

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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## Schedule of Masses



### Saturday

5:00 pm at St. Mary

### Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am at  
Sacred Heart

### Mon - Wed

8:00 am at Sacred Heart

### Saturday

8:00 am at St. Mary

### Holy Days of Obligation

Please refer to bulletin

### RCIA

Adults & children age 7+  
seeking Baptism & full  
Communion with the Catholic  
Church are invited to call Fr.  
Joe for information.

### Baptisms

### & Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory

### Marriages

Couples must contact the  
rectory at least one year  
prior to the anticipated  
date. See or call Fr. Joe for  
more information.

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4 – 4:30 pm  
at St. Mary  
& by appointment



**Mass Cards** ...for living &  
deceased and for special  
occasions are available at  
the rectory. If you call  
ahead (leave a message if  
necessary) we will have it  
ready for you.



## Sixth Sunday



## In Ordinary Time

### Parish Office Hours

Mon & Wed 9 am - 3:00 pm

Tue & Thu 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

*If you are unvaccinated,  
please continue to wear  
a mask to church and  
maintain 6 foot social  
distancing.  
Thank you.*

### Parish Registration

We welcome new  
parishioners! Please call or  
visit the rectory to  
register. Also, please  
contact the rectory in the  
event that you leave our  
parish.

### Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry

Wednesday & Saturday  
9:30 – 11:00 am at SM

## Masses for the Week of February 13<sup>th</sup>

<b>Saturday</b> 5 pm @ SM	<b>Feb. 12 Vigil of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Raymond Haire (91 <sup>st</sup> birthday, deceased), by Carol & Wayne Haire
<b>Sunday</b> 8 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>Feb. 13 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jane Frew, by Colleen Curis Frances Book, by Donna Richardson
<b>Monday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>Feb. 14 Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius</b> All OLSH parishioners, living & deceased
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>Feb. 15 Weekday</b> Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> offering
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>Feb. 16 Weekday</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am @ SJtB	<b>Feb. 17 Weekday/7 Holy Founders of the Servites</b> Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am @ SJtB	<b>Feb. 18 Weekday</b> Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield
<b>Saturday</b> 5 pm @ SM	<b>Feb. 19 Vigil of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 8 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>Feb. 20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Richard Brigham, Sr., by M /M Richard Brigham Caterina Spadea, by M/M Joseph Spadea



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

**Joan Ackerman, The Boos family, Micah Burt, Fr. Chet, Fr. Dave, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Cathy Fitzgerald, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Frederica LaMonda, Theresa Lupacchino, Christopher Plouffe, Rose Shalom, Brian Trudeau, Charles Trudell, Sr., Keith Trudell**

### Vocations Reflection...

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord." Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord by serving Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? (508)630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

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## Offertory Collections

<b>Weekly Collection Needed to Meet Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>
<b>General Collection</b>	<b>\$4,094</b>
<b>Monthly Fuel Donation</b>	<b>\$140</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$314</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$4,548</b>
<b>Overage</b>	<b>\$1,148</b>
<b>Monthly Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>
<b>Catholic Free Press</b>	<b>\$657</b>

### Special Collections

2/12 & 13	Catholic Home Missions
2/19 & 20	Monthly Fuel Offering
2/26 & 27	Monthly Renovation Fund

### ~ Stewardship ~

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)*

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

### ~ Word of Life ~

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

### Altar Servers and Lectors Needed

Two of our Liturgical Ministries are in need of volunteers. Please prayerfully consider a gift of your time and talent as an **Altar Server** (students who have completed grade 2 & up) or as a **Lector**, proclaiming the readings at Mass. Please call or email the rectory or speak to Fr. Joe if you think you may be called to participate in these ministries.

## Religious Education

Sunday 2/20 – February Vacation – No Classes

### *A Reflection on Today's Readings*

How happy are you who are poor!

This gospel passage (and its parallel, Matthew 5:1-11) has great importance for those who claim to be followers of Jesus. It brings his answer to the question: Where am I to find true happiness? – the ultimate concern, surely, in all our striving. Happiness – which is often confused in people's minds with the superficial contentment we call "a good time" – will only be found in the things that meet our deepest needs as persons. And, in the end, only the things of God that will fill the 'depths' that are in every human person (John Paul II). As the world's true Savior, Jesus shows us how we can fill these depths – all that he stood for as he shared our life shows us the way to true happiness, even in this present life; and he promises to share with us his own happiness in the life to come. In today's gospel he points out the way to those who want to be his true followers.

