

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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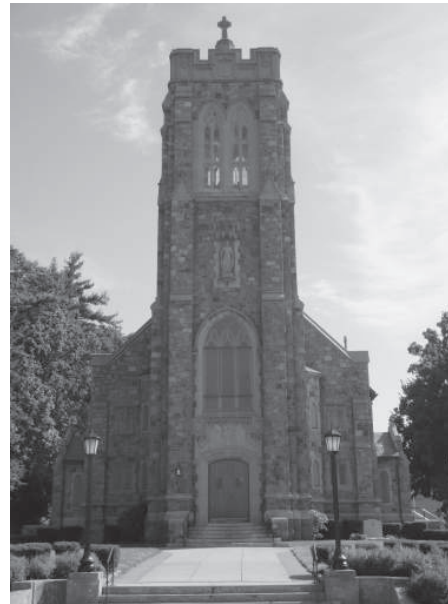
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Liturgical Schedule

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.

PARISH FINANCES

The collection amount for **September 17 and 18** was:

Offerings made at Mases:	\$3960.55	112 envelopes & loose cash
Offerings made by mail:	\$615.00	21 envelopes

Total weekly: **\$4575.55**

Blessed Sacrament Religious Education: \$180.00

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NEVER TOO LATE TO REGISTER.
CLASSES ARE BEGINNING.

GRADES 1-6 EPIPHANY HOUSE
SUNDAYS 8:55 TO 9:55 AM

GRADES 7-11
MONDAYS 7:00-8:00 PM

SIGN UP!

START ON THE STREET

Look for the

“Blessed Sacrament
Catholic Church
Welcomes You”

table this weekend

September 25th on Park Ave

at which we shall have an opportunity to talk to lots of folks offering them a warm welcome to Blessed Sacrament Parish

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have Blessing of Animals Sunday afternoon, October 2, 2016 at 1:00 pm on the Church front lawn.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship-947

MUSIC

Processional: Worship—**#494**—*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Gloria Response: *Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace to People of Good Will*

Psalm: Worship—**#947**

Preparation: Worship—**#656**—*Help Us Accept Each Other*

Eucharistic Acclamations: Heritage—**#44** - Mass of Creation

Communion: Gather—**347**—*I Will Lift Up My Eyes*

Recessional: Worship—**#466**—*Christ is Alive*

CANCELLATION

The Suubi Childrens Voice, scheduled for October 2, has been cancelled. Hopefully they will be able to come some time in the future.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Choir will begin on **Saturday, October 15 at 12:15** in the choir loft. All children grades 1-8 are welcome. Rehearsal is 45 minutes.

On **Sunday, October 2nd**, immediately following the 10:00 am Mass, there will be a "musical petting zoo" in the choir loft. Children can have the opportunity to look at, learn about and PLAY the organ.

We are looking for a volunteer to help direct the Chime Choir. The only qualification is the ability to read music.

Adult Choir is up and running on Thursday evenings at 7:00! New members are always welcome.

For further information or questions, please contact Becky Noone—ecnoone@yahoo.com, 508-735-5256.

INVITATION TO SERVE

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We are a lay Catholic organization that is in the process of recruiting new members for our Blessed Sacrament Parish Conference. We see the face of Christ in all those we serve. We invite you to join us in the rectory on **Tuesday, September 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm** for our next meeting. We will be discussing how best we can reach out to those here in our Parish family.



