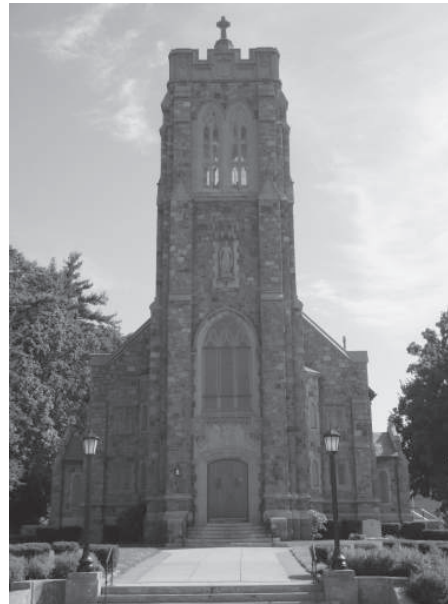


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Liturgical Schedule

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 **August 6 and 7** was:

Offerings made at Mases:	\$3473.00	99 envelopes & loose cash
Offerings made by mail:	\$1303.00	23 envelopes

Total weekly: **\$4776.00**

Maintenance: \$316.00

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!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Join us as we celebrate this feast.

Monday, August 15, 2016

Masses 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

Mary's Assumption into Heaven

Mary is Risen on High!

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Office workers are needed to be in the Religious Education Office while classes are being held on Monday evenings for Junior and Senior High. If interested please call the rectory.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship-929

MUSIC

Processional: Worship—**#615**—*The Kingdom of God*

Psalm: Worship—**#929**

Preparation: Heritage—**#530**—*O God, You Search Me*

Communion: Gather—**#499**—*Only This I Want*

Recessional: Worship—**#524**—*Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for

“The Bash at Blessed Sacrament”

Sunday afternoon

September 11, 2016

MORE TO FOLLOW

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp had a great week! 17 Campers registered on Monday for Fun and Faith. We are most grateful to our Director and lead Teacher Michael Hoye. Thank you also to Shirley Owanisian and Pattie O’Leary for their hard work.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Many thanks to the 45 who braved the spiral staircase to participate in the “Organ Tour” last weekend. It was wonderful to see so much interest in and enthusiasm for our beautiful instrument! If you have an interest but were not able to attend last week there will be another opportunity in September.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education has begun. Visit the registration table in the vestibule. Classes for Grades 1-6 will begin on Sunday, September 11 between the two Sunday Masses. Classes for Grades 7-11 will begin on Monday, September 12, 7:00-8:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY MUSTARD SEED MEALS

Blessed Sacrament will be hosting two more meals at the Mustard Seed this summer. The dates are Wednesday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 31. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve or bake. Monetary donations or food cards are also needed. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule of the church.



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**

Sunday, August 21, 2016

8:00 AM **Brenda Kartheiser** by Family

10:00 AM **Mass**

Monday, August 22, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

8:30 AM **Mass**

Thursday, August 25, 2016

8:30 AM **Patricia A. Seymour** (30th Anniversary) by her Cousin

Friday, August 26, 2016

8:30 AM **Joseph Daly** by Family

Saturday, August 27, 2016

4:00 PM **Arnold F. Ingalls** (37th Anniversary) by his Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

No man is too busy to be an active Knight of Columbus. Giving just one full day a year to Knights of Columbus activities can make a difference in your life. By spending 24 hours as a Knight you will continue to serve Blessed Sacrament parish, help children with special health needs, give to those in need, and hopefully protect all Christians at risk. Contact a Knight to join or visit kofc.org for more information. John Stewart the Grand Knight can be reached at 508-340-0032 or email worcesterknights@yahoo.com.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Friday, August 19 Bishop McManus will lead a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA. The diocesan bus will leave Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester at 8:15 am and will return at approximately 6:30 pm. The Bishop will say Mass in the Shrine church at 11:00 am. We will say the chaplet of Divine Mercy and confessions will be available. Seats on the diocesan bus are \$10.00. If you would like more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345 or Jschroeder@worcesterdiocese.org or visit worcesterdiocese.org/year-of-mercy.

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL OPENINGS

St. Stephen School, 355 Grafton St., Worcester is accepting applications for the 2016/2017 school year for Grades K-8. For more information or to schedule a visit/tour of the school, please call 508-755-3209. If you know of someone interested in enrolling a child, please let them know.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)
Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

LOCAL PIGRIMAGE 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.



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

Monday, August 15, 2016

8:30 AM *Mass, Feast of the Assumption of Mary*
6:00 PM *Mass, Feast of the Assumption of Mary*
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*

Monday, August 22, 2016

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

FREE FUN FRIDAYS

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

August 19

The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, *Boston*
USS Constitution Museum, *Charlestown Navy Yard*
The Discovery Museums, *Acton*
EcoTarium, *Worcester*
The Children's Museum of Greater Fall River, *Fall River*
New England Historic Genealogical Society, *Boston*
Fuller Craft Museum, *Brockton*
Griffin Photography Museum, *Winchester*

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

Discover Massachusetts!

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.

