

Mass Intentions - Week of Dec. 20th

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 4:30pm @ SM	December 19 Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent Tony Gillespie, by Dianna & Joel Brothers
Sunday 8:00am @ SH 10:30am @ SH	December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent Terrence Connor, by the Connor family Barbara & Vincenzo Spadea, by M/M Joseph Spadea
Monday 8:00am @ SH	December 21 St. John of the Cross All OLSH parishioners, living & deceased
Tuesday 8am @ SH	December 22 Advent Weekday Holy Souls from the November 2 nd offering
Wednesday 8am @ SH	December 23 Advent Weekday
Thursday & Friday	December 24 & 25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Please refer to Mass Schedule in next column.
Saturday 4:30pm @ SM	December 26 Vigil of the Holy Family
Sunday 8:00am @ SH 10:30am @ SH	December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Madaline Arn, by Ruedi Arn Marc Bussiere (birthday, deceased), by his parents

Please pray for our brothers & sisters who have asked for our prayers:

Lisa Marie Berthel, Micah Burt, Myong Cote, Fr. Dave, Ginger Duhamel, Peter Jennette, Deborah Kaplavka, Jeanne Kaleskas, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Theresa Lupacchino, Julie Nydam, Fr. William O'Brien, Reggie Ostrout, Rita Pare, Joseph Putch, Loretta Roberge, Judy Stickles, Brian Trudeau, Richard Trudeau



We pray for all the deceased members & benefactors of our parish; all those in Military Service; those suffering from the effects of natural disaster, epidemics, and political strife.

Please send us the names of any loved ones you would like to be included on (or removed from) the list. Call 508 867-6469 or email rectory@sacredheartwb.com.

"Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church." (Catechism of the Catholic Church nos. 1520-23)



Anointing of the sick

And in Scripture, through the Apostle James Christ has commanded us: *"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters [priests] of the Church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven."* – The Letter of James 5:14-15

So, if you wish to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, or before or during a hospital stay/surgery for yourself or another, please call the parish office at 508 867-6469. Remember, this sacrament is not reserved only for those who are near death, but for anyone who may be ill or suffering.

A parishioner has graciously volunteered to drive those in need of transportation to & from doctors' appointments. Call the rectory for more information.



Your Sacrificial Offering Last Weekend

General	\$2,307
Immaculate Conception	\$590
Retired Religious Fund	\$1,256

Thank you! Your support is our parish's strength.

Special Collections	
12/19 & 20	Fuel Offering
12/24 & 25	Christmas
Christmas Flower Donations – All month	

~Stewardship~

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
(Luke 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

~Word of Life~

Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy. Those who go forth weeping, carrying sacks of seed, Will return with cries of joy, carrying their bundled sheaves.

— Psalm 126:5-6 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

4pm @ SH

10pm (not midnight) @ SH

Christmas Day Masses

8am @ SM

10am @ SH

New Year's Eve

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

4:30pm @ SM

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Masses

8am & 10:30am @ SH

Religious Education News...

Sunday 12/20 – No Classes – Christmas

Sunday 12/27 – No Classes – New Year's

Sunday 1/3/16 – Children's Mass by Grades 5 & 6 followed by Christmas Party for all grades – NO CLASSES

CONFIRMATION IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 7PM AT MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY IN SPENCER.

Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm St
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

Christmas 2015

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine the joy that quickened Mary's heart when on Christmas, in the humble surroundings of the stable, she first gazed on her son's face!

That night the glory of the Lord shone down on shepherds. The light of the Star guided the Magi. It led them all to Bethlehem. There they saw, in the light of His face, the light of the world, for they truly gazed on the face of God.

As we begin this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy." Out of love, God created the world. Out of love and mercy, He sent His Son to save it. We can truly look upon the birth of Christ as the birth of Mercy. As the Holy Father says, mercy became living and visible in Christ and in Him mercy reaches its culmination.

This Christmas, may we all know the gift of God, His very Son, born to us. No matter what our circumstances or those of the world, we can find great joy and renewed hope in the inexhaustible font of God's love and mercy for each one of us. This is the meaning of Christmas. This is the power of Christmas to renew our lives and our world. Like the shepherds and Magi, may we bow before Him in our worship, seek His face in our prayer and reflect His love and mercy in our lives.

I pray too that throughout the Jubilee of Mercy, you may also feel Jesus' compassionate gaze as He looks with love upon you. He came for each one of us and He calls each one of us. May that awareness be a light that guides us through the darkness of our lives and draws us closer to Him and one another. May this Jubilee of Mercy be the occasion for a deep renewal of our Church that all may see her as a loving mother who looks with love and mercy on all her children.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

Merry Christmas!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 29th at 7pm

Thank you to all who participated in our Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Visitation House.

We raised a total of \$2,155.33!



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST IN DUGAN HALL

THIS SUNDAY - DEC. 20th

SERVED FROM 8:30 UNTIL NOON

****SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY SANTA****

The menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, toast, English muffin, juice, milk & coffee - all for just a \$5 donation!

Dear Parish family,

As we celebrate this year's Christmas, may the inexplicable joy and happiness which are intrinsic in the salvific birth of the Lord into the world always fill your hearts and minds, and keep you determined to live out the faith in the everyday aspects of life.

Merry Christmas to you all, and a Happy New Year.

Fr. Patrick Ssekyole

Parish Administrator



- Children's Mass followed by Christmas Party 1/3/16
- Food for the Poor visiting missionary 1/3 & 4/16