

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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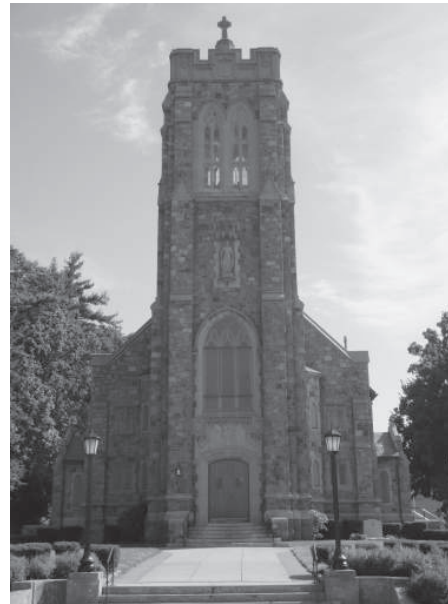
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Liturgical Schedule

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.



<u>Saturday, September 10, 2016</u>	
4:00 PM	Richard Trainor, Sr. (3rd Anniversary) by Family
<u>Sunday, September 11, 2016</u>	
8:00 AM	Bill & Betty Cahill by Kevin Cahill
10:00 AM	Richard S. Mason by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mason
<u>Monday, September 12, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Tuesday, September 13, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Wednesday, September 14, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	For a Successful Surgery
<u>Thursday, September 15, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Carol Hennigan (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
<u>Friday, September 16, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Marie Gosselin by Family
<u>Saturday, September 17, 2016</u>	
4:00 PM	Joseph & Mary Morawski 50th Wedding Anniversary
<u>Sunday, September 18, 2016</u>	
8:00 AM	William Mullin & Rev. Raymond Mullin by Friends
10:00 AM	Roland Laurence and his son Jerry by the Laurence Family
<u>Monday, September 19, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Tuesday, September 20, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Wednesday, September 21, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Thursday, September 22, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Friday, September 23, 2016</u>	
8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother
<u>Saturday, September 24, 2016</u>	
4:00 PM	John Doherty (1st 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.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (Centering Prayer)

"Be still and know that I am God"

A six-week course will be held in Epiphany Center at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester meeting this **Thursday Evening, September 15, 2016 at 7:00-8:00 pm.** Facilitator is Sister Irma Gendreau, PFM. Free will offering. Open registration, come and experience.

This course will provide an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins, to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world and to experience the benefits of silent communion with God.

For more information contact Sister Irma 508-756-0978 or smig254@verizon.net.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Adult Choir Rehearsal will meet on **Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm** in the choir loft. We welcome all ages from high school through adult.

On Sunday, September 18 we will have a "Spontaneous Choir" event at the 10:00 am Mass. If you like to sing and have thought about joining choir, try this out for a gentle introduction! We will meet at 9:15 in the choir loft to practice before Mass.

Chime Choir and Children's Choir information will be posted soon.

Please contact Becky Noone with any questions: 508-735-5256 or ecnoone@yahoo.com.

BE COMPLETE IN YOUR LIFE

For anyone who would like to become Catholic, or be restored to the Church—Blessed Sacrament would like to help you! Whether to join the Catholic Church, to receive a sacrament, or sacraments that you missed, or whether you would like to come back after a long time away.

Contact Deacon Roy at 508-853-3071 or email him at rtread180@charter.net.

BREAD AND MUFFINS

Members of Saints Francis & Therese Catholic Worker will be here on the **weekend of September 17 and 18, 2016** with our homemade baked goods. The sale of our wholesome bread and muffins, made with organic ingredients, is the main source of income which supports our ministries. We shelter homeless men and women, and we work for justice and peace. There is no set price for the bread as we prefer to depend on your generosity to carry on the works of mercy.



BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 11, 2016

8:55-9:55 AM *Religious Education, grades 1-6,*
Epiphany House

1:00-4:00 PM *BASH AT BLESSED SACRAMENT*

Monday, September 12, 2016

6:30 PM *Rosary followed by St. Joseph Novena,*
Christ the King Church

7:00 PM *Religious Education, grades 7-11,*
Epiphany House

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

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

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

6:30 PM *Knights of Columbus, St. Charles Room*

Thursday, September 15, 2016

7:00 PM *Christian Meditation, Epiphany House*

7:00 PM *Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church*

Weekend September 17/18, 2016

After All Masses *St. Francis & St. Theresa Catholic*
Worker Bake Sale, Church Vestibule

Sunday, September 18, 2016

8:55-9:55 AM *Religious Education, grades 1-6,*
Epiphany House

Monday, September 19, 2016

6:30 PM *Rosary followed by St. Joseph Novena,*
Christ the King Church

7:00 PM *Religious Education, grades 7-11*
Epiphany House

Thursday, September 22, 2016

7:00 PM *Christian Meditation, Epiphany House*

7:00 PM *Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church*

OPERATION RANGER ROSARY

Putting a rosary into the hands of every member of the U.S. Armed Forces around the globe who wants one.

