



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

January 3rd, 2020

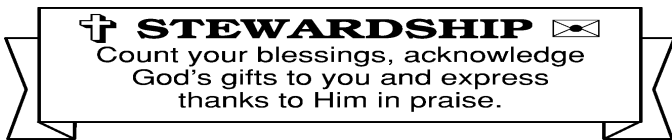
Team #1- Paul Levesque, Beverly Farrar, Donald Ducharme, Judy Keenan, Shane LaBelle

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 & Jean Dawson

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 21st & December 22nd, 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

Thank you all for your generosity to the collection for the Religious Retirement! What a great way to give back to those who serve us and the Lord.

With winter upon us, a reminder that if Worcester Public Schools close due to snow, there will be no 9:00 a.m. mass that day. A flock note will also go out that day letting you know. If Worcester Public Schools has a delay, mass is still on. If you are not receiving flock notes and would like too, please call the office and let me know. Thank you!

Holiday Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Dec 31st Vigil
Holy Day of Obligation
4:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Jan 1st
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 a.m.



Upcoming Events

December /January
Dec. 31st- 4:00 p.m. Mass
January 1st-9:00 a.m. Mass

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

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. ass in the parish hall. We hope to see you there!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Do you have time to sit with our Lord, Jesus? Join us any time throughout the day on Friday, January 3rd. Adoration begins at the end of 9:00 a.m. mass and concludes with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Father Asante Away:

Father Asante will be traveling to Ghana for a wedding from Dec. 26th thru Jan. 8th. He will be back here on January 9th. We wish him a safe trip. Please keep him in your prayers while he is gone.

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."(Luke 2:14) in spite of the busy lives we lived, we always find time for God because we realized that the mystery of the incarnation is the greatest gift from God to us as we commemorate this Christmas and every Christmas in our lives. St. Thomas Aquinas said "In order that men might have knowledge of God, free of doubt and uncertainty, it was necessary for divine truth to be delivered to them by way of faith, being told to them as it were, by God himself who cannot lie." Christ is the missing piece to the life of any child or adult who does not identified themselves with him. Without Him your live is incomplete. Jesus is the answer! This is what from kindergarten to college age should be thought. In the middle of your trials, betrayals by friends, struggles to find your way with God in the world? I want you to hope and dream with baby Jesus for he is the light of the world. The person who follow Him shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life. Our journey as a church continues. This Christmas let us again bow before Him for He bring Hope, Love, joy and peace. Have a happy Christmas and healthy and propose New Year and be confident that in Him all things turn out for our good and His glory. **I am honored to be here as your Pastor and with deep appreciation for the support and love you have shown me. All your intentions will be with Baby Jesus as I celebrate the Christmas Masses. Fr. Asante**

WEEK OF December 28th & 29th 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. Dec. 28th—Vigil The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 PM - Parishioners of the Parish

Sun. December 29th- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

10:00 AM— Parishioners of Parish

11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

12:00PM (African Mass)

Sat. December 28th-Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 PM - Parishioners of the Parish

Sun., Dec. 29th 10:00 AM-Parishioners of the Parish

Tues. Dec 24th-Christmas Eve-Charles & Helen Hannon Helen & Frank Sepuka -Ann and Kathy Hannon

The Holy Family
December 29, 2019

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.



(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)

Tuesday, December 31st (4:00 p.m.)

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Alter Server: Noah Sulminski

Eucharist Minister: Kerri Sulminski, Ben Sulminski, Richard Flynn, Eileen Lohnes, Jean Doiron, Alissa Doiron

Wednesday, January 1st (10:00 a.m.)

Lector: Patricia Reardon

Alter Server: Caroline Villa

Eucharist Ministers: Tony and Elaine Halpin, Robert Yawlui

Saturday, January 4th

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Commentator: Rose-Aimee Zeblehi

Ministers of Holy Communion: John Harrington, Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, January 5th

Lector: Mike Buffone

Commentator: Michael Boover

Altar Servers: Eiryanna Gachuma, Vanessa Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Richard Flynn, Glenn Gibson, Elaine Halpin, Patti Henry-Taylor, Rose Kempton, Jo Luikey

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.