Saturday, September 24, 2016
 4:00 PM **John Doherty** (1st Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, September 25, 2016
 8:00 AM **John O'Sullivan** by Kevin Cahill
 10:00 AM **A. Patricia Bazinet** (1st Anniversary) by Family

Monday, September 26, 2016
 8:30 AM **Joseph Daly** by Family

Tuesday, September 27, 2016
 8:30 AM **Shirley Perry** by Anne Early

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
 8:30 AM **Mass**

Thursday, September 29, 2016
 8:30 AM **Mass**

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

Saturday, October 1, 2016
 4:00 PM **Mass**

Sunday, October 2, 2016
 8:00 AM **Mass**
 10:00 AM **Thomas Shortsleeve** (40th Anniversary) by Family

Monday, October 3, 2016
 8:30 AM **Mass**

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
 8:30 AM **Mass**

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
 8:30 AM **Mass**

Thursday, October 6, 2016
 8:30 AM **Mass**

Friday, October 7, 2016
 8:30 AM **In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother**

Saturday, October 8, 2016
 4:00 PM **Mary Jane Ingalls** (10th 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.

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

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." (Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

RESPECT LIFE

Please "Save the Date" for Respect Life Activities and plan on attending:
Saturday, October 1, 7:00 AM-Noon, 40 Days for Life—Blessed Sacrament's day to witness for life of the unborn. Please sign up for an hour on the Respect Life Bulletin Board in the vestibule of the Church.
Sunday, October 2, 7:00-8:00 PM, National 40 Days for Life will hold a Statewide Prayer Vigil across from Planned Parenthood in Worcester.
 March for Life will be held in Boston. Contact Phyllis Towns if you would like to attend.

COAT, SWEATER, JACKET 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 needed or wanted, outerwear to be given to those less fortunate. The drive will continue through October.



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 tread180@charter.net.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

All are welcome to attend a seven week DVD series/discussion group focusing on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*, which is a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. Join us Wednesdays, beginning October 19th from 6:19-8:00 pm in the Epiphany House. Please register by putting your name and phone and number on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 25, 2016

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

Monday, September 26, 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 27, 2016

7:00 PM *St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Rectory*

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

7:00 PM *Respect Life Meeting, Rectory*

Thursday, September 29, 2016

7:00 PM *Introduction to Christian Meditation,*
Epiphany Center

7:00 PM *Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church*

Saturday, October 1, 2016

7:00 AM-Noon *Blessed Sacrament's Day to Witness for*
life of the unborn, across from Planned
Parenthood

Sunday, October 2, 2016

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

11:00 AM *Musical Petting Zoo, Choir Loft*

7:00-8:00 PM *Prayer Vigil, across from Planned*
Parenthood

Monday, October 3, 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, October 4, 2016

6:30 PM *Pastoral Council, St. Charles Room*

Thursday, September 29, 2016

7:00 PM *Introduction to Christian Meditation,*
Epiphany Center

7:00 PM *Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church*

RESPECT LIFE MEETING

Respect Life will have a meeting on **Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm** in the Rectory. All are welcome—come see what this group is all about. Fr. Trainor will offer a reflection.

P.A.S. CONFERENCE

The Witness for Life Committee will host the 4th annual forum on physician-assisted suicide and end-of-life care on **Saturday, October 22 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm** at Assumption College – Hagan Center, Worcester. Keynote speaker is Sr. Constance Veit, Isp, who will speak on "The Unique Situation of the Elderly". \$15 per person includes a boxed lunch. More information and pre-registration available at www.witnessforlife.com.

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

Saturday, September 24, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Paula Moreau

Ministers of Holy Communion: Pearl Shea,
Mary Ellen & John Stansky

Altar Servers: Luc Zafon-Whalen

Sunday, September 25, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Frank Kartheiser

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

Altar Server: Laura French

Sunday, September 25, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Mike Novick

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jim & Maryann Ludy
Deacon Roy

Altar Server: Robert Dunn

Saturday, October 1, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Jim Burns, Elizabeth Mullanry

Ministers of Holy Communion: Wayne Porter, Pearl
Shea, Jean Urbanowski

Altar Servers: William Charron

Sunday, October 2, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: John Griffin, Mike Scaglione

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kimiko Abramoff,
Jacqueline Bellos, Jim Bushey

Altar Servers: Evan Bigwood

Sunday, October 2, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Lara Forde, John Sillup

Ministers of Holy Communion: Denise Boudreau,
Joseph Dunn, Shirley Owanisian

Altar Server: Robert Dunn

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- The stores donate an additional 5% of what is spent to prevent homelessness.

