



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

# SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

*of Sweden Parish*

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Lords Day**

SATURDAY:4:00 PM

SUNDAY:10:00 AM

NOON (African)

**Weekday**

MON, TUES, WED & FRI 9:00 AM

**Holy Days**

See Bulletin

**Blessed Sacrament**

Adoration/First Friday

9:30am - 5:30pm

**Confessions:** Every

Saturday 3-3:30pm



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Food Pantry: 508-753-2555

Food Pantry Hours: Thursday

9:45am -2:30pm and

Saturday 10am -1pm

Prayer Shawls Ministry

call the rectory

Bingo: Every Friday 6:30-10pm

lower church hall

596 Cambridge Street Worcester, MA 01610

# BINGO

At this time, there is no Bingo until further notice. Due to the State restrictions due to Covid, we are not able to hold Bingo at this time. Once the restrictions are lifted, we will then have Bingo. We will inform everyone at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding

Mass Intentions: Please call the office if you had a mass intention scheduled during the months of March/April/May-we can reschedule.

There will be no coffee shop at this time. As soon as the regulations change we will reassume.

There is Daily 9:00 a.m. mass every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday And Friday

**† STEWARDSHIP †**  
Count your blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to you and express thanks to Him in praise.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
August 29th and August 30th  
\$2,031

\$Did you forget your envelopes? Did you attend Mass somewhere else and forget to send in your missed envelope? You can sign up for online giving or use the app to never miss a stewardship giving. The app is called ConnectNow Giving or visit our website to sign up for online giving. Any questions please call the rectory. If your envelopes are not at the back of the church, please call the office. Thank You!

**How about making a Cursillo weekend?**  
**Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience.** Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and more! Our September 10-13, 2020; and October 22-25, 2020. All Weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 or phamilton12842@gmail.com. Or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.



# Upcoming Events



Give Freely Accept Plenty

'The Rosary is the Weapon.'~St. Pio

The rosary is recited at 8:40 am before Daily mass weekdays



"Harden Not Your Hearts" Psalm 95

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY

As of Monday, 8/31/20, we are at approximately 92% of our goal. Anyone who still wants to make a donation to Partners in Charity must mail their gift in by September 5th. Gifts received in the US mail after September 8th, will go toward the 2021 appeal. The dead line for online gifts is Monday, September 7th. Thank you!

### The Food Pantry will be starting this month:

CLOTHING: Men's Women's Children's clothing will be available on Thursday, August 27 during food pantry hours.: 9:30 - 2:30 Tables will be set up in the lower gym hall to serve clothing needs of families affected by the pandemic or its repercussions. The site will be available one Thursday per month during the coming months.

Thank you to all those volunteering and contributing to our food pantry!

### Happy Labor Day to all!

There will be daily mass at 9:00 a.m. on Labor Day. (The office will be closed)

*Week of September 5th and September 6th*

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES**

*Sat. Sept. 5th – Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*4:00 PM - Jane Petrella- Eileen Kopacz*

*Sun. Sept. 6th- The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*10:00 AM – Parishioners of the Parish*

*12:00PM (African Mass)*

*Sat. Sept. 12th Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*4:00 PM - William Personis-Ann & Kathy Hannon*

*Sun., September 13th- 24th-Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*10:00 AM - \*Parishioners of the Parish*

**September 6, 2020**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed

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 keep Tommy LaFlash in your prayers. . We appreciate his service to our country.

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



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

**Saturday September 12th 2020 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector: Kathy Hannon**

**Sunday, Sunday, September 13th 2020 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector: Kathy Gibson**

**Sunday Septemner 13th , 2020 Noon mass**

**Lector: Jean Paul Mensah Avor**

Due to current restrictions we will just be having a Lector at each mass. Please reach out if you are a lector and would like to lector at a mass.

**Blessing of the Animals**

Due to the Pandemic, it is with great sadness that, after twenty years, the annual Blessing of the Animals will not take place at Sacred Heart/ St. Catherine's this Fall. May Saint Francis of Assisi keep all of God's creatures safe from harm and sickness. We hope to see all of our little friends next year.

Thank you,

The Blessing of Animals Committee



A Special Thank you to the very talented musical crew! Our celebration of Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass is enhanced by all your talent! Chuck Hamilton, Mark Lorusso, Kate Hamilton! The music at mass is just wonderful! We appreciate how hard you all work each week. You all make mass so special. We appreciate you all!