



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

# SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

*of Sweden Parish*



#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

##### Lords Day

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM

##### Weekday

MON - WED - FRI 9:00 AM

MON - SAT 5:30 PM Holy Days

##### Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday

9:30am - 5:30pm

**Confessions:** Every  
Saturday 3-3:30pm

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**Food Pantry Hours:** Thursday  
9:45am, 2:30pm,  
Saturday 10am - 1pm  
**Prayer Shawls Ministry**  
call the rectory  
**Bingo:** Every Friday 6:30-10pm  
lower church hall

596 Cambridge Street Worcester, MA

WEEK OF March 9 & 10, 2019

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES**

*Sat. March 9—Vigil: First Sunday of Lent*  
4:00 PM - Parishioners of our Parish

*Sun. March 10 ~ First Sunday of Lent*  
10:00 AM —Noreen Collins—Family  
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*  
12:00PM (*African Mass*)

*Monday, March 11*  
9:00 AM Special Intention for Fr. Mad-den

*Tuesday, March 12*  
9:00 AM Edward Proszak—wife, Theresa

*Wednesday, March 13*  
9:00AM Jackie & June Ledeaux -sisters  
Judy & Joanne

*Friday, March 15*  
9:00 AM For a special Intention

*Sat., March 16—Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent*  
4:00 PM - Parishioners of our Parish

*Sun., March 17~ Second Sunday of Lent*  
10:00 AM Robert Norvell—Family  
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

**1st Sunday of Lent**

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives.

The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16).

Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation.

Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:  
Edward Halpin.

We will not be calling UMass Memorial as they don't have a system to give us the information we need. If you or a loved one is in one of those hospitals please let us know so we can be sure to visit them and pray for them.

Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who serve to protect us.



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

**Saturday, March 16**

Lector: Tony Halpin  
Commentator: Deb Durnin  
Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon & Eileen Kaminski

**Sunday, March 17**

Lector: Alma Sheehan  
Commentator: Michael Boover  
Altar Servers: Vanessa Sulminski & Caroline Villa  
Ministers of Holy Communion: Michael Buffone, Glenn Gibson, Richard Flynn, Kate Hamilton, Dan Fullen & Ben Sulminski

**Star of Bethlehem**

Maysoon khair will be at our church **March 16 & 17 , 2019** representing school of Joy for slow learner children and over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

Due to the bad situation in the Holy Land and the interruption of the tourist trade that is happening with our Christian families in Bethlehem, they must seek alternative ways to earn a living.

After all masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Thanks you and God Bless you

# BINGO

March 15, 2019

**Team # 3— Alma Sheehan, Eileen Kaminski, Dave Dubey, Donald Ducharme, Tony & Elaine Halpin**

### **The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers**

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:  
Beverly Farrar & June Sulminski**

\*\*Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin\*\*

### **CRS Rice Bowls**

We invite each of you to participate in CRS Rice Bowl during Lent. CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for you/your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for us as a parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need. We'll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals each Friday from these countries. Can you sacrifice on trip to Dunkin Donuts? Can you sacrifice one night of take out? These acts can help you to give back in your CRS Rice Bowl and help someone less fortunate. During Lent we reflect on how an encounter with resurrection can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can give hope to those worldwide who are most in need, especially those forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. I'm excited to take this journey with our parish-community, and to connect the prayer and reflections of each of our families to our global community of faith. I hope you will take home a CRS Rice Bowl, located at the front entrance and in the basket near the elevator. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

March 2 & 3, 2019



Church in Latin America \$50.00, Catholic Free Press \$108.00, Utility Fund \$235.00, Current Expenses \$327.00, Easter Flowers \$90.00, Weekend Offering \$3552.71

Did you forget your envelopes? Did you attend Mass somewhere else and forget to send in your missed envelope? You can sign up for online giving or use the app to never miss a stewardship giving. The app is called

ConnectNow Giving or visit our website to sign up for online giving. Any questions please call the rectory.



## **Upcoming Events**

### **March**

- 10th Parish Council Meeting @ 6pm in the parish hall
- 13th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
  - 15th—Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 16th— St. Patrick's Day Dinner @ 5pm in the parish hall
- 20th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
  - 22nd—Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 27th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
  - 29th—Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
  - 31st—Lenten Penance Service 6pm

### **The Journey in the Wilderness with Christ Lenten Penance Service!**

"What can separate us from the love of God" -  
Romans 8:38

As we prepare for Lent and Easter this year we need to rediscover and understand the depth of God's love for us despite our wretchedness. God invites us to think, pray, and reflect about our relationship with Him. Let us take this opportunity during Lent to explore our imperfections and the ways we have failed to recognize the image of God in our lives.

**We will offer this Lenten Penance Service on March 31st at 6pm. We ask that you sign up if you will attend so we can make sure we have enough attendance for the priests.**

### **Church in Latin America Collection**

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

Please be generous to the collection!

### **Glory & Praise Hymnals**

We have noticed there are a handful of Hymnals that are missing from the Church. If you had taken one home please return it. Parishioners have donated to purchase them. If you are looking to follow the readings please take home the Word Among Us, which has all the daily and weekend readings, reflections and prayers. If you are interested in copies of music please see a Music Minister.

Thank you!