Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Liturgical Schedule

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Days: TBA

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 pm Anytime by request

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Blessed Sacrament's parish family, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, seek to respond to God's call to love and serve one another. United as a faith-filled community, we joyfully strive to be Christ to others as we bring others to Christ. We accept our responsibility, as members of God's church, to expand the Kingdom of God in the Roman Catholic tradition through prayer, worship, education, service and our commitment to strengthening and building our parish community.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements by calling the rectory after the birth of the child. Baptisms are usually celebrated Sundays at 12:00 noon.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor a least a year in advance. A program of preparation is required for all couples planning to marry in the church.

Bulletin Notices

Items for the parish bulletin must be received at the rectory by Monday morning.

New Parishioners

Please introduce yourselves after Mass or call the rectory, at your convenience, to register. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community.

Sick Calls

Since all hospitals do not notify us on the admission of parishioners, please contact the rectory when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Communion calls for the aged, shut-ins and convalescent and nursing home patients are our constant concern. Please call us for special ministerial visits.

PARISH FINANCES

The collection amount for October 15 and 16 was:

Offerings made at Mases: \$3512.67 111 envelopes & loose cash

Offerings made by mail: \$2107.00 26 envelopes

Total weekly: \$5619.67

World Mission Collection: \$349.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support of

Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Please remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your wills and estate planning, your bequests or in requesting donations upon the death of a loved one. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS DAY

Join us for the Feast of All the Saints. We will have 3 Masses.

The Vigil will be **Monday, October 31, 2016 at 4:00 pm.** (Note: The Vigil will **NOT** be at 5:30 pm.)

Tuesday, November 1 8:30 am 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Soon it will be Christmas. We are in need of liturgical artisans who can look at the sacred space of Blessed Sacrament and enhance it for the season of Christmas.

Sue McFadden who did it last year has retired. Here is an opportunity to share your gifts and talents.

Looking for new people to serve for this one time project. Plans need to be made now, orders for flowers and greens have to be placed.

We will meet in the rectory dining room on **Thursday, October 27, from 7:00-8:00 pm.** Come and see without obligation to get further involved.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Last weekend the Sacrament of the Sick was shared with 151 parishioners after the three Masses and with 20 people at Coes Pond Apartments for a total of 171 parishioners.

May God's healing and strength come to those in need.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship-959

MUSIC

Processional: Heritage—#501—Praise God From

Whom All Blessings Flow

Psalm: Worship-#959

Preparation: <u>Gather</u>—#469—*Blest Are They* Eucharistic Acclamations—Heritage—#44

Communion: Heritage—#473—Humbly We Adore Thee

Recessional: Worship—#520—All Creatures of Our God

and King

CRAFT FAIR

Craft Fair at Blessed Sacrament
Join us for Holiday shopping
Free Admission
Featuring 40 New England Crafters
Food, Raffles

Saturday, November 12, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phelan Center

Come and bring a friend.

CONGRATULATIONS MARK NOONAN

Parishioner Mark Noonan was honored last Sunday at Saint Paul's Cathedral by the Saint Thomas More Society of Worcester County at the annual Red Mass.

Mark was presented with the Distinguished Jurist Award. We at Blessed Sacrament Parish salute him, with his wife Kerry and their three children, on his receiving this esteemed distinction.

HAITIAN RELIEF

Storms have hit Haiti. Contributions for relief efforts can be sent. Checks made out to R C Bishop of Worcester—Haitian Relief, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or use Diocese of Worcester website: www.worcesterdiocese.org.

TAIZÉ AT ASSUMPTION

First Friday November 4, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the Assumption College Chapel.



Saturday, October 22, 2016

4:00 PM Edward L. Urbanowski (13th Anniver-

sary) by Family

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Winifred Ball (1st Anniversary) by Family

Monday, October 24, 2016 8:30 AM **Mass**

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

8:30 AM Ryan Cooney by the Laurence Family

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

8:30 AM **Joseph Daly** by Family

Thursday, October 27 2016 8:30 AM **Mass**

Friday, October 28, 2016

8:30 AM Pasquale Zarrella by Gloria Hand

Saturday, October 29, 2016

4:00 PM Paul Hand (7th Anniversary) and Jeffrey

Cooney by Gloria Hand

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:00 AM Rev. George Hill by Kathy & Jack

Donohue

10:00 AM John Dwyer by Family

Monday, October 31. 2016 8:30 AM **Mass**

4:00 PM Vigil of All Saints

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

8:30 AM Mass-Feast of All Saints 6:00 PM Mass-Feast of All Saints

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

8:30 AM Paul O' Brien by the Towne Family

Thursday, November 3, 2016

8:30 AM Mass

Friday, November 4, 2016 8:30 AM Mass

Saturday, November 5, 2016

4:00 PM **John Powlics** by the Mason Family



SICK OF THE PARISH

Please keep the sick of our parish in your prayers, especially Barbara Barrons, Anita Broadbent, Denise Cortesi, Helen Costello, Barbara Diliddo, Judith Morris-Fugere, Ann Gouin, Lee Gouin, John Harvey, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Terry Meduski, Kathy O'Leary, Claudyne Pearson, and Barbara Sawyer.

