



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 24th, 2020

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 &

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 Jan. 11th & Jan 12th

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.

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 witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and more! Our 2020 dates are: Men's: February 6-9, 2020 and September 10-13, 2020: and Women's May 28-31 and October 22-25, 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 phamilton12842@gmail.com. Or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.



Upcoming Events

January

Jan. 22nd-A Day of Prayer
January 26th-Friendship Dinner

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.

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

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!

Please join us every Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. mass to recite the rosary.

"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

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. We hope to see you there!

If you need a tax statement for your donations, please call Maryellen in the office

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd is A Day of Prayer for the legal protection of Unborn Children. We will note that day with adoration of The Blessed Sacrament. This will go on all day (9:30-5:00) Please sign up for an hour of adoration to pray for an end to abortion and a great respect for life. The sign up sheet is on the table near the elevator in the church. Many thanks for your time and support.

Please join us for our 4 Corners Friendship Dinner on the 4th Sunday of this month, January 26th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at 4 Corners Friendship Kitchen at St. Matthew's. Free of Charge. Dinner, Entertainment, A Children's Reading Corner. Located at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 695 Southbridge Street.

WEEK OF January 18th & 19th 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. Jan. 18th—Vigil 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*

Sun. Jan. 19th- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM— *Bob Luikey-Family*

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00PM *(African Mass)*

Sat. Jan 25th-Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*

Sun., Jan. 26th 10:00 AM- The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM -

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020**

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.' ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. *"I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Arline Giardi

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, January 25th

Lector: Deb Durin

Commentator: Kathy Hannon

Ministers of Holy Communion: John Harrington, Eileen Kaminski

Sunday, January 26th

Lector: Rose Kempton

Commentator: Patricia Reardon

Altar Servers: Myranda Herschel, Vanessa Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Mike Buffone, Glenn Gibson, Elaine Halpin, Patti Taylor-Henry, Kerri Sulminski, Robert Yawlui

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sarpong on their wedding. May God richly bless their marriage.