



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

A Stephen Ministry Parish

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Becoming and Making Disciples, Welcoming all to Follow Jesus Christ.

October 20, 2019 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM

Sunday – 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Monday – Thursday 9AM

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:30am – 4:30pm



NEVER MISS MASS AGAIN!

Sunday 9:30 AM

sacredheartopedale.org/mass-video

Watch Mass on Cable TV

Verizon Fios Channel 29, Comcast Channel 8

Thursdays & Sundays—8:30am & 10:30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

All people are welcome at Sacred Heart.

Regardless of your experience of Church, regardless of your marital state, regardless of your personal history, back-ground or sexual orientation. Please know that you are invited, accepted and respected at Sacred Heart.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I wish I had the wisdom and the know how to help our 455 active families realize how very important it is for us all to activate our Catholic GPS. We set the direction for our future in our practice in the present. It is necessary for all households to Give, Pray, and Serve our parish community.

This weekend we have a compilation of past witness talks given by parishioners during renovations, when Deacon Joe was still active, and after our renovation work was completed. One of those parishioners has moved on to Chicago, but when April returns to Massachusetts she always comes for a visit and shares how much she misses our community. How important we are to each other! How necessary it is for us to contribute in keeping our community vibrant and active, not just today, but for the future.

If any of you have had a chance to speak with people from Union Evangelical Church or Hopedale Unitarian Parish, you know the challenges they are facing as their congregations dwindle. If any of you have had a chance to talk with parishioners in multiple parish clusters served by one pastor, you hear in their stories how they wish things had been different. That is why we are encouraging everyone to become active stewards of our parish community.

It's October, our Annual Stewardship Renewal is at hand. 20% of our active families contribute to our parish operations, many of them elderly. How can I encourage the 245 families with no record of donations to support the parish?

When is the last time you invited someone to come with you to Mass with you to pray? This weekend is "Pew Count" weekend – the weekend when we must send our headcounts to the diocese. At some point, the diocese will use this data when considering assignments for priests and deacons. Will we have enough in attendance to still warrant a full-time priest and a deacon? How do I get through to those who don't attend Mass, wait in the hall, and never visit the church?

How do we continue with three weekend Masses when we have no ministers to assist at the 10:30 Mass?

These realities at this time can all be changed by each and every household take the time to make a commitment to activate their Catholic GPS. If you have wisdom to my many questions, please help us in our efforts.

Fr. Bill

REMEMBER in your prayers

Rita Coffey
Mary Bacon
Nelson Clement
Phyllis Collins
David Ferguson
Charles Lee
Matthew Masnik
David Hodgdon
Joan Manning
Deacon Joseph Manella
Rita O'Brien
Mary Volpe
Karen Walker
Leonardo Gala
Gary Normandin
Charlotte Castiglione
Alberta Luchini
Regina Espanet
Mary Patton
Henry Ruggiero
Claudette Hughes
Marie Chabot
Philip Morin
Betty Morin
Francis Larkin
Barbara Coppinger



SANCTUARY LAMP

Richard, Grace & Michael
Thibeault

MASS ATTENDANCE

10/13/19

4:00PM	131
8:30AM	112
10:30AM	160

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

10/13/19

Weekly:
\$4,122.00

Monthly:
\$410.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
\$160.00

SH Endowment Fund
\$75.00



Our next Parish Life meeting will be
Sun, Nov 10 @ 11:30a.

Please come and share your ideas
and be an active part of the
Catholic Community of Sacred
Heart.

Community Engagement: Connects church and community. Educates and trains the parish about local, national and world needs and coordinates direct service projects, both faith-based and secular. They also plan functions for our community to gather and celebrate together.

Formation: Develops intergenerational opportunities so that all parish members might come to know and love the God who calls us.

Operations: Provides behind-the-scenes and foundational support for the parish in the areas of Finance, Building and Ground, and Technology.

Stewardship: Accepting and returning God's Gifts. Assists in identifying, affirming, blessing, and calling forth the gifts of all members of the community.

Worship: Creates an irresistible environment where everyone can experience God's love wherever they are on their spiritual journey. It is responsible for enhancing the liturgical experience so that all feel accepted and enjoy being together.

Message Shaper's Corner Rethink Your Life

This Gospel story features three characters: a widow, her unnamed opponents, and an uncaring and unjust judge. The widow symbolizes the powerless one with no rights, who is seeking justice from an unscrupulous judge. It seems her cause is impossible, but her persistence wins the day.

The gospel presents us with many challenges. This is not a story about praying until we get what we want. It is an encouragement to pray so that we might wait and watch for all of God's comings and goings.

Are we willing to patiently wait for God to act? Will we remember that God sometimes acts at the last minute, but always the right time?

Reflect...

- ◆ How has your prayer life grown in the face of adversity? How persistent are you in prayer?
- ◆ Can you recall from your life an example of a time when hard work and persistent prayer helped to bring about some desired result?