Note how Luke sets the scene. The audience addressed by Jesus is made up of two groups, "a large gathering of his disciples" (those who have made a commitment to what Jesus stands for), and "a great crowd of people from all parts" (those who are drawn to him but hesitate to commit themselves more fully). Jesus "fixes his eyes" on the first group and addresses his teaching concerning true happiness to them. Note, however, that in the scene as Luke describes it there is no hard boundary dividing the two groups. Though the words of Jesus are addressed to the first group, they are also an invitation to those in the second group to find the joy that will be theirs if they take his paradoxical invitation seriously. And, because our Christian communities have always contained these two groups, Luke is inviting us to ask ourselves where we stand.

"How happy are you who are poor." Jesus' teaching on true happiness – to be continued, we should note, in next week's reading – overturns the assumptions of worldly wisdom. In Matthew we find a different wording: "Blessed (with true happiness) are the poor in spirit." There is a subtle difference in what the two evangelists wish to convey of the teaching of Jesus. Luke does not canonize a state of material deprivation - in what follows, as we shall see, Jesus urges those who have material resources to use them with a generosity learned from their heavenly Father: what Matthew calls being "poor in spirit." But it must also be recognized that Luke is calling to mind a fundamental biblical theme: those who are materially poor are privileged, not because they are morally superior, but because they are the object of God's special concern: "God hears the cry of the poor." Those who have learned to trust in this truth have found great blessings – whether their deprivation has been imposed on them by circumstance, or they have embraced a life of poverty that is voluntary, in imitation of the Savior's own life.

In our pursuit of happiness, God respects our freedom. As the first reading reminds us, the outcome depends on the choices that shape our lives. Jesus contrasts true happiness with the "woes" of an empty life. Perhaps we can see in today's troubled world "a fulfilment of the woes Jesus directed against a rich, abundant, laughing, self-congratulating social order" (Paul Tillich).

John Thornhill sm



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 22 @ 7 pm

### Coats for Kids



Our Knights of Columbus Council 11080 has new winter coats, free of charge, for boys & girls in need of one. Sizes available are:

- Girls 7/8, 10/12, 14/16;
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### Save the Date!

#### **Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference Assumption University Saturday, April 2, 2022**

We're delighted to announce that the Catholic Men's Conference will be returning to Assumption University on April 2, 2022. While our virtual conference this past March was a great success, we eagerly look forward to welcoming you and your fellow Catholic men in person at CMC 2022. Nothing can truly replace the unique fellowship and collective energy that our live conferences have generated over the past 21 years. As always, the event will feature distinguished speakers from around the country, a pre-packaged lunch, and confession for attendees. You will also have opportunities to meet in person with the speakers and to shop the many exhibitor tables.

### CORI REMINDER

In the Code of Ministerial Conduct decree from Bishop McManus, revised in April 2021, we are asked to fulfill our obligation to collectively work for the protection of minors. We are asked to renew our commitment by reading the Code of Conduct and following its directives. This process needs to be done every five (5) years. **All staff and volunteers of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish must comply with this request**

Fr. Joe and our Safe Environment Coordinators, Michelle Booth and Robin Nagle, have attempted to reach all those required to read & view the necessary material and fill out the CORI documents. If you are unable to complete the process online and submit the documents to us, there will be a workshop on **Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Dugan Hall**. If you cannot attend the workshops, please contact either Robin Nagle at 774-289-3871 or Michelle Booth at 774-452-5086 and they will assist you in fulfilling this requirement. Thank you for your participation and cooperation in this important process.





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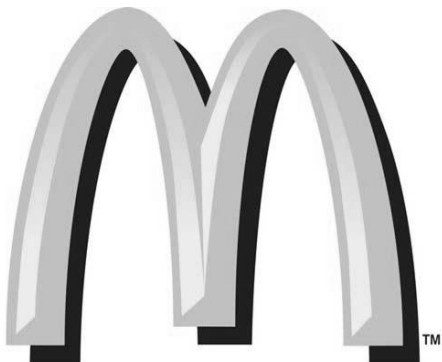
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