



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

The 21st 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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Church/Bingo Hall: 508-752-9798

Food Pantry: 508-753-2555

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

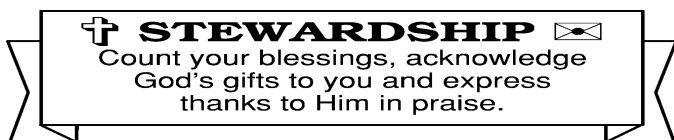
BINGO

At this time, there is no Bingo until further notice. Due to the State restrictions due to Covid, we are not able to hold Bingo at this time. Once the restrictions are lifted, we will then have Bingo. We will inform everyone at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding

Mass Intentions: Please call the office if you had a mass intention scheduled during the months of March/April/May-we can reschedule.

There will be no coffee shop at this time. As soon as the regulations change we will reassume.

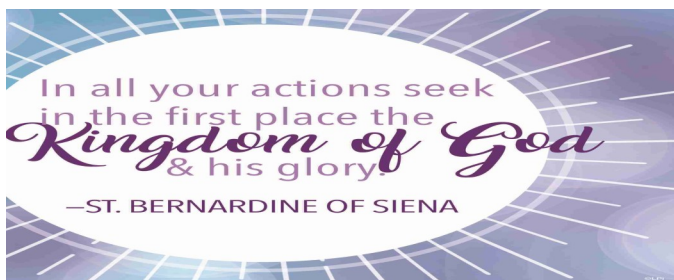
There is Daily 9:00 a.m. mass every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday And Friday



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
August 8th and August 9th
\$1996.00

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!

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 September 10-13, 2020: 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.



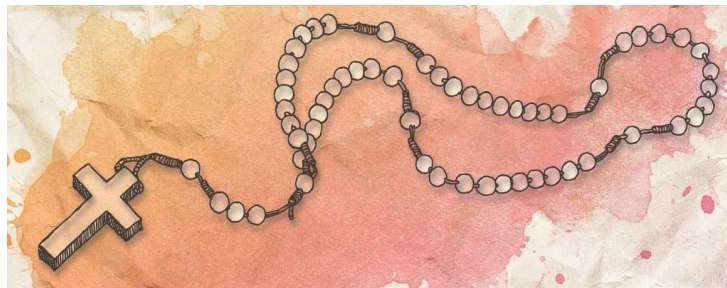
Upcoming Events



Know God to Love God

Rosary: "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the power of the Holy Rosary," Sister Lucia

The rosary is recited at 8:40 am before Daily mass weekdays



PARTNERS IN CHARITY

THANK YOU to everyone who has already made their donation to this year's PARTNERS in CHARITY APPEAL. So far we have received 60 gifts totaling \$24,425.00. That is 85% of our parish goal. This year's campaign will be wrapping up on August 31st. Last year we received 87 gifts and reached our parish goal of \$28,700.00. If you haven't made Your donation yet, there is still time. There are several ways you can Donate.

Donation envelopes are available at the entrance and exit doors of the church. You can drop it into the basket at Mass or mail it directly to Partners in Charity, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. You can also give directly online at Partners-Charity.net. You can text your donation texting the word donate to 84576 to access the online giving page. Or You can call in a pledge or gift to 508-929-4366. During this pandemic, The services and aid provided by the agencies funded by Partners in Charity is even greater. As stewards of all the gifts we have received in life, consider expressing your gratitude to God by making a pledge or gift.

The Food Pantry will be starting this month: CLOTHING: Men's Women's Children's clothing will be available on Thursday, August 27 during food pantry hours.: 9:30 - 2:30 Tables will be set up in the lower gym hall to serve clothing needs of families affected by the pandemic or its repercussions. The site will be available one Thursday per month during the coming months.

Thank you to all those volunteering and contributing to our food pantry!

Week of August 22nd and August 23rd

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. August 22nd— Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - *Skylar Rose Seeley-Megan Clawson*

Sun. August 23rd- The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM — *Jane Petrella-Dan Fullen*

12:00PM (*African Mass*)

Sat. Aug. 29th Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - *Parishioners of the Parish*

Sun., August 30th- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM - **Parishioners of the Parish*

August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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 keep Tommy LaFlash in your prayers. We appreciate his service to our country.

Please continue to pray for all of our service men & women who continue to serve.



(Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)

Saturday August 29th 2020 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Warren Lohnes

Sunday, August 30th 2020 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Tony Halpin

Sunday August 23th , 2020 Noon mass

Lector: Jean Paul Mensah Avor

Due to current restrictions we will just be having a Lector at each mass. Please reach out if you are a lector and would like to lector at a mass.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>

Prayer During CoronaVirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.