May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

COURSE: Learning to Discern Your Deep Conscience

Brief Course Explanation: Learning how to make good decisions from our deep conscience is essential for spiritual growth. Within each one of us, there are conflicting voices that go counter with what the Spirit is inviting us to do. Self-knowledge is essential to discernment. Discernment does not come from outside ourselves but from deep within us where God's law is planted in our own hearts. This requires the formation of our conscience. It is a tool that we can use ever day of our lives since we make hundreds of decisions every day. Give yourself the gift of learning this tool.

This course will be offered at Blessed Sacrament Epiphany House starting Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 6:30-9:00 pm. A sliding fee scale is offered: \$25, \$30, or \$35 per class. No one is excluded for financial reasons. The first six weeks are: Oct. 26, Nov. 2,9,16,30 and Dec. 7. The second six weeks are Jan. 4,11,18,25, Feb. 1 and 8.

Please register before October 24.

For further information please contact the instructor:

Sr. Irma Gendreau

508-756-0978 or email: smig254@verizon.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 7:00 pm - Rectory

All are welcome to become members.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

In Catholic Tradition November is the month we remember our deceased in a special way, beginning with November 1st All Saints Day and November 2nd All Souls Day.

On **Sunday, November 6th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass** we will remember and pray for the repose of the departed for whom we had funerals since last All Souls Day. Come and pray with us for them.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

The Organ Restoration Begins!

This weekend (October 22/23) will be the last time we hear the organ until it comes back from the A. Thompson Allen workshop in New Haven in December of 2017.

For thirty minutes before the 10:00 am Mass on 10/23 there will be a farewell concert as well as a special postlude and prelude at all the weekend Masses.

ORGAN TOUR

If you missed the organ tour in August and have an interest, please come up to the choir loft after any Mass this weekend and learn about the history of the Blessed Sacrament Skinner organ and what the restoration will entail.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Never too late to register. Grades 1-6 at the Epiphany House, Sundays 8:55-9:55 a.m.

Grades 7-11, Mondays 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Epiphany House.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weekend 10/22-10/23, 2016

After All Masses Organ Tours, Choir Loft

Sunday, October 23, 2016,

8:55-9:55 AM Religious Education, grades 1-6

Epiphany House

Monday, October 24, 2016

6:30 PM Rosary followed by St. Joseph Novena,

Christ the King Church

7:00 PM Religious Education, grades 7-11

Epiphany House

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

6:30-9:00 PM Learning to Discern Your Deep

Conscience Course, Epiphany House

Thursday, October 27, 2016

7:00 PM Christmas Decoration Planning Meeting.

Rectory

7:00 PM Christian Meditation/Centering Prayer,

Epiphany House

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:55-9:55 Religious Education, grades 1-6,

Epiphany House

Monday, October 31, 2016

4:00 PM Vigil of the Feast of All Saints, Church

6:30 PM Rosary followed by St. Joseph Novena,

Christ the King Church

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

8:30 AM Mass-Feast of All Saints, Church 6:00 PM Mass-Feast of All Saints, Church 6:30 PM Pastoral Council, St. Charles Room

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

6:30-9:00 PM Learning to Discern Your Deep

Conscience Course, Epiphany House

Thursday, November 3, 2016

7:00 PM Diocesan Liturgical Ministry Training.

Phelan Center (2 rooms) and Church Adult Choir Rehearsal. Church

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

7:00 PM Centering Prayer, Epiphany House

NEXT COFFEE SHOP

Knights of Columbus will host the next Coffee Shop on the 1st Sunday of November which is Nov. 6th.

Come after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses to the Kenary Room downstairs in the Phelan Center. Thank you Knights of Columbus.

If you have a child in our religious education program why not stop in when you drop your child off for classes and then you will be right here to go to the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Knights get up very early "to make the donuts."

