



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

# SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

*of Sweden Parish*

## 4th 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 27th, 2019

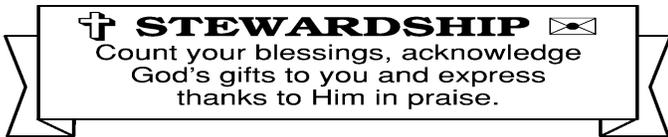
Team #4-

**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**

I am sorry for the confusion over the bingo schedule, I appreciate your patience. Call me anytime with corrections or feedback.



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
December 14th & December 15th, 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.

**Volunteers needed:** 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.

**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 interested.

**Advent Challenge:**

WEEK OF December 21st & 22nd 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. Dec. 21st—Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent  
4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*  
Sun. December 22nd- 4th Sunday of Advent  
10:00 AM— *Angela Polli-Rosa and Steve Morrow*  
11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*  
12:00PM (*African Mass*)  
Sat. December 28th-Vigil of  
4:00 PM -  
Sun., Dec. 22nd-  
10:00 AM-



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:

No one listed

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 28th**

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Commentator: Mary Ellen Bohdiewicz

Ministers of Holy Communion: Eileen Kaminski, Eileen Lohnes

**Sunday, December 29th**

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

**Thank You!**

Thank you to all the parishioners, young and old, who helped in ways big and small to make this years **Thanksgiving food distribution** a success. This is a large, coordinated effort and it takes many people to make it happen. However, it is the work of parishioners who made it such a success. Through your hard work and efforts we fed over 285 families. From taking a bag and returning it full, to sorting, calling families, welcoming and checking in people, to cleaning up of the hall, all your hard work, generosity and time is greatly appreciated. Many hands and hearts go into serving these families and it is with great joy that it is our parish family who help serve them with love and kindness.

“The king will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”  
Matthew 25:40

**A Special Thank you from Carole Gardella:**

I would like to Thank the Sacred Heart St. Catherine Parishioners, The Ladies Guild Honor Guard, The Guitar Choir and especially Father Eric Assante and Father Jamie Callahan for the beautiful Funeral Mass for my husband Paul, may he rest in peace.