



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

1st Sunday of Advent

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: 508-753-2555

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

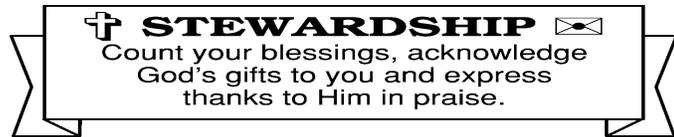


December 6th, 2019

Team #2- Kerri Sulminski, Frank Adams, Chuck Hamilton, Pat Reardon, Donald Ducharme

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:
Beverly Farrar & Theresa Gallagher



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

November 23rd & 24th 2019
Not Updated

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.

Daily Advent Challenge
Spend time reflecting on what obstacle, large or small, has been preventing you from saying Yes to God in some aspect of your life.

One of our parishioners, Bob Phaneuf, will be having surgery Dec. 11th. His family is throwing him a Well Wishes party on Sunday, Dec. 1st from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you would like to attend the party and wish Bob well for a speedy recovery, you are welcome. Please call his sister Denise at (508) 832-8486 to let her know. Thank you!

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide Ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Worcester as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit Among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.



Upcoming Events

November/December
November 30th-Christmas Giving Tree Sign Up
Friday, December 7th-First Friday Eucharist Adoration

Please join us for Coffee Shop after 10:00 a.m. mass every Sunday. You can catch up with old friends, meet some new people and have a sweet treat.

The Christmas Giving Tree is now in place. Gifts should be returned by December 16th in order to distribute gifts in time for Christmas. Thank you!

NEEDED: St. Anthony's Pantry is requesting blankets, comforters, afghans, etc. that are needed for families whose homes are not heated. The need for winter clothing is ongoing. Thank you in advance!

We Love Because He First Loved Us.
1JN 4:19

The rosary is recited every Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and at the 8:40 a.m. before the weekly mass. Make the daily rosary a habit and part of your daily prayer life.

"The Whole Purpose of the Rosary is to lead to this deep experience of Our Lady, who together with Jesus breaths the Spirit into us."
-Thomas Keating

How about making a Cursillo weekend?
Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1062. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our upcoming date are: Women's- November 14-17, 2019 and May 28-31, 2020, Men's -February 6-0, 2020 and September 10-13, 2020. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Pam Hamilton at (774) 239-8909 or phamilton1284@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at (774) 239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com

We Need Your Help for Bingo:
We are in need of volunteers to help with bingo. Bingo is a vital ministry for our parish. There are a variety of roles with different time frames. Line workers, Back Room, Callers and Floor workers. Please consider donating a bit of your time to this ministry. Please call Maryellen in the office if interested.

WEEK OF November 30th & December 1st 2019
SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. Nov. 30th—Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*

Sun. December 1st - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM— *Parishioners of the Parish*

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00PM (*African Mass*)

Sat. December 7th—Vigil of 2nd Sunday in Advent

4:00 PM - *Theresa Osowski-Kopacz Family*

Sun., Dec. 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM *Julie Anctil-Eileen Kopacz*

1st Sunday in Advent

“I’m never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be ‘asleep?’” In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, hurried ignorance. *“In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.”* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world’s darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” There’s another hour, too, both known and unknown. It’s the present moment. Whether it’s a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it’s attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative’s bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let’s pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

Christmas Tree Sale at Dismas Farm—Join for a Dismas Christmas, our first annual Tree Sale on Saturday, December 7th from 11 am-4 pm. Along with having trees for sale, enjoy homemade Christmas crafts, cookies, cocoa and hayrides. Located at 687 Lincoln Road, Oakham. Call (508) 882-0000 for more information. Or Online at dismasfamily.org



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:

Not Updated

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, December 7th

Lector: Deb Durnin

Commentator: Kathy Hannon

Ministers of Holy Communion: John Harrington, Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, December 8th

Lector: Michael Boover

Commentator: Rose Kempton

Altar Servers: Noah Sulminski, Myranda Henschel

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Doiron, Elaine Halpin, Patti Henry-Taylor, Jo Luikey, Kerri Sulminski, Ben Sulminski

The Second Collection for December 8th will be for the Retirement Fund for the Religious.

Diocesan Holidays for December 2019

Tuesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve
Wednesday December 25th—Christmas Day

Advent Prayer Program

The Sisters of Saint Anne invite you to their annual Advent Prayer Program at Marie Anne Center a St. Bernard Church, 228 Lincoln Street, Worcester on Tuesdays, Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th from 10-11:30 am. Presenters in order of appearance are Fr. Juan Sanchez, Mr. Ernie Rivard and Sister Yvetter Bellerose.

Thank you all for your generous donations for our Thanksgiving Baskets.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Enrich and renew your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Dec. 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and March 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury. For more information call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at (800) 710-9963 Or visit them at <http://wwmema.org>