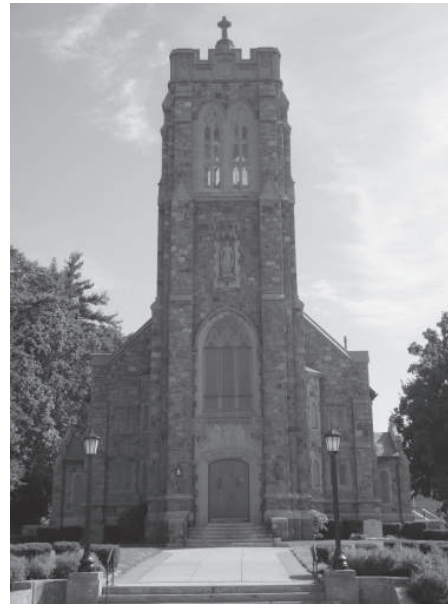


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Liturgical Schedule

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Holy Days: Vigil 5:30 pm; Day 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 pm
Anytime by request

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Blessed Sacrament's parish family, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, seek to respond to God's call to love and serve one another. United as a faith-filled community, we joyfully strive to be Christ to others as we bring others to Christ. We accept our responsibility, as members of God's church, to expand the Kingdom of God in the Roman Catholic tradition through prayer, worship, education, service and our commitment to strengthening and building our parish community.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements by calling the rectory after the birth of the child. Baptisms are usually celebrated Sundays at 12:00 noon.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor a least a year in advance. A program of preparation is required for all couples planning to marry in the church.

Bulletin Notices

Items for the parish bulletin must be received at the rectory by Monday morning.

New Parishioners

Please introduce yourselves after Mass or call the rectory, at your convenience, to register. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community.

Sick Calls

Since all hospitals do not notify us on the admission of parishioners, please contact the rectory when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Communion calls for the aged, shut-ins and convalescent and nursing home patients are our constant concern. Please call us for special ministerial visits.

PARISH FINANCES

The collection amount for **July 30 and July 31** was:

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Offerings made at Mases: | \$3339.08 | 110 envelopes & loose cash |
| Offerings made by mail: | \$660.00 | 6 envelopes |
| Total weekly: | <u>\$3999.08</u> | |

Mission Collection: \$1603.45

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Please remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your wills and estate planning, your bequests or in requesting donations upon the death of a loved one. Thank you!

THINK TANK RESULTS

22 parishioners recently gathered to brain storm for ideas.

Here is the result:

Neighborhood Bash Celebration at Blessed Sacrament under The Tent

Date and more to be announced.

Tasks to be accomplished -

- * Simple Food
- * Publicity
- * Music/Entertainment
- * Set up/Clean up
- * Activities/Games

Please Note Below.

NEIGHBORHOOD BASH TENT CELEBRATION at BLESSED SACRAMENT

Task Forces to be called.

- * Simple Food
- * Publicity
- * Entertainment/Music
- * Set up (Clean up)
- * Activities/games

Calling all interested men, women, young adults, teenagers to a work planning gathering.

St. Charles Room in the Phelan Center, **Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.**

This invitation is for you.

THANK YOU

Thank you for making up contribution envelopes while you were away during the summer.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship-926

MUSIC

Processional: Worship—**#669**—*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Psalm: Worship—**#926**

Preparation: Gather—**#450**—*Eye Has Not Seen*

Communion: Gather—**#396**—*In The Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful* (Please continue to sing refrain while cantor sings verses)

Meditation: Worship—**#572**—*We Walk by Faith*

Recessional: Worship—**#496**—*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

DIRECT GIVING

Are you interested in learning more about direct giving through a secure system? Go to the parish website (search Blessed Sacrament, Worcester) and click the area of On-line Giving. There will be information about direct giving and how to set it up. If you still have questions or need more information, please contact the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education will begin this weekend **August 6-7, 2016.**

Visit the registration table in the vestibule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Office workers are needed to be in the Religious Education Office while classes are being held either Sunday mornings between after the 8:00 am Mass until before the 10:00 am Mass for grades 1-6, or Monday evenings for Junior and Senior High. If interested please call the rectory.

HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME CATHOLIC?

There are several ways.

The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members according to each person's needs:

Some are infants and young children in need of Baptism. Some are adults who whether baptized or unbaptized have had little or no affiliation or religious background, and some are baptized people from other Christian denominations.

Anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic or would like more information is encouraged to contact Fr. Trainor at the rectory 508-755-5291.



