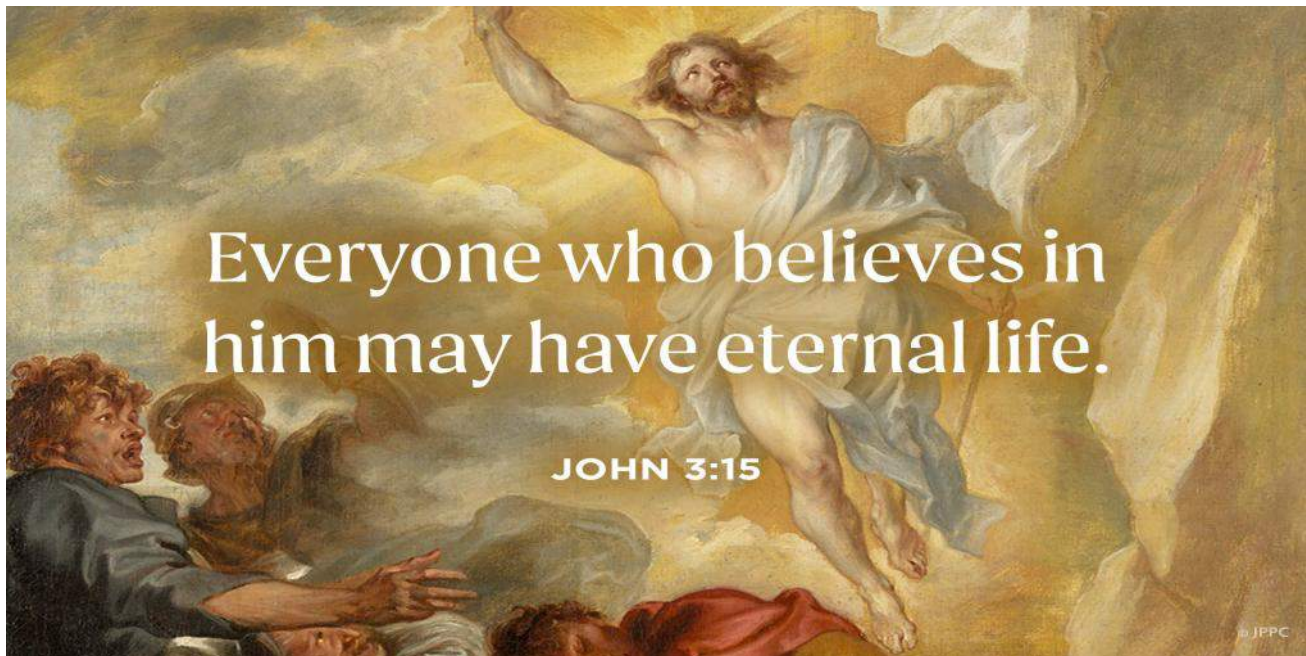


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Weekend Masses

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.



**The Perpetual Sanctuary Candle burns this week
in Loving Memory of Ugo Fama (Birthday & Anniversary)**

Offered The Holko Family

Please remember Ugo Fama in your prayers.



Saturday, September 13

4:00 PM †John Collins, Jr.--Mom, Dad & Charlie

Sunday, September 14

7:30 AM †Marge & Frank Valenti--Family

9:30 AM †Pat Longo, Sr.--Son, Tony

11:30 AM †Domenick DeFranco (Anniversary)--
Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, September 15

7:00 AM Special Intention for Jennifer Rezende--
Leila Bazi

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 AM Special Intention for Carolina Carneiro--
Solange Carneiro

Wednesday, September 17

7:00 AM †Margaret Mohr--Family

Thursday, September 18

7:00 AM Healing of Lazaro Vilella--Leila Bazi

Friday, September 19

7:00 AM †Jevney Muskus--Jan Gunnip

Saturday, September 20

4:00 PM † Arthur Holmberg, Jr. (Anniversary)--
Arthur & Lynn Holmberg

Sunday, September 21

7:30 AM †Donna Gasiorowski (Birthday)--John
Gasiorowski

9:30 AM †Joseph Macri, Sr. (Birthday)--The
Macri Family

11:30 AM †Eileen Clancy--Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, September 22

7:00 AM †Marion Neal (Birthday)--Daughter,
Alice

Tuesday, September 23

7:00 AM In Honor of St. Padre Pio--Domenico
Piria

Wednesday, September 24

7:00 AM †Ida Aurello--Tony Longo

Thursday, September 25

7:00 AM †Judith Catalano--Tim & Karen
Johansen

Friday, September 26

7:00 AM †Pedro Mattos & Mozart deLuna
Carneiro--Solange Carneiro



**ALTAR BREAD & WINE
ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ALEC LEWKOWICZ**

FROM THE COLLINS FAMILY

Available for 2025:

Masses:

October: 23, 24

November: 6, 11, 13, 26

December: 1, 4, 5, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 21

Sanctuary Candle:

October: 26

December: 7

Altar Flowers:

Sept: 28

November: 2, 23

2026 MASS BOOK

The 2026 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**

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.

From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Sacred Heart Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

We celebrate this feast of the Exaltation of the Cross for two reasons: (1) to understand the history of the discovery and recovery of the True Cross and (2) to appreciate better the importance of the symbol and reality of Christ's sacrificial love, namely, the cross in the daily life of every Christian.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of twelve "*Master feasts*" celebrated in the Church to honor Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. This feast is celebrated to memorialize the first installation of the remnants of the true cross of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Mount Calvary, September 14, AD 335, and its reinstallation on September 14, AD 630. The original cross on which Jesus was crucified was excavated in AD 326 by a team led by St. Helena, the mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine. The Emperor built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Calvary, it was consecrated on September 14, AD 335, and the remains of the cross were installed in it by Archbishop Maccharios of Jerusalem. After three centuries, the Persians invaded Jerusalem, plundered it of all valuables and took with them the relic of the Holy Cross. In AD 630, Emperor Heraclius II defeated the Persians, recaptured the casket containing the holy relic, and reinstalled it in the rebuilt Church, which was destroyed by Muslims in 1009. The crusaders rebuilt it as the present Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 1149. The largest fragment of the holy cross is now kept in Santa Croce Church in Rome.

