

Respect Life

SUNDAY



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

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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, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM

(No Mass on Thursday)

Blessed Sacrament Adoration/First Friday:

9:30 AM - 5:30PM

Confessions:

Every Saturday 3-3:30 PM

WEEK OF October 6 & 7, 2018

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. October 6 – Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Shirley Parsons – DeSavage Family

Sun. October 7 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM – Mary Hickory (3rd Ann.) - Family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

Sat., October 13 – Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Margaret & Joseph Kelley – Rosemary Belsiot

Sun., October 14 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Joseph & Eleanor Power & Thomas & Leonora Halpin

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." This verse is part of a beautiful reflection on childlike faith. We're reminded of the innocence of children, how eager they are to experience life and how quick they are to trust. Rarely do we hear it with the story that immediately proceeds it. The Pharisees question Jesus on the lawfulness of divorce! Hardly the sort of thorny moral conversation one typically has in front of children. Yet here we are.

Jesus' response goes further back than the Mosaic law. "From the beginning, God made them male and female ... the two shall become one flesh ... what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus cites a particular set of passages from Genesis 1 and 2, before the Fall in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve possessed original innocence. How eager they were to encounter one another and to explore the garden! How immediate their initial trust in God. We no longer live in Eden. As we age in our fallen world, our childlike trust is wounded and betrayed. We become hardened to the beauties of life. We're quick to find a way around difficult moments.

In brief, things become complicated as we lose our innocence.

The teachings of Christ and the Church on sexuality become more challenging or more objectionable. Jesus recognizes this in today's Gospel. His invitation is not to compromise with our broken reality. It is a return to beauty, to the fullness of life as it was meant to be. We can affirm our trust in God. We can view life with gratitude. We can experience healing of our lost innocence. This is possible today -- now! -- by grace. Indeed, "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Not Updated

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, October 13

Lector: Deb Durnin

Minister of Holy Communion: Kathy Hannon & Eileen Lohnes

Sunday, October 14

Lector: Lisa Villa

Altar Servers: Joyce Abalo & Caroline Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Jean Doiron, Jo Luikey, Richard Flynn, Patricia Reardon, Elaine Halpin & Alma Sheehan

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

Join us for the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, November 10th 2018 (8:30 -4PM – Mass at 4) to rediscover and renew your faith. There will be wonderful talks by great national speakers and opportunities to meet them and make new friends. There will be time for fellowship, to go to confession, celebrate the Eucharist, and altogether strengthen your Catholic identity! Join us for this conference to Know Him, to Love Him, and to Serve Him.

The Conference will be held at Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street Worcester, MA 01609 (*Tsotis Building*)

Tickets are \$45.00 (Parishioner from the parish subsidy of \$20.00 – you owe \$25.00). Please call the rectory ASAP to reserve your tickets.

BINGO

October 12, 2018

Team # 2— Alma Sheehan, Frank Adams, Chuck Hamilton, Patricia Reardon, Donald Ducharme

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 & Cindy Derosiers**

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

Fr. Asante's Retreat/Vacation

Father Asante will be traveling to Africa on September 24th until October 30th. Please keep him in your prayers for a rejuvenating retreat and a restful vacation. While he is away we will have Communion Services on Tuesday's, Wednesday's & Friday's. Weekend Masses will be the same time and will be covered by Fr. O'Brien and Fr. Reidy. The parish office will continue to be open Monday-Friday, 8am—2pm.

Public Square Rosary

Join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade at noon on Saturday, October 13th, Drury Square in Auburn. For more information call Judy 508-832-5431

Books for the Bazaar

Once again we are asking for donations of books for our Christmas Bazaar. We appreciate your generosity. We are accepting books published after 1999 and please NO Text-books. We also will need puzzles, movies and CD's. There is a box outside the elevator to leave donated items. Thank you and God Bless!

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – (Registration Deadline Oct. 12)

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Couples wishing to attend should PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 12 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be mailed to you.

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of 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 Cathaleen Peloquin Victim Services 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.

Fall Happenings

October

- 7th—Men's Group Meeting immediately following Mass
 - 7th—Blessing of the Animals 1pm
 - 10th—Bazaar Crafts 6pm in the parish hall
- 13th—Parish Retreat 8:30am –1pm in the parish hall
 - 14th Movie: Paul the Apostle 1pm
 - 15th—Ladies Guild Meeting 6:30pm
 - 18th Divine Mercy Meeting 6:30pm

The Armor of God, Dusting Our's Off

A mini retreat to remind us of, and help us navigate the spiritual battles being waged around us and against us. Join us Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8:30am—1:00pm in the parish hall. Door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are \$15.00 (includes lunch) and will be available after Mass or by calling the rectory, 508-752-1608.

Paul, the Apostle of Christ

Join us for the movie about Paul, the Apostle of Christ on Sunday, October 14th at 1pm in the gym. Please bring a donation of a canned good for our food pantry. If you would like pizza the cost will be \$3.00—sign up on the table near the elevator.

From Fr. Asante.....

Bible Reflection: Colossians 1:10-14

Appreciate the importance of celebrating who you are in Christ. The opportunity you have to make a difference in the lives of others, as well as, who God is in you and in the world.

Instructional Basketball

Our parish run basketball league registration begins October 6th on our parish website. The league runs for children ages 5-13, the suggested donation is \$30.00, scholarships are available. Any other questions please call the rectory office 508-752-1608.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

September 30, 2018

Fall Appeal for Catholic Schools \$448.70, World Mission \$20.00, Utility Fund \$10.00, Sunday Offering \$3495.95.

