



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 April 20 & 21, 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. April 20—Vigil: Easter Sunday

4:00 PM - Robert Luikey — family

Sun. April 21 ~ Easter Sunday

10:00 AM — Parishoners of the parish

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00PM *(African Mass)*

Mon. April 22 — Helen Hannon — Ann & Kathy Hannon

Sat., April 27—Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Parishoners of the parish

Sun., April 28 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Parishoners of the parish

Easter Sunday

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true!"

The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
None Listed

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 27

Lector: Sandra Kucharski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon & John Harrington

Sunday, April 28

Lector: Lisa Villa

Commentator: Rose Kempton

Altar Servers: Myranda Herschel & Caroline Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Alissa Doiron, Elaine Halpin, Jo Luikey, Patricia Reardon, Robert Yawlui, Prisca Yawlui

An Easter Prayer

God our Father,
By raising Christ your Son
You conquered the power of death
And opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up
And renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

BINGO

April 26, 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:
Jeanne Lavallee & Beverly Farrar**



Upcoming Events

April

- 24th-Follow Me Bible Study @ 6pm in the parish hall
 - 28th—Divine Mercy Sunday

May

- 2nd—Divine Mercy Meeting @ 6:30 in the parish hall
 - 5th—First Communion
 - 12th—Ladie’s Guild Raffle
- 16th- Divine Mercy Meeting @ 6:30 in the parish hall

What are some benefits of a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration?

Everyone that spends time in adoration of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist develops a personal relationship with Jesus and grows in love and holiness. Quiet time with the Lord in adoration enables people to listen and recognize His voice as He speaks to their hearts. Many of the faithful who attend adoration report various miracles and healings. Parish communities experience increased Mass attendance, service of others, unity, conversions, the return of fallen away Catholics, as well as, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The laity work together to coordinate Eucharistic Adoration helping to build a faith filled community.

Please join us the first Friday of every month for adoration from 9:30am to 5:30pm



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING April 6 & 7, 2019

Easter Flowers \$126.00, Good Friday \$15.00, Easter Offering \$45.00, Utilities \$5.00, Catholic Relief Fund \$230.70
Weekend Offering \$3034.68

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.

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 \$17,068.00 towards our goal of \$28,700.00. To meet our goal we still need \$11,632.00. 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 to do it online.

No gift is too small, any donation is greatly appreciated.



Thank you for your donations for our monthly food collection for our parish food pantry. We collected 67 items and \$120.00. Your help is greatly appreciated.