



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 01610

WEEK OF March 30 & 31, 2019

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES**

*Sat. March 30 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

4:00 PM - Parishoners of the parish

*Sun. March 31 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent*

10:00 AM – Annie Mae Bynum –family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00PM *(African Mass)*

*Sat., April 6 – Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*

4:00 PM - Mr & Mrs Paladino, Louis Paladino

and Marlene Germain –family

*Sun., March 31~ Fifth Sunday of Lent*

10:00 AM Marion O'Brien–Family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

4th Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:  
Julia Carrigan, Cheryl Lapiere, 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, April 6**

Lector: Deb Durnin

**Sunday, April 7**

Altar Servers: Vanessa Sulminski & Jacob Lorusso

Ministers of Holy Communion: Glenn Gibson & Robert Yawlui

**A Prayer For Lent**

Stay with me, Lord,  
Because I am weak  
And I need your strength.  
You are my life and without you  
I am without fervor.  
You are my light  
And without you  
I am in darkness.  
Stay with me, Lord,  
For I desire to love you  
And always be in your company.  
Stay with me, Jesus,  
In life with all its dangers,  
I need you.

Amen

# BINGO

April 5, 2019

**Team # 1— Paul Levesque, Beverly Farrar, Donald Ducharme, Judy Keenan, Shane LaBelle**

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

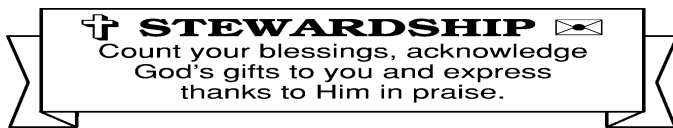
Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:  
Cindy Desrosiers & Pauline Puishys**



### Ladies Guild bake sale

On April 13th and 14th the Ladies Guild will sponsor a bake sale before and after Mass. Get your goodies for Easter!!



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
March 23 & 24, 2019

Church in Latin America \$15.00, Utility Fund \$5.00, Current Expenses \$80.00, Weekend Offering 2532.01

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

### April

- 9th Confessions 6-7
- 12th Stations of the Cross 7pm
- 13th Ladies Guild bake sale
- 14th Ladies Guild bake sale
- April 14th Walking Stations of the Cross 1pm
  - 16th Confessions 6-7
- 18th Mass of the Lord's supper 7pm
- 19th Stations of the Cross 3pm
- 19th Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7pm
  - 20th Easter Vigil 7:30pm
- 21st Easter Morning Mass 10am

### Catholic Relief Service Collection

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

# Partners in Charity

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Partners in Charity Appeal. Sacred Heart St. Catherine has raised \$16,868.00 towards our goal of \$28,700.00. To meet our goal we still need \$11832.00. If you have not made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. No gift is too small, any donation is greatly appreciated.