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Saturday, October 19th

8:30a AA Meeting
2:00p Aimee Lanctot & Tim Desmeule
Wedding
3:00p Reconciliation
4:00p Mass: George Phillips

Sunday, October 20th

8:30a Mass: Kenneth Siefing
8:30a Church Module grades 7 & 8,
church & house
9a-12p: Thrift Shop Open
9:30a RCIA, house
9:30a Faith Formation grades K-6
9:30a Coffee &....
10:30a Mass: Michael & Mary Kennedy
2:00p Confirmation II retreat

Monday, October 21st

9:00a Mass: Dominik R Wesolowski

Tuesday, October 22nd

9:00a Mass:
6:30p Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, October 23rd

9:00a Mass:
9:30a MFN Playgroup, Cherub's Corner
6:30p ASL Class, Hall

Thursday, October 24th

9:00a Mass:
9:00-3:00p Thrift Shop Open
7:00p Small Group, House

Friday, October 25th

9:00a Communion Service
4:30p Community Supper, Trinity Church
Milford
7:30p AA Meeting

Saturday, October 26th

8:30a AA Meeting
10:00a Thrift Shop Open
3:00p Reconciliation
4:00p Mass: John Cormier

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the office prior to your child's birth to begin preparation.

Marriage: Call the parish office one year prior to your wedding date to begin preparation

Reconciliation: Saturday – 3PM or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Second Sunday of the month after the 10:30 Mass

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

Parish News



Save the Date!
Saturday, November 23, 2019
Sacred Heart Christmas Fair
at the Fr. Reilley Parish Center
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us again this year for **Games, Raffles Gourmet Food, Fun, Crafts**
SANTA

Calling all Elves!

The Sacred Heart Church Christmas Fair Committee needs everyone's help again this year! Through the generous donations of many parishioner's and local merchants, last year's fair was a great success both for the holiday fun it brought to the community and for the financial support it brought to our parish. We hope to make this year's fair even more successful, but we desperately need your help. How you can help....Can you or your teen volunteer your time, the day of the fair to set up or clean up? Can you or your company commit to making a monetary donation for our cash raffle, or donate a gift of service such as lawn, car, and hair or nail care for one of our hourly raffle prizes? Can you or your family offer to donate a gift card or gift certificate to a local merchant or restaurant for a raffle prize? Can you commit to donating a new craft kit or new game for a boy or girl for a raffle prize? Can you offer to bake some treats to sell at our bake sale? **For Bake Sale items, please contact Jean Bonetti, 508-473-4267.**

Let us know as soon as you can... We need donations of all kinds! **If you wish to donate, please contact Christine Gaffney at 508-498-6769 chrsg5354@yahoo.com** and let us know how you can help.

Kindly **drop off all donations** to the Parish House, Mon-Thur. 9:30-4:30 no later than Wednesday, Nov. 20. Please note: Unfortunately this year, we cannot accept any used gift items. Food donations will not be required however, some beverage and paper product items will be needed. Watch the bulletin each week for the "featured" item than can be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you for your help!

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend quiet time with the Lord

Monday October 28
6-8p Day Chapel



Twice Blessed Thrift Shop open:

Sunday October 20 9a-12p
Thursday October 24 9a-3p
Saturday October 26 10a-2p

50% off:

Halloween Items, Children & Women's Clothing



Stewardship Renewal!

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday! Today we hear past witness talks given by parishioners. Reflect on how you are involved at Sacred Heart... Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic Faith? The commitment card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can take a step forward in all these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next Sunday!



Trinity Community Suppers Filling Plates with Food & Friendship

Friday October 25th

Sacred Heart partners with the Hopedale and Milford churches to provide the Community Supper at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Congress Street, Milford on the last Friday each month from 4:30-6:00 PM.

People attend the Community Suppers for different reasons. The dining room at Trinity brings people together from all ages and stages of life – families with children, adults living alone, couples, friends and seniors. Everyone is welcome as long as they bring a hearty appetite and an open heart! Whatever the reason, volunteers make everyone feel welcome.

Volunteer opportunities include prep cooks, cooks, set-up and clean-up crew and servers. Our volunteers range from families with children, high school students to seniors. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for everyone. Only four dates left for this year. If you haven't ever volunteered here please sign up for one the following dates: Oct 25, Nov 29 or December 27. You will be glad you did.

Sign up through the link on our website under connect and Trinity Supper or call the parish office –508-473-1900.

SUPPORTING ORPHANS NATIONALLY & GLOBALLY, INC.

On Saturday, October 26, 2019 at historic Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA, Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc. presents "Concert for the Orphans of St. Josephs" - an evening of fantastic music, dining, and dancing to benefit the orphaned children living at St. Joseph's Orphanage in the Diocese of Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Tickets, sponsorships, and more info at: info@supportingorphans.org or by calling 413-813-8100.