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)
Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were Godgiven. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

Saturday, October 22, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Richard Donahue, Elizabeth Mullaney

Ministers of Holy Communion: Wayne Porter, Paula

Moreau, Jean Urbanowski

Altar Servers: Luc & Alejandro Zafon-Whalen

Sunday, October 23, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Anne French, Frank Kartheiser

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jim Bushey,

Jacqueline Bellos, Kimiko Abramoff Altar Server: Paul & Nate Bushey

Sunday, October 23, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: Mike Novick, Joyce Sillup

Ministers of Holy Communion: Brenda Maxwell, Kayla

Maxwell, Ed Owanisian

Altar Server: Luke Mullaney

Saturday, October 29, 2016— 4:00 PM

Lector: Janice St. Denis

Ministers of Holy Communion: John & Mary Ellen

Stansky, Deacon Roy

Altar Servers: Declan Ryder

Sunday, October 30, 2016—8:00 AM

Lector: Margaret McMenemy

Ministers of Holy Communion: Ella McLaughlin,

Anne French, Russ Germain Altar Servers: Laura French

Sunday, October 30, 2016—10:00 AM

Lector: John Sillup, Lara Forde

Ministers of Holy Communion: Shirley Owanisian,

Mike & Cathie Novick

Altar Server: Robert Dunn, Ku-Reh

EAT BREAD TO RAISE DOUGH

Please join Interfaith Hospitality Network on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at 50 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA

Panera Bread will donate a percentage of its sales during the event to Interfaith Hospitality Network when you bring in a flyer. (Available in church or the rectory)

Note: Panera gift cards, Panera catering and other retail purchases are excluded from the event.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Saint John's High School 378 Main Street, Shrewsbury Sunday, October 23, 2016 1:00 pm

Saint Mary's Schools (Pre K-12) 50 Richland Street, Worcester

Sunday, October 23, 2016 1:00-3:00 pm

Holy Name Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School - 144 Granite St., Worcester

Sunday, November 6, 2016 from 12:00-2:00 pm.

The Blessed Sacrament Food Basket is in the vestibule. Please help. Thanks for caring.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Try a little tenderness

Pope Francis reminds us that Catholics are a mission people. During this Year of Mercy, the mission of the church takes on a special meaning, he says. "All of us are invited to 'go out' as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom, and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family." Tenderness seems to be in short supply these days, especially in the midst of an often harsh election season. Where can you bring a little mercy to bear on the public conversation?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 (<u>150</u>). "The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity.'"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

Read all about it

How do you keep up on events in your church or faith community? Chances are, you have at some point seen a website or read a paper published by a member of the Catholic Press Association. The association has been around for more than a hundred years and has more than 600 members. The Catholic press is a great resource for Catholics to learn about their faith and traditions. And the organization looks to Saint Anthony Mary Claret, a prolific author and publisher, for inspiration as its patron saint. Be a patron of the Catholic press in your diocese, so that it can continue to inform and inspire future generations

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Luke 13:10-17 (479). "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Can't put a good book down

Sometimes when you reach the end of a story, you feel exhilarated by the experience of it. And sometimes it's so good, you read it again. In Judaism, Simchat Torah, the holiday celebrated today, means "Rejoicing in the Torah" and marks the completion of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings that starts with the beginning of Genesis and concludes with the end of Deuteronomy. This festive day is so joyous that there is sometimes even dancing in the street! The cycle of readings is immediately and endlessly repeated. Pick up the Good Book today and every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21 (480). "What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it?"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Come on in

During this year, the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy which ends on November 20, Catholics have the opportunity to pass through special holy doors of mercy, designated at cathedrals and major churches all over the world, and receive an indulgence for the remission of sin. By symbolically opening a door and walking through it, you show that you seek God's boundless compassion and forgiveness and that you will find it in Christ. Enter the holy doors at a church near you before the Year of Mercy is out—and invite others to come along.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30 (481). "Lord, open the door for us."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Healing power of prayer

When it comes to your health, you can always turn to the saints for help. In fact, there are many saints who are known to intercede on behalf of the sick for particular ailments and conditions. About to have surgery? Ask Saint Luke the Evangelist. Suffering from arthritis? Invoke Saint Alphonsus Ligouri. Have a headache? Entreat Saint Teresa of Avila. Catholics also have a sacrament for healing: Anointing of the Sick. No matter the physical outcome, remember that the primary purpose of your prayers is for spiritual healing, comfort, and courage.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35 (482). "Behold, I cast out demons and I perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I accomplish my purpose."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

How can I help you, pray tell?

We don't know a lot about the life of Saint Jude, one of the apostles, but people often turn to him for intercession in "hopeless causes." A friend in need is a friend indeed, so be that kind of friend for those in need in your own life. When they ask for help, find a way to respond. You can't do everything for them, but as Jesuit Daniel Berrigan once said, "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something." Take Saint Jude as your inspiration and find a way to bring hope to the hopeless.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Glory is a holy mystery

The death of boxer and social agitator Muhammad Ali this year touched admirers worldwide. The achievements of men and women like Ali are greater than the sum of their defeats. While the self-proclaimed "Greatest" was a phenomenon at his sport, Ali did more to raise the consciousness of Americans to the racism that permeated his generation. Prejudice will remain our nation's scourge until all lives matter. Lift your eyes and offer your heart to the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries, in which new ways are possible, and the humblest wears the crown.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). "For to me life is Christ and death is gain."

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