Together, we can end family homelessness!

SAVE THE DATE! Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – October 23

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 17 so that a commemorative certificate may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request a copy by mail.



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Not just another day

“Casual Fridays” began in the 1990s. Employers were trying to improve office morale without spending any money, so workers were permitted to wear jeans, T-shirts, and flip-flops to work. A look at the Communion procession in most contemporary churches this morning would indicate the idea has spread even to Sunday Mass. If formality in church attire has disappeared, what about honoring the day of the Lord by remembering, “Keep holy the Sabbath Day”? Find a way to make Sunday different from other days of the week in your home.

TODAY’S READINGS: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (138). “But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.”

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

For the public good

Cosmas and Damian were brother physicians in the early church, famous for never accepting payment for their work as a way to witness to their deep Christian faith. While most of us need to earn an income off our professional skills, we also can let these saintly brother doctors inspire us to offer our skills in some volunteer or *pro bono* (for the public good) work. Look for a way to match your skills to society’s needs and volunteer somewhere today.

TODAY’S READINGS: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455). “Whoever is not against you is for you.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

Master of your soul

Life in Europe around 1600 was filled with uncertainty and danger. Vincent de Paul, a priest living comfortably in France, was enslaved after being abducted by pirates during a sea voyage. He was bought and sold several times in Muslim countries and ended up with a master who had converted to Islam to obtain his own freedom from slavery. Vincent’s example of steadfastness convinced the master to return to the Catholic faith, and they fled back to France and freedom. Every situation in life, no matter how dire, offers an opportunity to witness to the power of faith.

TODAY’S READINGS: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). “The disciples . . . asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?’ Jesus turned and rebuked them.”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

When the going gets tough

“Good King Wenceslaus” is a Christmas carol about a Czech king, who was later martyred and sainted, but who first braved a long journey in a snowstorm, giving alms to the poor along the way. The king’s servant struggled to continue in the harsh weather, but managed to do so by following Wenceslaus’ footprints in the snow. Christ, the saints, and myriad Christians before you have already beaten the path you’ve been called by your Baptism to take. Following their lead will help you through the trying conditions along it.

TODAY’S READINGS: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457). “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

I hear the rush of angels’ wings

Go on: Try to argue that you don’t miss the angels. When we were kids, angels were dear divine lifeguards to whom we were committed by God’s love, in the words of a popular prayer. But somewhere between surrendering Santa and the Tooth Fairy, many of us lost a sense of a celestial companion, a divine messenger, a fighting force for good at our side “to light and guard, to rule and guide” us along life’s journey. While faith in winged beings is optional, the conviction that we’re divinely accompanied, advised, and rescued is not. Jesus believes in angels. He should know!

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). “You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

A word so deep

“Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” In the fourth century, Jerome was a priest who peculiarly never celebrated the Mass. Instead, he dedicated his life to creating a new translation of the Bible. To probe the mysteries of the Old Testament, he studied Hebrew with rabbis in the Holy Land—a collaboration no Christian had considered for centuries. Aided by lay women like Saint Paula who assisted his work and financially supported him, Jerome labored in a cave in Bethlehem until his death. Catch the spark of Jerome’s passion. Read the Bible regularly.

TODAY’S READINGS: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16 (459). “Have you entered into the source of the sea, or walked about in the depths of the abyss?”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Less is more

Thérèse is one of the most beloved of saints because she found “a little way” to sanctity and made it accessible to all. A sickly child and frail adult who died in 1897 at the tender age of 24, Thérèse nonetheless left her mark on the spiritual life by discovering the strength in being weak. As she wrote: “I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way—very short and very straight, a little way that is wholly new. . . . To get there I need not grow; on the contrary, I must remain little, I must become still less.” What *less* can you do?

TODAY’S READINGS: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 (460). “Many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it.”

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