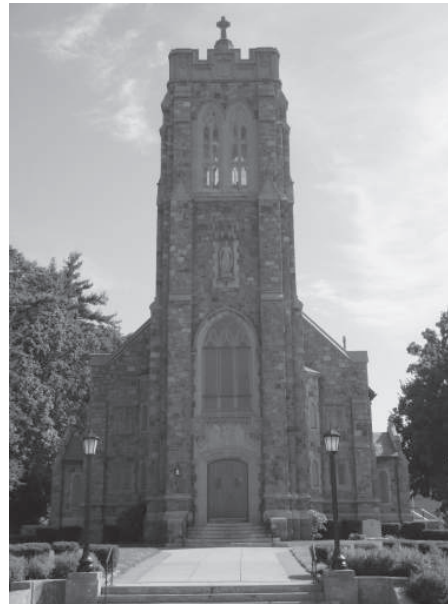


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Liturgical Schedule

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 13 and 14** was:

Offerings made at Mases:	\$3421.00	100 envelopes & loose cash
Offerings made by mail:	\$843.00	15 envelopes

Total weekly: **\$4264.00**

The Church in Central Europe: \$313.00

Maintenance: \$140.00

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!

BASH AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Date for the *Bash at Blessed Sacrament* is **Sunday, September 11, 2016, 1:00-4:00 pm.** Join us for this neighborhood gathering, block party, lawn party under the tents.

All are invited!

All is Free!

All are welcome!

More info to follow.

3 SACRISTANS NEEDED

We are in need of 3 sacristans— one for each of the weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am
Sunday, 10:00 am.

Volunteer position to set up altar with wine, water, hosts and chalices; to light candles; and after Mass to extinguish candles and put away sacred vessels.

If interested, call the rectory.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp had a great week! 20 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 Patty O'Leary for their hard work.

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship-932

MUSIC

Processional: Worship—**#665**—*Gather Us In*

Psalm: Worship—**#932**

Preparation: Heritage—**#468**—*Be Thou My Vision*

Communion: Worship—**736**—*Gift of Finest Wheat*

Recessional: Worship—**#539**—*Sing Praise to the Lord*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Announcing the Staff for Elementary School, grades 1-4 and Middle School, grades 5-6:

TEACHERS

Grade 1: Michelle Coyle

Grade 2: Sarah Faucher

Grade 3: Kayla Maxwell

Grade 4: Shirley Owanisian

Grades 5 & 6: Brenda Maxwell

Sunday Religious Education Office Manager:
Deb Ducharme

Classes start **Sunday, September 11, 2016**
in the Epiphany House.

WEDNESDAY MUSTARD SEED MEAL

Blessed Sacrament will be hosting one more meal at the Mustard Seed this summer. The date is 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.

AN INVITATION TO SERVE

Are you looking for ways to experience God? You are invited to serve people in our Blessed Sacrament Parish by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at this parish. Members of the Society invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me." We invite you to come and learn more without obligation on **Wednesday, September 7, at 7 pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Rectory.



Saturday, August 20, 2016
 4:00 PM **Adele & Castera Jean and Clemence Lopez** by Family

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

Sunday, August 28, 2016
 8:00 AM **Ronald Chiapulis** by Family
 10:00 AM **Frederick T. & Regina O. Bartlett** (38th Anniversary) by Family

Monday, August 29, 2016
 8:30 AM **Andrew Tivnan** by Margo Hughes

Tuesday, August 30, 2016
 8:30 AM **Kay Thompson** by Margo Hughes

Wednesday, August 31, 2016
 8:30 AM **Helena Fraher** by Margo Hughes

Thursday, September 1, 2016
 8:30 AM **John Hughes** by his Wife and Family

Friday, September 2, 2016
 8:30 AM **Mass**

Saturday, September 3, 2016
 4:00 PM **Pauline Lamarche** (12th Anniversary) by Family



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Catholic gentlemen, please plan to attend the Knights of Columbus meeting on **Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm** in the Phelan Center. Herman Millet will be our guest speaker who will explain the ways that the Knights can support our seminarians and ensure the future of the Church in America and the Diocese of Worcester. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the Knights of Columbus and hear about the work plans for the council in our parish this year.

Visit kofc.org for more information. John Stewart, the Grand Knight, can be reached at 508-340-0032 or email worcesterknights@yahoo.com.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)

Our standards in society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.

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.

CLEMENTE COURSE IN THE HUMANITIES

Worcester Interfaith is pleased to offer The Clemente Course in the Humanities beginning on September 27. The Course, now entering its third year, is a unique program of **free, college-level seminars** in literature, U.S. history, moral philosophy, art history and writing for low income adults.

Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm for eight months at the Worcester Art Museum. Books, transportation and childcare are provided. Faculty members are experienced college faculty, skilled at working with non-traditional students.

Bard College, which oversees the program nationally, grants a certificate of achievement to all students who finish the course and six college credits to those who complete it at a high level of academic performance.

For more information and an application, contact Elizabeth Bacon at 774-276-1166 or bacon64@charter.net. Interviews end August 31.

Hope for Housing Food Cards Available Shaw's, Big Y, Stop & Shop, CVS, Panera Bread and Dunkin' Donuts

Save the Date! November 12, 2016 Blessed Sacrament Craft Fair

BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 22, 2016

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

Monday, August 29, 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 26

Franklin Park Zoo, *Boston*

Freedom Trail Foundation, *Boston*

Museum of African American History, *Boston*

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, *Brewster*

Ventfort Hall Mansion and Gilded Age Museum, *Lenox*

Berkshire Museum, *Pittsfield*

Norman Rockwell Museum, *Stockbridge*

Old Sturbridge Village, *Sturbridge*

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

Discover Massachusetts!

