



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Lords Day

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM

NOON (African)

Weekday

MON, TUES, WED & FRI 9:00 AM

Holy Days

See Bulletin

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 and
Saturday 10am - 1pm
Prayer Shawls Ministry
call the rectory
Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm
lower church hall

596 Cambridge Street Worcester, MA

UMass INTENTIONS

WEEK OF March 16 & 17, 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. March 16—Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Barbara Scholl—Lillian Brunnearu

Sun. March 17 ~ Second Sunday of Lent
10:00 AM—Robert Norvell—Family
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*
12:00PM (*African Mass*)

Monday, March 18

9:00 AM Ruth Kucharski—Sandra Kucharski

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 AM Jackie & June Ledeaux - sisters Judy & Joanne

Wednesday, March 20

9:00AM Helen Hannon (Birthday) - Ann & Kathy Hannon

Friday, March 22

9:00 AM Special Intention for Joseph Gagne—Sandra Kucharski

Sat., March 23—Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM - Parishioners of our Parish

Sun., March 24~ Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM Jack & Barbara Jacques—Dan Fullen

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

2nd Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments.

Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations.

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Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

Pray for

(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Gloria Boyce & William Quill.

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.

WEEKEND

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Saturday, March 23

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Ministers of Holy Communion: John Harrington & Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, March 24

Lector: Michael Buffone

Commentator: Rose Kempton

Altar Servers: Joyce Abalo & Myranda Herschel

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Dawson, Dan Fullen, Alissa Doiron, Jo Luikey, Richard Flynn & Patricia Reardon

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 22, 2019

Team # 4— Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donald Ducharme, Dan Fullen, Sonny Collins

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 & Jeanne Lavallee**

Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on **Saturday, April 6**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, see Mike Buffone or call him at 508-873-4237. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 15th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

March 2 & 3, 2019

Church in Latin America \$244.00, Utility Fund \$10.00, Easter Flowers \$30.00, Current Expenses \$209.00, Weekend Offering \$1438.00

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

- 16th– St. Patrick's Day Dinner @ 5pm in the parish hall
 - 18th Ladies Guild Meeting 6:30pm
 - 19th—Confessions 6-7
- 20th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
 - 22nd—Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
 - 26th—Confessions 6-7
- 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

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$244.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share it with others.

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!

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In our monthly parish food collection we collected 91 items and \$110.00. Thank you for helping us serve those in need.