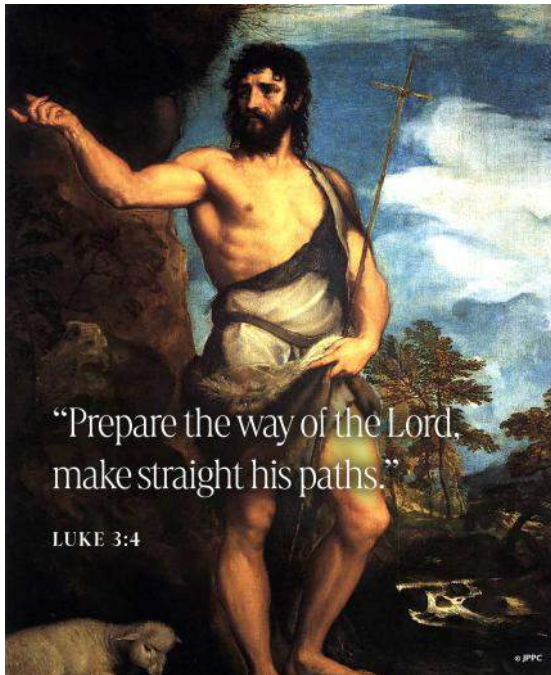


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Weekend Masses

*Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and
11:30 a.m.*

Weekday Masses (Chapel)

7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday

Holy Days of Obligation

*Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or
by appointment*

Sacrament of Baptism

*Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at
12:45 p.m. Please call the parish office
in advance to schedule a Baptism.*

*For those anticipating the birth and
subsequent Baptism of their first child,
class is held on the third Saturday
every month at noon in the Rectory.*

Sacrament of Matrimony

*The Sacrament of Matrimony should be
arranged at least 6 months in advance.
Call the parish office for more
information.*



**The Perpetual Sanctuary Candle burns this week
in Loving Memory of Raffaella Lanzano**

Offered by Granddaughter, Angela

Please remember Raffaella Lanzano in your prayers.



Saturday, December 7

4:00 PM †Angelina Bruno--Children

Sunday, December 8

7:30 AM † Deceased Members of The McEvoy & Roche Families--Family

9:30 AM †Catherine Shopovick--Betty Shopovick

11:30 AM †Michael R. Kristoff--Family

**Monday, December 9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

7:00 AM Donna Migliazza--Family

12:15 PM †Tiffany O'Toole--Cecilia Bowers

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 AM †Barbara Johansen--The Johansen Family

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 AM †Marcy Spievak--Cecilia

Thursday, December 12

7:00 AM †Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 13

7:00 AM †Marcella Spievak--Jan Gunnip

Saturday, December 14

4:00 PM †George Skinner (Birthday)--Mary Ann & Ralph Amelio

Sunday, December 15

7:30 AM †Michael R. Kristoff--Family

9:30 AM †Thomas R. Williams--Sacred Heart Catechists

11:30 AM †The Antonio LaBate Family--Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, December 16

7:00 AM †Stanley Kowaleski--Family

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 AM †Harry & Mary Kalan--Michael & Joan Roina

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 AM †Marcella Spievak--Candace Hammond

Thursday, December 19

7:00 AM †Domenick & Anna Latella & Daughter, Joanne Phin--Catherine & Virginia Latella

Friday, December 20

7:00 AM †Joseph DiFabio (Birthday)--Family



**ALTAR BREAD & WINE ARE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL & PAULINE MACHNICKI**

FROM DAUGHTER, MARY

Available for 2025:

Masses: January: 18, 21, 24, 25, 30

February: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26

March: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29

Altar Bread & Wine:

March: 9, 23, 30

April: 6, 27

Sanctuary Candle:

April: 6

Altar Flowers: January: 19

PLEASE NOTE: In Observance of Lent, Altar Flowers are not offered Sunday, March 9 through Sunday, April 27.

2025 MASS BOOK

The 2025 Mass Book will open on October 1st for Masses, Altar Flowers, Altar Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Candle. Weekend Mass requests are limited to 3 per family. There is no limit to weekday Mass requests.

Fees are as follows:

**Mass - \$10.00
Altar Bread & Wine - \$10.00
Sanctuary Candle - \$10.00
Altar Flowers - \$70.00**



Our Next Family Mass will be on Sunday, December 8 at 9:30 a.m. We request all the parents and the children of all grades to participate in this beautiful celebration of the Eucharist and manifest our faith in the Sacrament.

UPCOMING FAMILY MASS:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 9:30 a.m.

Please join us for:

Family Mass with Christmas Pageant

Followed by:

Breakfast with Santa in the School Hall



Join us in Praying the Holy Rosary before Mass

We would like to begin reciting the Rosary before Mass beginning the weekend of Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6. We will start with the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday 9:30a.m. Mass. If we can get enough of volunteers to help lead the Rosary, we will include the other Masses as well. If you would like to be a leader or would like more information, please contact Candace Hammond at (646) 713-6204.

Ministry to the Homebound

If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like our priest visit you, please contact the Rectory at 203-531-8730.

Sacred Heart Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th at the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass.