Saturday, August 6, 2016

4:00 PM **Donald Fugere** (6 month Anniversary) by Judith Morris-Fugere

Sunday, August 7, 2016

8:00 AM **Donald & Irene Clarke** by the French Family

10:00 AM **Mass**

Monday, August 8, 2016

8:30 AM **Maureen Donelan Boyle** (3rd Anniversary) by Richard M. Boyle and Family

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

8:30 AM **John & Margaret Farley** by Family

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Thursday, August 11, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Friday, August 12, 2016

8:30 AM **In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother**

Saturday, August 13, 2016

4:00 PM **Irene & John Adamaitis** by Dorothy & Bart March

Sunday, August 14, 2016

8:00 AM **James Lyons, Jr.** by the French Family

10:00 AM **Ellen Blanchard** (3rd Anniversary) by Family

Monday, August 15, 2016

8:30 AM **Rev. Richard T. Carey** (Birthday Remembrance) by Patricia Carey & Friends

6:00 PM **Mass-Feast of the Assumption**

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

8:30 AM **Marie Gosselin** by Family

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Thursday, August 18, 2016

8:30 AM **Anna (Finnegan) Porter** by her son Wayne

Friday, August 19, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Saturday, August 20, 2016

4:00 PM **Mass**

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Restore the Church-Build the Future” is the national theme for the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)** which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 14. Grants funded by this national collection support pastoral projects, scholarships, and Catholic organizations working in areas formerly under Soviet control. The bishops and people of these regions still face enormous challenges in restoring church structures and in rebuilding the cultural and spiritual life of the community, tasks that are often complicated by a lack of religious freedom. The emerging problems posed by secularism also require major investments in developing the next generation of Church leaders.

For example, the people of Armenia face many challenges, and recovery from a devastating earthquake in the late 1980s and the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s has been difficult and slow. Many children in Armenia live on the street because of poor family situations or the need to earn their own money. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have used a grant from CCEE to fund a summer camp for 850 children ages 8 to 15.

The camp is provided for children who are orphans, live in extreme poverty, or live in poor isolated villages. At camp, the children receive much-needed rest along with physical and spiritual support, all in a nurturing environment. Local and international volunteers help create an atmosphere of safety and trust while guiding and mentoring the children. Some of the camp activities include attending catechetical classes, going hiking and on field trips, and participating in sports and acting in theatrical presentations. While at camp, the children can experience the encouraging love and support of God and others.

In order for projects like this one to continue, the collection needs your help. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in making a generous contribution to support the efforts to rebuild pastoral capacity and create future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

ORGAN TOURS!

After all the Masses this weekend, there will be “tours” of the -soon to be restored-Skinner organ. Please come and spend about twenty minutes learning about the history of the organ, how it works, and what the restoration will entail. You can get a close up look at the 1,764 pipes, the three manual console and a very different view of the church! We will meet in the choir loft right after each Mass.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Luke 12:34) Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.



SICK OF THE PARISH

Please keep the sick of our parish in your prayers, especially Anita Broadbent, Denise Cortesi, Janet Crowley, Barbara Diliddo, Judith Morris-Fugere, Ann Gouin, Lee Gouin, John Harvey, Jennie McCarthy, Terry Meduski, Kathy O’Leary, Claudyne Pearson, and Barbara Sawyer. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weekend, August 6/7

After All Masses *Organ Tour*, Choir Loft

Monday, August 8—Friday, August 12

9:00 AM-Noon *Ecumenical Vacation Summer Bible Camp*

Monday, August 8, 2016

6:00 PM *Craft Fair Meeting*, St. Charles Room

7:00 PM *Come pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet*, Church

Monday, August 15, 2016

7:00 PM *Come pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet*, Church

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

7:00 PM *Neighborhood Bash Tent Celebration Meeting*, St. Charles Room

FREE FUN FRIDAYS

Looking for something to do? Each Friday during the summer 8 sites in Massachusetts are open for free.

August 12

MIT Museum, *Cambridge*

The Museum of the NCAA, *Boston*

Concord Museum, *Concord*

Garden in the Woods, *Framingham*

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, *Great Barrington*

Naumkeag, The Trustees, *Stockbridge*

Emily Dickinson Museum, *Amherst*

The Metropolitan Waterworks Museum, *Boston*

Please visit HighlandStreet.org or call 617.969.8900 for more information.

Discover Massachusetts!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a sponsor of World Youth Day Krakow's English-language pilgrimage site. Pilgrims joined the Knights for youth festivals, catechesis and evangelization. College Knights are enjoying fellowship in a retreat setting while visiting historic and holy sites in Poland.

World Youth Day is an international event started by Saint John Paul, celebrated every 2 to 3 years in a major city with millions of youth and young adults, who come to be with the Holy Father and to celebrate the Catholic Faith.

Men who are at least 18 years of age and practical Catholics, please join our Council. Speak to a Knight about joining. For more information visit www.kofc.org.

If any parishioner has a need or request, please contact John Stewart, email worcesterknights@yahoo.com or call 508-340-0032 and we will do our best to assist you. All requests will be treated confidentially.

