Parish Vision Statement:
**We, as Christ's disciples, are the hands, minds & voices which lovingly glorify God by serving Each other as a Christian family.**

# *Sacred Heart - St. Catherine of Sweden Parish*
# *@ Sacred Heart Church*

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Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 9:45am—2:30pm,
Saturday 10am –1pm
**Prayer Shawls Ministry** call the rectory
**Bingo:** Every Friday 6:30-10pm lower church hall

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Lord's Day:**
Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM
**Weekday:**
Monday-Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00 AM
(No Mass on Wednesday)
**Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:**
9:30 AM - 5:30PM

**Confessions:**
Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

# MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF April 21 & 22, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. April 21 –Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00 PM - **Richard McShera** (1st Ann.) - Family

Sun. April 22 - FourthSunday of Easter
10:00 AM — **Helen Hannon** (22nd Ann.) - Family
11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

Tuesday, April 24
9:00 AM **Special Intentions for Lynn Lorusso for Administrative Assistant Day**

Sat. April 28 - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:00 PM -

Sun. April 29 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM **Special Intentions for Betty Mensah**
11:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

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## 4th Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd ? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again ? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.

Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

# Pray for

(As of Monday)
Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center: **Agnes Savage, Margaret Foley.** Memorial Hospital: **None Listed.** UMass. Campus: **None Listed.**

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

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

who serve to protect us.

(**Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass)**

**Saturday, April 28**
Lector: Tony Halpin
Commentator: Kathy Hannon
Minister of Holy Communion: John Harrington, Eileen Lohnes & Diane Marotta

**Sunday, April 29**
Lector: Cathy Flynn
Commentator: Daniel Fullen
Altar Servers: Noah Sulminski & Caroline Villa
Ministers of Holy Communion: Richard Flynn, Jo Luikey, Kate Hamilton, Ben & Kerri Sulminski, Patti Taylor.

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At our recent Parish Council Meeting Fr. George announced that he will be retiring in June. It's a move necessitated by the fact that he doesn't have the energy or stamina required of a pastor.

More information will be coming in the future.

# BINGO

**April 27, 2018**

**Team # 4—Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donal Ducharme, Dan Fullen, Sonny Collins**

**The Every –Week Crew and Early Shift Workers**
Theresa Courtney, John Harrington, Lisa Hickory, Emma Lusignan, Patricia Wassel, Joan Lorusso, Pat Markiewicz, Ed Corrigan, Carole Nourse, Jeannine Corrigan, Debra Diaz, Donald Ducharme, Fran Peperato, Debbie Plant, Ed Wall, Julie Carrigan & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:**
**Beverly Farrar & Jeanne Lavallee**

**Vision statement is located on the cover of bulletin**

**Ladies Guild Craft Time**
First meeting starts April 25, 2018. 6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Craft time has been moved to: 2nd Sunday of the month, church hall
11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Also 4th Wednesday of the month, church hall
6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
All are invited...bring a craft to make or come and help make crafts for our Annual Bazaar. For more information please see June Sulminski or call the rectory.

**Ham & Bean Supper—Game Night**
Join us for a night of fun, food and fellowship! We will have the ham & bean dinner and then see if we can be stumped in "Christ is Right". Tickets are on sale now or call the rectory.

**Attention Ladies**
Please blot your lipstick prior to receiving the Precious Blood. The lipstick stains our purificator.
Thank you

**Minister Schedules**
Please email or write down any days that you can not be scheduled for the next schedule by May 18th.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

April 15, 2018
Easter Collection $30.00, Sunday Offering $2419.00

**Partners in Charity**
Goal $28,700
Raised $22,815
Balance to Raise $5,885

# SAVE the DATE

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**Saturday, April 28**
Ham & Bean Supper
And game night
5pm

**Friday, May 4**
First Friday Mass, Adoration and Benediction

**Sunday, May 6**
First Communion during the 10AM Mass

**Thursday, May 10**
***Holy Day of Obligation***
The Ascension of the Lord
Mass 9am & 5:30pm

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 7pm**

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**You can help fight Planned Parenthood in Worcester**
Just weeks ago, Planned Parenthood—the nation's largest abortion chain—announced plans to expand their operations "in all 50 states." That includes Massachusetts!
Want to do your part to stop Planned Parenthood's dangerous new agenda? Then come out on Saturday, April 28th for the Third Annual National Day of Prayer and Protest Against Planned Parenthood.
Join thousands of pro-lifers across the country, gathering peacefully at Planned Parenthood facilities to educate our communities about their true agenda, speak out for our unborn brothers and sisters, and call on state and federal governments to defund the abortion giant.
Event: National Day of Prayer and Protest Against Planned Parenthood
When: Saturday, April 28, 10:00a.m.- 12:00 noon
Where: Planned Parenthood, 470 Pleasant Street in Worcester
More Info:Contact Sandra at 508-799-7337 or email 10243sak@gmail.com

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Join us May 10th immediately following the 5:30pm Mass for a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. If you have volunteered within our parish this year, you are invited! Please fill out the form below and return to the rectory by May 6th.

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**I volunteered for:**