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Worcester cordially invites you to celebrate the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* established by Pope Francis by making a Pilgrimage to our Diocesan Cathedral on **Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 3:00 pm.** We will gather outside St. Paul Cathedral, 15 Chatham St., Worcester at 2:45 pm and process through the "Door". Most Reverend Robert J. McManus will celebrate Mass. Supper will follow in the Lower Church. Reservations: \$2.00/person for supper. For more information and reservations, please call Alicia at 508-752-4232.

PERNET THANK YOU

To the Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church. We would like to thank you for the donation of 143 pounds of food to Pernet last month. This kindness to our clients in need makes a real difference in their lives. This generosity is a real support to our mission at Pernet Family Health Service.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Christ the King will hold its Fifth Annual Novena to St. Joseph to pray for the sick, for improvements in palliative care and to pray to oppose physician assisted suicide. The Novena begins **September 12 from 7:15-8:00 pm** and runs for 9 consecutive Mondays.

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

Saturday, August 27, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Elizabeth Mullaney
Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Ellen and John Stansky, Jean Urbanowski
Altar Servers: Ann Marie Larkin

Sunday, August 28, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Lillian Cain
Ministers of Holy Communion: Ella McLaughlin, Russ Germain, Ed Urbanowski
Altar Servers: Paul & Nate Bushey

Sunday, August 28, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Mary Larkin
Ministers of Holy Communion: Deb Ducharme, Phyllis Towns, Mary Xatse
Altar Server: Luke Mullaney

FIRST FRIDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER DATE CHANGE

All are welcome at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption College on First Friday evenings beginning **September 9 at 8:00 pm** through June for Ecumenical Prayer with Taize chants.

THE 'ALPHA' COURSE AT CHRIST THE KING Coming Again This Fall

Last year 7 parishioners from Blessed Sacrament attended the Alpha course at Christ the King and had a **very positive** experience. This year in the Fall they are offering the course again and they have invited us to join them which is great interparish cooperation. Thank you. All are welcome to join. The 'Come and See' Dinner is **Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm.** If you would like to pre-register for this dinner, please e-mail TSullivan5@mac.com. We need to plan for the number of guests with accuracy. Please call Christ the King Rectory, 508-754-5361 for all the details.

The Blessed Sacrament Food Basket is in the vestibule. Please bring crackers or cookies. Thanks for caring.



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love is the ticket

Do you ever try to imagine what heaven is like? Do you wonder how it can possibly accommodate all people from all places and cultures from the beginning of time? Heaven is beyond all understanding and description, but as the Catechism puts it, it's a place of "supreme, definitive happiness" that will fulfill all your "deepest human longings." Sounds mighty nice, and everyone aims to get there. But how? Simple: love. However imperfectly, with faithful attempts. If you love God, there is a place for you there. Reserve it today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13: Luke 13:22-30 (123). "People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and will take their place at the feast in the Kingdom."

MONDAY, AUGUST 22
MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Live like royalty

Celebrated a week after the Assumption, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary glorifies the Mother of God not only as a shining example of fidelity to God's call but also as Queen of Heaven, an example of wholeness and holiness in heaven and on earth. Artist Robert Graham's depiction of Mary above the bronze doors of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles captures this beautifully. Without a veil or halo, the statue has a dignity that shines from within. A life of faith is the crown we wear; Mary, be our guide.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). "We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23
MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

More than meets the eye

Saint Rose of Lima knew that outer beauty, including her own, was only skin deep. Because of her pretty face, which gained her the nickname of Rose, she could have had the fine marriage match her family wanted for her. But Rose chafed at the superficial admiration of her looks, rejected all suitors, and ignored all objections. Instead, she devoted herself to a life of prayer and penance. How can you more deeply develop your own life with the Lord? What can you do to cultivate inner beauty—your own and others'?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26 (426). "Cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Come and see

Did you know that curiosity is correlated with happiness? Studies have shown that the more curious people are, the more they engage in growth-oriented behaviors and the greater their sense of life meaning and satisfaction. The Apostle Bartholomew, also called Nathaniel, sought God with an eager heart, and the whole world opened up for him. Tradition says this humble man introduced Christianity to Armenia, left a copy of the Gospel of Matthew in India, and missioned in many other far-flung places. Curiosity about Christ can lead you, too, to the joy of discovery.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). "You will see greater things than this."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
MEMORIALS OF LOUIS; JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST

Get dirty

There is little resemblance between Louis, a king of France, and Joseph Calasanz, the two saints celebrated today. They lived lives entirely different from one another, but both were men of extraordinary compassion and both literally got their hands dirty helping people in terrible circumstances. Although a king, Louis ministered to lepers; Joseph cared for victims of the plague. A king, an ordinary priest, an *ordinary you and me*—all of us are called to show mercy and, as Pope Francis says, not be afraid to get our hands dirty. Are your fingernails a little too clean?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26
A place at mercy's table

This year we're invited to consider mercy as a door that stands open, ready to receive the sinner as a cherished guest. Long before it was a door, however, mercy was a table set by Jesus. Jesus offers a cup that signals a "new and everlasting covenant for the forgiveness of sins." Jesus' habit of eating with sinners and outsiders assures us that a seat at his table has never been a prize awarded to the virtuous, but a sign of his eagerness to share the wine of his compassion with those who are thirstiest for it. Have a seat!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). "Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Never lose heart

No discussion of Saint Monica of Hippo is complete without reference to her famous son, Saint Augustine. She would quickly fade into the background if it weren't for her legendary patience and persistence in prayer for her son's conversion. For mothers, fathers, and grandparents today praying that their children return to the practice of the faith, realize that God's love doesn't come and go. It is always present. Like you, God waits for his children who have wandered off. Like Monica, do not give up hope; place your concern in God's hands.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). "Do not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."

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