



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish



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 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



Mass INTENTIONS

WEEK OF March 23 & 24, 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. March 23 – Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM - Parishioners of the parish

Sun. March 24 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM – Jack & Barbara Jacques - Dan Fullen

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00 PM (*African Mass*)

Monday, March 25

9:00 AM Edward Supernaut - Mary Ellen Papagni

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 AM Barbara Scholl - Lillian Brunneau

Friday, March 29

9:00 AM Jackie & June Ledeaux – sisters Judy & Joan

Sat., March 30 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM - Parishioners of our Parish

Sun., March 31 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM Annie Mae Bynum – Family

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

3rd Sunday of Lent

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none.” We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we’re not keeping up with the perceived “good life” of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. “For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.” The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we’re trying, but the growth we wanted doesn’t seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn’t bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. “[The gardener] said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also? it may bear fruit in the future.’” How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven’t gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn’t be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn’t.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we’re the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren’t measuring up. Let today’s Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
Tracy Kinne

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, March 30

Lector: Tony Halpin

Commentator: Mary Ellen Bohdiewicz

Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday, March 31

Lector: Alma Sheehan

Commentator: Rose Kempton

Altar Servers: Vanessa Sulminski & Myranda Herschel

Ministers of Holy Communion: Elaine Halpin & Ben Sulminski

A Prayer For Lent

Stay with me, Lord,
Because I am weak
And I need your strength.
You are my life and without you
I am without fervor.
You are my light
And without you
I am in darkness.
Stay with me, Lord,
For I desire to love you
And always be in your company.
Stay with me, Jesus,
In life with all its dangers,
I need you.

Amen

BINGO

March 29, 2019

Team # 2— Kerri Sulminski, Frank Adams, Chuck Hamilton, Pat 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, Paul Levesque, Donna Niles & Michael Burgraff

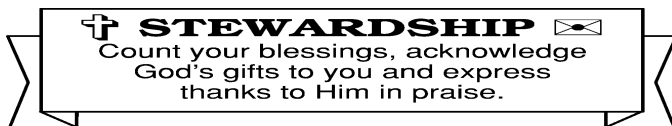
**Ladies Guild Kitchen Crew:
Elaine Marcoux & June Sulminski**

Men's Conference

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on **Saturday, April 6**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, see Mike Buffone or call him at 508-873-4237. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 15th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

March 16 & 17, 2019

Church in Latin America \$108.55, Utility Fund \$25.00, Current Expenses \$25.00, Weekend Offering 2713.88

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.



Upcoming Events

March

- 26th—Confessions 6-7
- 27th—Follow Me Bible Study @ 6 in the parish hall
- 29th—Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 31st—Lenten Penance Service 6pm

April

- 2nd Confessions 6-7
- 4th Divine Mercy Meeting 6:30
- 5th First Friday Adoration Begins after 9 A.M. Mass until 5:30
- 5th Stations of the Cross 7
- 6th Men's Conference

The Journey in the Wilderness with Christ Lenten Penance Service!

"What can separate us from the love of God" -
Romans 8:38

As we prepare for Lent and Easter this year we need to rediscover and understand the depth of God's love for us despite our wretchedness. God invites us to think, pray, and reflect about our relationship with Him. Let us take this opportunity during Lent to explore our imperfections and the ways we have failed to recognize the image of God in our lives.

**We will offer this Lenten Penance Service on
March 31st at 6pm.**

Catholic Relief Service Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Lenten Morning of Reflection for Women

The Guild of Our Lady of Providence is hosting a Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, April 6** **beginning with Registration at 9 am and ending around Noon**. "Gather the Dreamers" will be presented by Sister Therese Martin, CSJ at Blessed Sacrament Parish – Phelan Center. Requested donation is \$10 with checks made payable to Guild of Our Lady of Providence. Registration should be mailed no later than March 28 to Sara Howard, 100 Prospect St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545.