



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

28th 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

October 18th, 2019

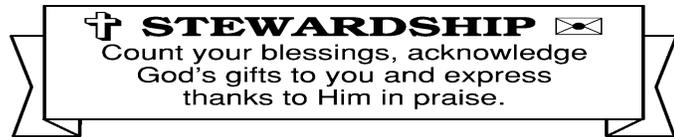
Team #3-Alma Sheehan, Eileen Kaminski, Dave Dubey, Donald Ducharme, Tony Halpin, Eliane Halpin

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

October 5th & 6th, 2019

\$2,775.20

Utilities Collection-\$493.00

Catholic School Collection-\$73.10

World Mission-\$65.00

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.

The Second Collection for October 20th will be the Propagation of the Faith. World Mission Sunday.



Upcoming Events

October

Ladies Guild Meeting Monday, October 21st
Religious Education Class
Mini Retreat

The Ladies Guild will be collecting books, cds, puzzles, tapes games for our Christmas Bazaar in November. There will be a box outside the elevator in the church hall for your donations.

Mini Retreat-Presented by the Women's Guild The Proverbs 31 Women-Becoming more like her!

Please join us

On October 19th, 2019 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and include Lunch. "Coffee and " will be available before the Retreat begins. Tickets will be on sale before and after all Masses or you may contact the Rectory.

Father Asante's Retreat/Vacation

Father Asante will be traveling to Africa on September 30th and returning November 5th. Please keep him in your prayers for a rejuvenating retreat and a restful vacation. While he is away we will have Communion Services/Mass on Mondays, Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Weekend masses will be the same and will be covered by Fr. Emmanuel Gosu, Fr. O'Brien, Fr. Reidy and Fr. Donato Infante. The Parish office will continue to be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Table Rentals we are renting table space at our bazaar (November 2nd) again this year. If you have a craft you would like to share, or are a vendor who would like to offer your product, please call June (508) 579-1067 to sign up. The fee is \$20 Parishioners and \$25 for non-parishioners.

October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pope Pius XI reminds us that "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying. "The rosary is prayed every Sunday immediately following the 10:00 a.m. mass. Free Rosaries and pamphlets on how to pray the rosary are available on the table near the elevator.

Coat Collection: It's that time of year where we start cleaning our closets. We are collecting new or gently used coats for adults and children. We give them to our neighbors who may not have a coat to keep warm. Please place them in the box in the upstairs hallway near the elevator.

All Souls Day

We will remember the passing of our loved ones during this past year on **Saturday, November 2 at 4pm.** The parish will light a candle for those parishioners that have passed away this year. If you would like to have candle lit for a loved one please fill out the information below and submit a donation of \$4.00 for each candle.

Donation from:

In memory of :

WEEK OF October 12th & 13th 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. Oct. 12h—Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*

Sun., October 13th— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM— *Parishioners of the Parish*

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00PM (*African Mass*)

Sat. October 19th—Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*

Sun., October 20h—29h Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM—*Albert Lonstein & Julie Antil-Mark and Lynn Lorusso and Eileen Kopacz*

Friday, October 25th—Paul & Eleanore Steele—Paul Steele and Family

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ...” In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, *“Show yourselves to the priests.”* The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn't they come back?

“As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.” Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn't believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you've ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we've wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Jacqueline McNamara

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, October 19h

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Commentator: Deb Durin

Ministers of Holy Communion: Eileen Kaminski, Sandra Kucharski

Sunday, October 20th

Lector: Kathy Gibson

Commentator: Michael Boover

Altar Servers: Eiryanna Gachuma, Vanessa Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Richard Flynn, Elaine Halpin, Ben Sulminski, Kerri Sulminski, Pat Reardon, Jean Dawson

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 2nd

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.

Food Collection: Thank you for all your generous donations. The food pantry collected 73 items and \$80 for the weekend of October 5/6.

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

Join us for the WCWC on Saturday, November 23rd, 2019 (7:30 -4:00 p.m.) Mass at 4:00. to rediscover and renew your faith. Join us for this conference to grow deeper in your understanding of "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Our Faith" The conference will be at Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street Worcester, MA. (Tsotis Building) Tickets are \$45.00 (Parishioner from the parish subsidy of \$20.00)-you owe \$25.00) Please call the rectory by October 13th to be eligible for the subsidy. Spots are still available.