



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

If your envelopes are not at the back of the church, please call the office. Thank You!

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.

From Dec. 26th –Jan. 8th: While Fr. Asante's away there will be 9:00 a.m. mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be **no Monday 9:00 a.m. mass during** those two weeks.



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. January 4th-Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 PM - Michael O' Grady-15th Anniversary- Bernadette Winberg
Sun., Jan. 4th 10:00 AM-The Epiphany of the Lord
10:00 AM-Teddy and Irene Edmond/ Ed and Flora Corrigan-Jeannine & Ed Corrigan

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.

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

(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
Eucharist Minister: Eileen Lohnes, Mike Buffone

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

Lector: Patricia Reardon
Commentator: Lisa Villa
Alter Server: Caroline Villa, Vanessa Sulminski
Eucharist Ministers: Tony and Elaine Halpin, Jean Dawson, Kerri Sulminski, Ben Sulminski

Saturday, January 4th

Lector: Rose-Aimee Zeblehi
Commentator: Mary Ellen Bodhdiewicz
Ministers of Holy Communion: John Harrington, Eileen Kaminski

Sunday, January 5th

Lector: Patricia Reardon
Commentator: Lisa Villa
Altar Servers: Caroline Villa, Noah Sulminski
Ministers of Holy Communion: Richard Flynn, Glenn Gibson, Elaine Halpin, Jean Dawson, Robert Yawlui, Mike Buffone

Can’t make it to the March for Life in D. C. ? Let’s kick off Respect Life Month together! “Let Life Live” event to be held at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Hall, 596 Cambridge Street, Worcester on Saturday, January 11th 12-3:30 p.m. We will have music from Musicians for Life, speakers, Reps from Problem Pregnancy, Visitation House, Mass Citizens for life, 40 Days for Life, First Concern and more! For more information call Lynn at (508) 612-3999.