



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

BINGO

September 20th, 2019

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

The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers

Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

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



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

September 7th & September 8th, 2019

\$2,239.20

Religious Education-\$269.75

Current Expenses-\$235.00

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.

partners in Charity

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Partners in Charity Appeal. Sacred Heart St. Catherine has been asked to raise \$28,700.00 toward the Diocesan goal of \$5 million. As of this week, we have received 82 gifts totaling \$22,883.00. To meet our goal we still need to raise \$5,817.00. If you have not made a gift or pledge, please consider it. It is not too late. You can fill out a donation envelope located in the pews, or visit www.partners-charity.net to make your donation online.

No gift is too small. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. As Mother Theresa told us, "If you can't feed a Hundred people, then feed just one." Can you help feed just one?



Upcoming Events

September

Women's Guild Meeting

Ladies Guild Collection for Christmas Bazaar
Religious Education

The **Ladies Guild** will be collecting books, cds, puzzles, VHS tapes and games for our Christmas Bazaar in November. No textbooks or books before 1999 please. There will be a box outside the elevator in the church hall. Thank you!

4 Corners Friendship Kitchen, Our Covenant Parish, St. Matthew's Episcopal Parish is planning a neighborhood meal on the 4th Sunday of every month from 4:00-6:00pm at St. Matthews, 695 Southbridge Street. First Meal planned for Sept. 22nd. Volunteers would be most welcome. **Please see Pat Reardon if you have anytime to help or contribute.** For more information: Pat Reardon (508) 755-2774 or St. Matthew's (508) 755-4433

Religious Education

Religious Education will be starting on **Sunday, September 22nd**. The times will be confirmed by Monday, September 16th (please call/email the office) We will also get an email out with that information.

There will be a **Bingo Meeting** immediately following 10:00 am mass today (9/15/19) for committee members.

A special thank you to all those who participated in the Parish Cookout! The food was delicious and a good time was had by all!

Save the Date: October 5th

The Scholarship Committee will be hosting a spaghetti supper and basket raffle. Anyone interested in donating a basket can call the rectory or contact a member of the Scholarship Committee (Jean Dawson, Deb Durnin, Maryann Hannon or Kathy Hannon). A sign up sheet is located at the table by the elevator for anyone who would like to bring a desert or contribute a basket.

Congratulations to those who made their first Communion on Sunday, September 1st!

Erica Agbo, Felix Agbo, Vanessa Agbo, Tracy Osei Kwarteng, Stacy Osie Kwarteng, Prince Adusei, Emily Adusei

All high school youth are invited to the first **Diocesan Amplify** night of the school year on Sunday, September 22nd at St. Mary's In Uxbridge from 5:30-8:00 pm. Join for dinner, followed by Games and prizes, praise and worship music. Eucharistic Adoration, and confession. There is NO COST to attend! To get Information, go to: <http://neworchester.org/amplify-9-22-at-st-mary-uxbridge>. Deadline to register is Monday, September 16th

WEEK OF September 14th & 15th 2019
 SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES
Sat. Aug. 14th—Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary time
 4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*
Sun., September 15th— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM— *Norman Vigeant-25th Anniversary Elaine and family*
 11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*
 12:00PM *(African Mass)*
Sat. September 21st Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*
Sun., September 22nd-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM *Frank and Helen (Hannon) Sepuka-Kathy and Ann Hannon*
Mon., September 16th-Bob Luikay-Jo Luikay

September 15, 2019
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.



(As of Monday)
 Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
 Kevin McGrath and Angela Tirado

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, September 21st

Lector: Deb Durin
Commentator: Kathy Hannon
Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandra Kucharski, Eileen Kaminski

Sunday, September 22nd

Lector: Alma Sheehan
Commentator: Rose Kempton
Altar Servers: Eiryanna Gachuma, Noah Sulminski
Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Dawson, Glenn Gibson, Richard Flynn, Mike Buffone, Alyssa Dorion, Ben Sulminski

Monday, September 16th

On Thursday, September 19th, 2019, the **Devine Mercy** meeting will take place in the parish church hall. It will start at 6:30 pm and end between 7:30 and 7:45 pm. We hope you can join us.

SHSCS Women's Guild members invite women of the Parish to join them at their annual Potluck meeting/social. Come and hear about Guild events, activities, and plans for the year. There is a sign up sheet on the table near the elevator for what you would like to bring and share. Also, you can bring a wrapped gift (about \$3-\$5) for our grab. Don't be shy! You will connect with friends who are guild members or make new friends by joining the guild. Hope to see you there! The meeting will be at 6:00 pm in the parish hall.

The **Food Pantry** would like to Thank You for recent donations. There were 76 items and \$205 donated.

Congratulations to Alma and Dan Sheehan who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary this month.