If interested please contact Carl Marinaccio at marinacciocarl@gmail.com, or text at 914-393-4366.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday 12/7 at 7:00-8:30 pm in the Church.

PLEASE NOTE Email Address for our Religious Education Program:

Please send any inquiries regarding Religious Education Program to our email address: dre-sh-gr@diobpt.org



Sacred Heart Parish Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry is a high school youth ministry for the students of grade 9 - 12 that will help your son or daughter grow in faith, make friends and serve others. They meet once a month, on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the school hall during the school year. **The next meeting will be on Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 for a Potluck Dinner in the School Hall.**

If you are interested in having your son/daughter to be part of this ministry, please contact any of the volunteers: Cecilia Bowers at 203-536-1172 or Carl Marinaccio at 914-393-4366 or Fatima Susana-Tejada at 917-763-9305.

Safe Environment

The Diocese is requesting that all parents of our parish learn about Safe Environments. Information on Safe Environments can be found on our parish website Sacredheartgreenwich.org at the upper right corner drop down menu labeled "Safe Environments". Please read the contents carefully and implement it as its contents are critical to ensuring the safety of our children.

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THIS WEEK : Retired Religious Fund

NEXT WEEK : Monthly Offering

November 24 & November 25

Weekly Offertory: \$ 2,190.50

2nd Collection: \$ 1,174.50

ARE YOU MISSING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you have not been receiving your set of Envelopes. Please notify the Parish Office at 203-531-8730.

ONLINE GIVING

Would you please consider online giving?

This is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings or credit card account into the parish bank account. Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer.



Accountability Sunday 2024

Our Parish Statement of Activities for 2023-2024 is available on our Parish website: sacredheartgreenwich.org - Financial Information - Accountability Sunday Year End June 30, 2024.

SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP

Sacred Heart Prayer Group, will be happy to pray for anyone needing healing. If someone does not wish to be listed in the Parish bulletin, we can pray for a "special intention". Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Group meets on **Thursdays** at 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel, 38 Gold Street. All are Welcome.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Divine Mercy Prayer Group, meets on **Wednesdays** at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please Join us.

Reminder: Support Our Seminarians

Bishop Caggiano would like to remind us all to consider participating in the Seminarian Appeal. The formation of our future priests is a critical responsibility for our diocese, and we rely heavily on the support of generous donors like you to make this possible. The cost of educating and training a seminarian for the priesthood has risen to over \$60,000 annually, and it is becoming increasingly challenging to meet these expenses without additional assistance from our faithful community. Please support our future priests who will serve our communities for many years to come! Please give at www.bridgportpriest.org/give

NEW PARISHIONERS???

If you are new to Greenwich and would like to become members of Sacred Heart Parish, please visit our website

www.sacredheartgreenwich.org and fill in the Registration Form and submit online or contact the Rectory at 203-531-8730 during office hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests and caring and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the **RIGHT** of every pregnant woman to give **BIRTH** and the **RIGHT** of every child to be **BORN**. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are seven Birthright chapters in our state. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS

There will be Confessions offered on Tuesday, December 17th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls will be blessed by Father Mark during 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 14 and will be available during all weekend Masses. If you know of someone who can benefit from a tangible example of God's love and care, a Prayer Shawl is the perfect gift! A nominal donation is appreciated.

YOUTH MASS

Please come and Join Us
For our Youth Mass on
Sunday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m.

*We are saying the Rosary at
11:00a.m.

December 2024

- 9th, Mon: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Day of Obligation) Masses are at 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the Church
- 9th, Mon: Altar Servers' Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the School Hall
- 10th, Tues: Catechists' Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the School Hall
- 14th, Sat: Blessing of Prayer Shawls at 4pm Mass
- 14th, Sat: Youth Group Christmas Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the School Hall
- 15th, Sun: Youth Mass at 11:30 a.m.
- 17th, Tues: Confessions at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Church
- 24th, Tues: Christmas Eve Masses:
4:00 p.m. in the Church [LIVESTREAM]
10:00 p.m. in the Church
- 25th, Wed: Christmas Day Masses:
7:30 a.m. in the Church
10:00 a.m. in the Church

January 1st, 2025

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God [Holy Day of Obligation]

- 31st, Tues: New Year's Eve Celebration
Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m. in the Church
- 1st, Wed: New Year's Day
Masses: 9:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. in the Church

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass [LIVESTREAM]
10:00 p.m. Solemn Mass during the Night

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

- 7:30 a.m. Christmas Mass at Dawn: No Music
10:00 a.m. The Mass of Christmas Day



CHRISTMAS MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER



Dear Friends,

I wish to thank everyone who attended our Christmas dinner on December 2nd. It was a memorable evening celebrating the families of our parish by your overwhelming attendance for the Christmas Party. The loving and generous spirit of Sacred Heart Parish was clearly evident in the smiling faces and joyful hearts. My special thanks to Isabel Sanatana and her team for decorating our Parish Hall so beautifully. Many thanks to our Hospitality team, volunteers that helped in the kitchen, beverages, serving and cleanup.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Fr. Mark D'Silva, Pastor

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