



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

25th 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 27th, 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, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:

Jeanne LaVallee & Beverly Farrar



Upcoming Events

September

**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!

Reminder:

4 Corners Friendship Kitchen, Our Covenant Parish, St. Matthew's Episcopal Parish neighborhood meal is today, September 22nd from 4:00-6:00pm at St. Matthews, 695 Southbridge Street.

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!

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

Religious Education

Religious Education will be postponed one week and will start on **Sunday, September 29th**. Times will be placed in the mass announcements.

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

October 6th Blessing of Pets

Sacred Heart-St. Catherine Annual Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday, October 6th 2019. Rain or Shine at 2:00 p.m. Medals of St. Francis will be distributed. The ceremony includes special prayers, blessing, and readings. Refreshments and treats will be served.

† STEWARDSHIP †
Count your blessings, acknowledge
God's gifts to you and express
thanks to Him in praise.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

September 11th & September 12th, 2019

\$1915.17

Religious Education-\$52.00

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

Great News! As of August 31st, our parish exceeded our Partners in Charity goal of \$28,700. Sacred Heart-St. Catherine's received 87 gifts totaling \$30,017. We received a sizable anonymous gift and another generous gift from a former parishioner that put us over the top. A sincere thank you to everyone who donated to this year's campaign. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

" Charity Is The Measure by Which Our Lord Judges All Things"

St. Padre Pio

Mass INTENTIONS

WEEK OF September 21st & 22nd 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. Sept. 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*

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00 PM (*African Mass*)

Sat. September 28th Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - *John B. McAdams Sr. & Thomas P. Vassar Sr. -Family*

Sun., September 29th—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM—*William Personís & Jaqueline Morgan-Kathy and Ann Hannon*

Monday, September 23rd—*Michael Sulminksi-Family*

September 22, 2019
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers overcharged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

Pray for

(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Maureen Brule Fredrick Baird

We will not be calling UMass Memorial as they don't have an 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, September 28th

Lector: Patricia Reardon

Commentator: Deb Durnin

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon, Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, September 29th

Lector: Michael Boover

Commentator: Lisa Villa

Altar Servers: Vanessa Sulminski, Noah Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Mike Buffone, Jean Doiron, Alissa Doiron, Glenn Gibson, Ben Sulminski, Kerri Sulminski

The Annual Catholic Schools Appeal-The collection will be held the weekend of September 28th and 29th.

40 Days For Life Fall Campaign

40 Days for Life is an international, ecumenical campaign to end abortion through prayer and fasting, peaceful public vigil, and community outreach. The Fall campaign will run from September 25th- November 3. There are no specific prayers or things to fast from, making it very easy for all to participate in ending the scourge of abortion. Suggested prayers include the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet or attending daily Mass as often as you can during the 40 days. You can fast from a particular food item or meal, or activities (like TV or the internet) You decide what prayers you will pray and what you will fast from. A very important part of the campaign is the peaceful public vigil held each day from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood, 475 Pleasant Street Worcester. You can get more information at www.40daysforlife.com/worcester. Or Call Lee at (508) 887-1064. To receive the daily devotional in your email box each day, sign up at www.40daysforlife.com.

This Sunday, September 22, at 5:00 p.m. the Worcester and Boston campaigns will gather at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington street in Norwood to kick off the Fall Campaign. **The guest speaker will be Terry Beatley.** Following the talk, a light dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The event is free. No registration required.

Worcester will open its campaign with an evening hour long vigil at Planned Parenthood from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. If you are new to the public vigil, this is a great opportunity to see what it is about. It is a peaceful, prayerful event.