hurwitz	B Saunders	G Fagan	J MacEachen	M Radocy
EM	Z Jankowski	K Tomko	M Convertito	M DiBari	T MacCallum
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 **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.** If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for flowers to decorate our sanctuary this season, please send the name(s) to be remembered with your donation to the rectory or place the envelope in the collection basket.

BAPTISMS – Welcome and Congratulations

Isabella Marie Murray,
 daughter of Matthew & Katelin Murray.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus Our Lord.” - Romans 6:23

Advent begins this week. During Advent we remember God’s promise to send the Messiah, a promise that was fulfilled in Jesus’ birth. We joyfully recall God’s faithfulness. We also look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Like John the Baptist, we seek to prepare the way of the Lord.

Christmas Pageant Cast. Letters will be sent home to all the cast members with speaking parts for this year’s Christmas pageant. The children need to practice and memorize their parts before the first rehearsal on Saturday, December 15th. As always, we look forward to another great re-enactment of the Christmas story by our parish children.

Blessing of the Crèche and Caroling. December 15th after the 4:15 pm Vigil Mass, we will have our blessing of the Christmas Crèche and Caroling. Please come and join in this wonderful Advent tradition!

Children’s Advent Reconciliation. Each week, our teachers are reminding their students of the importance of the four weeks of Advent. The children are encouraged to spend a little more time in prayer and turn their focus to help others. Since **Advent confession** is an important part of this preparation, children in our religious education program will have the opportunity to receive this sacrament of God’s loving mercy and forgiveness.

BABY CLOTHES FOR BIRTHRIGHT. Another wonderful tradition here at Sacred Heart is the collection of baby clothes for Birthright which takes place at the Children’s Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant at 4 pm. Birthright has proven to be an alternative to abortion, and a source of hope to women in need. If you are not attending the Children’s Christmas Eve Mass, but wish to donate to this worthy cause, donations can be brought to the Religious Education Office.

REDIRECTION OF CHRISTMAS. This is the *last week to participate in Redirection of Christmas Ministry.*

Most gifts are to fulfill basic needs, such as pots & pans, bedding, clothing, school supplies, stuffed animals, etc. What you choose to buy is up to you, you do not have to buy everything on the wish list, these are just suggestions. We ask that you wrap and bag gifts, we provide packing labels, however, if you need assistance with this, we are happy to help. ***Please consider adopting one of these families this Holiday Season, monetary donations are welcomed.*** Drop off dates are ***NEXT WEEK Saturday December 8th 2:00 to 5:00 and Sunday December 9th, 9:00 to 1:30 in Pryor-Hubbard Hall.*** If you have any questions, please contact ***Regina Ingulli*** at redirectionofchristmas@yahoo.com or by telephone at 203-431-4426. ***Thank you!***