Operation Ranger Rosary will hold its next meeting on **Saturday, October 15** from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Phelan Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm** in the St. Charles Room of Phelan Center. Catholic gentlemen are invited to attend the meeting. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the Knights and hear about the work plans for the council in our parish this year.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31) Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Saturday, September 10, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Janice St. Denis

Ministers of Holy Communion: Denise Briggs, Paula Moreau, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Amanda Vellaccio

Sunday, September 11, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Margaret McMenemy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Russ Germain, Joyce Sillup, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Paul & Nate Bushey

Sunday, September 11, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Sharon McLaughlin

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

Altar Server: Nate Larkin

Saturday, September 17 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Richard Donahue

Ministers of Holy Communion: Wayne Porter, Cecile Vigeant, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: William Charron

Sunday, September 18, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: John Griffin

Ministers of Holy Communion: Anne French, Ella McLaughlin, Ed Urbanowski

Altar Server: Evan Bigwood

Sunday, September 18, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: John Sillup

Ministers of Holy Communion: Mike & Cathie Novick, Ed Owanisian

Altar Server: Cara McCormack, Ku Reh

COAT DRIVE

The annual coat, jacket and sweater drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus has begun. Bins are located in the vestibule of the church. Please bring usable, but no longer wanted or needed, outerwear to be given to those less fortunate. The drive will continue through October.

MUSTARD SEED

Thank you to all for the support of the Mustard Seed ministry. To date we have served 7 meals and provided over 1,000 people with a nutritious meal. The Mustard Seed also provides a food pantry and there is a collection bin at the entrance of the church where items can be placed. Non-perishable food items or toiletry items are always welcome.

In addition, Blessed Sacrament will be providing meals on **Friday, September 23rd, Monday, October 31st, Wednesday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 28th.** If you would like to become involved with this ministry, please contact Paula Bushey at 508-243-0735 or paulambushey@gmail.com or Frank Kartheiser at 508-754-5001. Transportation to the Mustard Seed to serve the meal can be arranged. We can meet at the church and travel over together. Again, thank you for your generosity as we try to help those in desperate need right here in Worcester.

**Save the Date: November 12th, 9am-3pm
Blessed Sacrament Craft Fair**



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heal through service

The incomparable loss of life on 9/11 left a hole in the heart of this nation. For some, a desire for revenge was the initial and enduring response. For others, sorrow invaded all of life. For many of us, our sense of security was threatened. In 2009, Congress declared September 11 a National Day of Remembrance and Service. It reminds us that serving the needs of others is a way to heal the wounds caused by violence and fear. Open a door, carry a bag, or smile at a stranger today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 (132). "A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

All generations call on you

At Jesus' conception Mary's good name (and her life) would be in jeopardy should it become known that she was pregnant while unmarried. Yet her name falls upon us today not as disgrace, but as *all* grace. Just speaking her name—often in the prayer "Hail Mary"—brings comfort to many in dire straits. Another traditional prayer, the Memorare, says, "never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided." Call upon Mary. She has been there, and she hears you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10 (443). "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Sacrifice what holds you back

Today, many Muslims around the world celebrate Eid al Adha. It is also known as the Feast of Sacrifice or Festival of Sacrifice because it commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son to God. Christians recognize Abraham as the Father of Judaism and his willingness to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, as a precursor to the sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God on the cross. Today, let's pray in union with our Muslim and Jewish brothers and sisters for a desire to put aside—sacrifice—all things that get in the way of our relationship with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17 (444). "When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus turns tragedy to triumph

When Jesus was put on the cross to die, his punishment was intended to humiliate him and his followers and to extinguish his message once and for all. But that didn't happen. Instead, he rose from the dead, exalted by the Father, and his Good News has been shared on every continent for more than 2,000 years. Today, crosses grace our churches and homes. We even wear crosses as jewelry that identifies us as believers. The name of this feast says it well: The cross is a sign of exaltation. When you rise in the morning and retire at night, make the sign of the cross.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

How to bury the dead

When someone in our lives experiences loss, it's important to be with them in their mourning, as Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, reminds us. After Jesus' death, Mary was surrounded by a loving community. They couldn't bring her son back or alleviate her pain, but they did offer loving support. In this Year of Mercy, we are reminded to "bury the dead." Perhaps that work of mercy is about remembering the people in our lives who are mourning through our loving presence, listening ear, and shoulder to lean on.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (446); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). "You yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

Forgive—no exceptions

In the give-and-take battles over doctrine in the third-century church, debate arose as to whether apostates—believers who renounce their faith—could be forgiven and restored to the church. Pope Cornelius said yes, but a priest named Novatian (who later became an "antipope") said apostasy could not be forgiven, nor murder, adultery, fornication, or second marriage. Our personal attitudes toward "those who trespass against us" tempt us to carve out exceptions to our forgiveness. This Jubilee Year reminds us that there are no exceptions to God's mercy. Should there be exceptions in your own forgiveness?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3 (447). "Show your wondrous mercies, O savior of those who flee from their foes."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
MEMORIAL OF ROBERT BELLARMINI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Disagree without being disagreeable

Saint Robert Bellarmine was a Jesuit scholar, rector, college professor, and bishop who lived from 1542-1621. He was an intellectual who inspired many. Along the way, his strong opinions created controversy, yet he was known for his ability to engage in heated discussions without holding a grudge. And most significantly, he prayed each day for those with whom he disagreed. As we enter the full heat of this election year, Robert Bellarmine's life is a reminder to pray daily for those contending for public office, even—perhaps especially—for those with whom we disagree.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15 (448). "The seed on good ground are those who hear the word in a spirit of openness . . . and bear fruit though perseverance."

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