Saturday, August 6, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Richard Donahue

Ministers of Holy Communion: Pearl Shea, Denise Briggs, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Ann Marie Larkin

Sunday, August 7, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Lillian Cain

Ministers of Holy Communion: Russ Germain, Ella McLaughlin, Ed Urbanowski

Altar Server: Laura French

Sunday, August 7, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Joyce Sillup

Ministers of Holy Communion: Denise Boudreau, Joseph Dunn, Lara Forde

Altar Server: Robert Dunn

Saturday, August 13, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Paula Moreau

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Urbanowski, Cecile Vigeant, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Declan Ryder

Sunday, August 14, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Margaret McMenemy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kimiko Abramoff, Jacqueline Bellos, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Paul & Nate Bushey

Sunday, August 14, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Barbara Athy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Ed Owanisian, Cecelia Mason, Deacon Roy

Altar Server: Luke Mullaney

SHOE DRIVE THANK YOU

The final phase of the Shoe Drive to benefit IHN was recently completed when 199 bags, each containing 25 pairs of shoes, were picked up by the Funds2Org truck. Of the total, Blessed Sacrament collected 13 bags or 325 pairs thanks to the dedication of coordinator Kimiko Abramoff. And a big shout out to those who helped load the truck including Anna Stansky Murphy, Michael Hoye, William and Laura French and several Knights of Columbus volunteers. Thank you one and all!

LOCAL PILGRIMAGE ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Sisters of Mercy are hosting the 115th Annual Mass and Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Grotto at Nazareth Home for Boys in Leicester. The procession leaves the parking lot of St. Joseph Church in Leicester on **Monday, August 15 at 9:15 am** (note time) and arrives at the Grotto for **Mass at 10:00 am** with Fr. James Mazzone. A reception will follow on the grounds of Nazareth. All are welcome. In the event of rain, the pilgrimage will be as planned and Mass will be celebrated in the Nazareth gym.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Appreciate your freedoms

The Founding Fathers of the United States thought freedom of religion and the press were so important they put them at the top of the Bill of Rights—they are included, together, in the First Amendment. Many countries haven't had these same freedoms, including Cuba. When, in 1960, the Cuban Catholic Church condemned the rise of communism, Fidel Castro banned all religious media. Thankfully today the church in Cuba has greater freedom, but there is still no religious media there. You are able to enjoy vibrant religious media that informs and enriches your life and faith. Take advantage of the print, digital, and broadcast offerings available to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117). "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

Decade-to-decade Rosary devotion

There are many different types of rosaries: the Franciscan Rosary, the Servite Rosary, the chaplet, the wedding rosary—there are even rosaries that can be worn as bracelets and rings. They have different bead configurations and different accompanying prayers. But the traditional rosary you are most likely familiar with, and the prayers that go with it, is the Dominican Rosary. Saint Dominic was instrumental in spreading devotion to the Rosary, which is a hallmark of Catholic devotion. Let's join in this Dominican legacy by praying the Rosary today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Pray for peace

Edith Stein, whose feast is today, said, "One cannot desire freedom from the Cross . . . when one is especially chosen for the Cross." Born a Jew, Stein converted to Catholicism as a young adult. Later as a Carmelite nun, she was captured by the Nazis and killed at Auschwitz. As a martyr of the Holocaust, Stein accepted the cross onto death—her sacrifice a witness to Christ's. Keep alive the memory of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, as she became known, and pray for an end to the horrible atrocities in today's world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). "Obey me when I speak to you: be not rebellious . . . but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

True measure of worth

The story goes that when a Roman leader ordered the early Christian Church to surrender its riches, Saint Lawrence brought a gathering of the poor to the prefect, saying they were the church's real treasure. For this bold act, Lawrence was put to death. Parts of his legend may be myth or fact, but Lawrence was indeed martyred, and his devotion to the poor remains a constant comment about his third-century life. You might not have his audacious courage, but you can embrace his care for the poor—and find in serving them how precious they are.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). "But if it (grain of wheat) dies, it produces much fruit."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN

Undeniably God's

The process of canonization, of being officially declared a saint, can take decades or even centuries. Not so for Saint Clare of Assisi, founder of the religious order that bears her name (the Poor Clares) and companion of Saint Francis of Assisi. Clare was canonized within two years of her death in 1253. She led her community in devotion to prayer and austerity. "May God be with you always," she wrote, "and may you always be found in God." How can you follow Clare's saintly example and make God undeniably evident in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). "I am a sign for you: as I have done, so shall it be done to them."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Change of plan

Jane Frances de Chantal probably had planned to pass her life as a wife and mother. She was married at 21 and had six children, and she was astute at managing a household. But she was widowed young and met Saint Francis de Sales, who became her spiritual director. At 45, she helped found the Sisters of the Visitation. Remain open to changing your plans if God has something else in mind for you—you never know what kind of second act you might have.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE

For the greater good

When Pope Benedict XVI resigned his papacy on February 28, 2013, he was criticized by some for not following the modern custom of holding his office until death. But he stepped down for the good of the church, and there was indeed precedent for what he did, going all the way back to the year 235 and Pope Pontian. During a persecution of the early church, Pontian was deported to labor mines, essentially a death sentence. He resigned for the good of the church so that the early community would not be without a pastor after his deportation. Sometimes the best thing we can do is make room for another. Pray for the wisdom to know when to step aside.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

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