FIRST FRIDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER

All are welcome at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption College o First Friday evenings beginning **September 2 at 8:00 pm** through June for Ecumenical Prayer with Taize chants.

Saturday, August 13, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Paula Moreau
Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Ellen Stansky
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

Saturday, August 20, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Michael Brindisi
Ministers of Holy Communion: Denise Briggs,
Wayne Porter, Deacon Roy
Altar Servers: William Charron

Sunday, August 21, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: John Griffin
Ministers of Holy Communion: Jim Bushey, Anne
French, Joyce Sillup
Altar Server: Laura French

Sunday, August 21, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Lara Forde
Ministers of Holy Communion: Gloria Hand, Brenda
Maxwell, Kayla Maxwell
Altar Server: Nate Larkin

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation is open to all students in Grade 11 and above.

If you go to Catholic School this is an optional program—you need only attend the 6 week program for immediate preparation, but know you are also most welcome to join this program as well.

Classes begin **Monday evening, September 12, 2016.**

Confirmation class lead teacher is Mr. Frank Kartheiser.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

WORCESTER ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2016 will be held once again this year on the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish grounds, 28 Mulberry St., Worcester, **August 18th—21st.** All are invited to a wonderful 4 day-long celebration of all things Italian including food, fireworks display, music, games, family fun and entertainment. Admission is \$2 per person (children 3 and under free). Please check out our website at worcesteritalianfestival.com for details. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Stella Fiore at 774-253-7015 or Mike Scaglione at 508-635-7959.



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seen any “undeserving poor” lately?

In George Bernard Shaw’s play *Pygmalion*, ne’er-do-well Alfred P. Doolittle laments, “It’s always the same story: ‘You’re undeserving; so you can’t have it.’ But my needs is as great as the most deserving widow’s that ever got money out of six different charities in one week for the death of the same husband. I don’t need less than a deserving man: I need *more*.” Compassion is not compassion if it has to be “deserved.” A Christian *owes* mercy and leaves the judgment to God. Is there a person, ethnic group, or race you think undeserving? Then you’re not thinking like Jesus.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 (120). “Persevere in running the race, while keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus.”

MONDAY, AUGUST 15
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Crowned in heaven, her feet firmly on earth

As with the feast of the Lord’s Ascension, Mary being taken to heaven evokes the image of heaven being *up*. But Mary’s glory derives from her life on earth: her faith, her trust in God even when confused, her love for her son, her compassion for embarrassed wedding hosts, the horror of seeing her son crucified. Mary had her feet firmly on the good earth, where we live. When we “Hail” her, she responds, “Do whatever my son tells you,” and when we do so, to paraphrase her son’s Sermon on the Mount, our “reward in heaven will be great.”

TODAY’S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). “Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One.”

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

God works through imperfect vessels

Stephen of Hungary may be a saint, but he was no angel. He was good to the church, it is true, firmly establishing the faith in modern-day Hungary a millennium ago. However, the age was one of warfare, and Stephen engaged in his fair share of it. Once he had eliminated his competition, he did usher in an era of relative peace, and Hungary became a preferred route for pilgrims traveling between Europe and the Holy Land. Each age has its accomplishments—and its sins. Do the best you can to leave a legacy of good works.

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Where charity ends

“Charity begins at home.” Few of us doubt the wisdom and the primary duty of taking care of our families, neighborhoods, and communities. But for many, the obligation of charity can often appear to end at home as well. We may be reluctant to put our funds at the disposal of another needy parish, or to assist someone else’s family with our limited resources. But what if we took seriously the human family as genuine sisters and brothers? When *home* and *family* are expansive notions, then charity at home goes a long, long way.

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves! Should not shepherds, rather, pasture sheep?”

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

For the love of money

It doesn’t take a spiritual genius to know that, as the Beatles put it, “money can’t buy me love.” Pope Francis uses his most moving appeals to divert a consumer-obsessed world from its vain pursuits: “Do not fall into the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money and that, in comparison with money, anything else is devoid of value or dignity. This is nothing but an illusion! We cannot take money with us into the life beyond. Money does not bring us happiness.” Do your choices today prove that you want the kind of things that money just can’t buy?

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 (422). “I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

MEMORIAL OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Embarrassed into holiness

John Eudes was drawn to many kinds of service: some conventional, such as improving seminary education, and some less so, such as easing the dire needs of prostitutes. But he needed a little prodding. Madeleine Lamy, who had cared for several such women, one day challenged him to address the problem. “Where are you off to now, John? To some church, I suppose, where you’ll gaze at the images and think yourself pious. And all the time what is really wanted of you is a decent house for these poor creatures.” Red-faced but inspired, he began a religious community to meet those needs. Sometimes we have to be embarrassed into holiness!

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Creation is our teacher

Saint Bernard once said, “What I know of the divine sciences and the Holy Scriptures, I have learned in woods and fields.” A year ago, the Catholic Church announced that it would join the Orthodox Church on September 1 each year for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, a day to contemplate God in the beauty of creation. On this Saturday in August, make some time to contemplate God’s creation and be with God in nature.

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). “The greatest among you must be your servant.”

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