



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

# SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

*of Sweden Parish*

## 3rd 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 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

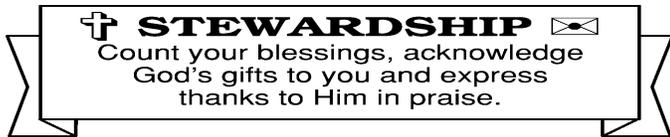


December 20th, 2019

Team #4– Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donald Ducharme, 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:  
Beverly Farrar & Deb White



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
December 8th & December 9th , 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

**Prayer**

Dear heavenly Father,  
open the eyes of my heart.  
Heal my shortsightedness,  
my farsightedness,  
and the astigmatism of my soul.  
I want to see all things  
from your perspective,  
including the hope to which you have called us.  
To see with eyes of hope  
means that I will be able to discern  
your heart and hand at work everywhere.  
Things are not as they appear to the natural eye.  
You are working in all things all the time,  
for your glory and our good.  
I surrender today, gratefully, and expectantly.  
Amen.

If you have some spare time on Wednesday mornings after 9:00 am mass, there is a small group that has been cleaning the church at that time. Things are always done faster in a group. Drop in and lend a hand. It would be very much appreciated.



# Upcoming Events

December  
Holiday Giving Tree  
December 24th, Christmas Pageant

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

### Annual Christmas Pageant

We will be having our Christmas Pageant at our 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Any child in the parish is welcome to participate. We would love to have you. Rehearsals will be the next three Sundays before Christmas. Dec. 8th, 15th and 22nd. The rehearsals will be directly after 10:00 a.m. mass in the parish hall. We hope to see you there!

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.

### 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 1962. 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 6-8, 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 interests.

### Advent Challenge:

Be quick to forgive when people hurt you or frustrate you.

WEEK OF December 7th & 8th 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. Dec. 7th—Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent  
4:00 PM - - *Theresa Osowski-Kopacz Family*  
Sun. December 8th - 2nd Sunday of Advent  
10:00 AM— *Julie Anctil-Eileen Kopacz*  
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*  
12:00PM (*African Mass*)  
Sat. December 14th-Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Advent  
4:00 PM - *Paul Patrowicz-2nd Anniversary Mass*  
*-Family*  
Sun., Dec. 15th-3rd Sunday of Advent  
10:00 AM-*Robert Norvell & Magaussion Family-*  
*Family*  
Thursday, Dec. 12th-*Mary Morrow-Ed & Eileen*  
*Drupinski*  
Friday, Dec. 13th-*Edward Prostack-Family*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2019

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel.

"What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?



(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 21st**

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Commentator: Mary Ellen Bohdiewicz

Ministers of Holy Communion: Eileen Kaminski, Eileen Lohnes

**Sunday, December 22nd**

Lector: Kathy Gibson

Commentator: Patricia Reardon

Altar Servers: Eiryanna Dachuma, Myranda Herschel

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Dawson, Alissa Doiron, Glen Gibson, Mike Buffone, Jean Doiron, Richard Flynn

**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.