By his crucifixion, Jesus transformed the cross from a profane instrument of execution to a symbol of triumph. Jesus sanctified the cross, making it holy, by sacrificing his life to win our salvation. We exalt the holy cross in a special way today, but we also exalt it every time we make the sign of the cross to express and bear witness to our faith. May the cross be a sign for us of Christ's power to overcome death and give new life. (*frtonyshomilies*).



All admissions are closed for the 2025-2026 school year.

Religious Education Classes begin on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Classes for Grade 1 through 5 are at new starting time 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Grade 6 through 8 at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. All information has been emailed to all Parents. Please check your email. If you have any questions, please contact the office during office hours.

Our First Family Mass will be on Sunday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. I would 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. There will be a special blessing for all students and catechists.

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.

Collections ©JPPC thank you

THIS WEEK : Utility Fund

NEXT WEEK : Monthly Offering

September 6 & September 7

Weekly Offertory	:	\$ 2,102.00
2nd Collection (Catholic University)	:	\$ 738.60
Special Collection (Gaza Relief)	:	\$ 863.00
Weekly Online Giving (9/1-9/7)	:	\$ 457.00

ARE YOU MISSING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

PRAYER GROUPS

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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 **Thursdays** at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please Join us.

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 Sacredheart-greenwich.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.

BAPTISM



Sacred Heart Parish congratulates and welcomes

Jeremy Roel Santana

**Baptized into God's Family on
September 7, 2025**

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.



Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal is more than just money. It provides hope. Notre Dame valedictorian said, "The Bishop's Scholarship Fund impacted my life in ways I never thought imaginable. I learned the importance of education... as well as spiritual guidance. It's because of this fund that my parents could send me here."



Birthright Baby Shower



Sacred Heart will host their annual Birthright Baby Shower September 6-21. Items can be placed in the bassinet in the Baptismal area. Birthright is in need of infant clothing sizes newborn to 24 months for both girls & boys, diapers sizes 2, 3, or 4, bibs, wipes and crib sheets. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "Birthright of Greater Norwalk" and leave in an envelope in the bassinet. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Wiegand at 203-559-8086.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Adults Faith Formation:	Carole Wiemer
Altar Decoration Team:	Cecilia Bowers, Maria Carosella, Candace Hammond & Lea Olaes
Altar Servers :	Cecilia Bowers & Evelyn Mendoza
Angel Tree & Birthright :	Kathy Wiegand
Buildings & Grounds:	Larry DelBello
Bulletin Inserter :	Nancy Fox
Chapel Garden Ministry :	Lea Olaes
Counters :	Alice Neal & Team
Divine Mercy Prayer Group :	Gianna Hernandez
Easter & Thanksgiving Food Drive :	John Innominato
Funeral Assistants :	Ed Fox & John Halpin
Hospitality :	Isabel Santana & Team
Director of Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:	Donald Mohr
Live Stream :	Cecilia Bowers, James Duffy, Henry Tejada & Gilberto Mendoza
Music Ministry :	Jan Gunnip, Angie Mynarski & Helen Samoskevich
Parish Data Input :	Angela Labrosciano
Prayer Ministry :	Carole Wiemer
Prayer Shawl :	Maria Carosella & Candace Hammond
Ushers :	Donald Mohr & Team
Virtus Training :	Lynn Holmberg
Youth Ministry :	Cecilia Bowers, Sandra Sanchez, Mildred Sazo & Fatima Susana-Tejada

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

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.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

All are welcome to enjoy learning about the Psalms. One of the reasons we attend Mass is to praise God, which we do through the Psalms.

Each week, we are encouraged to sing and listen to parts of many Psalms. Do you know that the Psalm Response links both messages from the First Reading to the Gospel?

A video presentation will be given on Thursdays, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. Meetings will be from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Carole Wiemer (Adult Faith Formation) looks forward to these special meetings.



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Youth Ministry

Sacred Heart Parish Youth Ministry News

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.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. We will have our Youth Mass on Sunday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. The Rosary will be recited by our Youth Group before Mass.

To learn more about our Youth Ministry, please visit our website at Sacredheartgreenwich.org.

Sacred Heart Parish

Financial Report
Three Months Ended
June 30, 2025

Offertory, Contributions & Other Revenue

Offertory	57,195
Rental Income	27,800
General Gifts and Bequests	3,151
Specified Gifts and Bequests	18,725
Religious Education	200
Investment Income	1,096
Other (mass stipends, votives, funeral mass fees)	1,982
Total Offertory, Contributions & Other Revenue	<u>\$ 110,149</u>

Expenses

Compensation, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	30,407
Diocesan Obligations	10,506
Charitable Contributions	-
Religious Education (Includes \$801 for Youth Ministry)	7,652
Utilities	7,350
Supplies, Repairs, Maintenance*	34,931
Services, Professional Fees & Insurance	15,698
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 106,544</u>
Excess of Income over Expenses	<u>\$ 3,605</u>

Cash Balances

Checking Account	\$ 11,201
Savings Account	34,360
Special Projects Account	120,743
CDs (2)	191,010
Petty Cash	200
Tenant Security Deposits	5,106
Total Cash Balances	<u>\$ 362,621</u>

*Includes repair of church bell tower, tree removal

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