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**ADVENT**  
*Believe*



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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, 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 December 22 & 23, 2018

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES**

*Sat. December 22—Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM - Parishioners of our Parish

*Sun. December 23 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent*

10:00 AM —George & Anne Gagne—Family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

*Monday, December 24*

4:00PM Charles & Helen Hannon and Helen & Frank Sepuka—Family

*Wednesday, December 26*

9:00 AM Joseph & Benedica Myefski

*Friday, December 28*

9:00 AM All those contemplating abortion

*Sat., December 29 - Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

4:00 PM - Richard Rawlston—Family

*Sun., December 30~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

10:00 AM

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

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4th Sunday of Advent

Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ.

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us. As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately. In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



(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)

**Christmas Eve**

Lector: Kathy Hannon

Altar Server: Jacob Lorusso

Ministers of Holy Communion: Alissa & Jean Doiron, Michael Buffone, Jean Dawson, Kerri & Ben Sulminski

**Christmas**

Lector: Lisa Villa

Altar Server: Caroline Villa

Ministers of Holy Communion: Patricia Reardon, Elaine Halpin, Jo Luikey

**Saturday, December 29**

Lector: Deb Durnin

Commentator: Kathy Hannon

Minister of Holy Communion: Catherine Darensborough & Eileen Lohnes

**Sunday, December 30**

Lector: Michael Buffone

Commentator: Lisa Villa

Altar Servers: Joyce Abalo & Noah Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Glenn Gibson, Ben Sulminski, Kate Hamilton, Rose Kempton, Robert & Prisca Yawlui.

**Do you serve on the altar?**

(Altar Servers, Minister's of Holy Communion, Lector's or Commentator's)

Fr. Asante would like to have a meeting with you all. Please sign up on the table near the elevator. There are 2 date's to choose from—January 13th or January 20th at 11:30am.

Thank you

# BINGO

December 21, 2018

**Team # 3— Alma Sheehan, Dave Dubey, Donald Ducharme, Tony & Elaine Halpin**

**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, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:  
Beverly Farrar & June Sulminski**

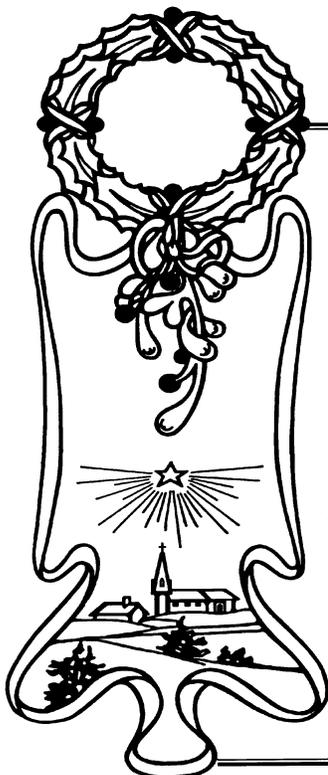
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**Ladies Guild Wright's Chicken Farm Lunch**

We will have our Annual Lunch at Wright's Chicken Farm on Sunday, January 20th. We will leave immediately following the 10am Mass. Please sign up on the table near the elevator by January 13th so we can get a count.

**Coat Collection:** It's that time of year that we start cleaning out our closets. We are collecting new or gently used coats for adults and children. We give them to our neighbors who may not have a coat to keep warm. Please place them in the box in the upstairs hallway near the elevator.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF COATS!**



**We Wish You All**

A glad and peaceful  
Christmastide  
With all its memories sweet;  
May hope and love and  
joy be yours  
With kindly friends to greet;  
The echo of the angel's song,  
The star's clear guiding light,  
The **Christ** child in your  
heart and home,  
To make this  
Christmas bright.



**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th**

3:30 PM Christmas Caroling in the church  
4PM Christmas Eve Mass

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th**

9:30 Christmas Caroling in the church  
10AM Christmas Mass

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, December 31 Vigil**

(Holy Day of Obligation)  
4:00PM

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1**

(Holy Day of Obligation)  
9:00 AM



Well, we have a lot of amazing things going on here at Sacred Heart- St. Catherine of Sweden Parish. We are feeding, clothing, helping and serving those in need in so many ways right here in our local community. And we have so many other ministries and events to help you meet people, share your talents, improve your relationships, answer life's toughest questions, discern the plan and purpose for your life, and to grow closer to God. We have a tremendous community here. And we want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and connected to it all. So, we've adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. Like sending a "note" to your "flock". Flocknote. This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner.

**To Join:**

<https://app.flocknote.com/shscparish>  
OR  
Text shscs to 85576