



Rev. Eric Asante, Administrator

SACRED HEART~ST. CATHERINE

of Sweden Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

WEEK OF May 18 & 19, 2019

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND LITURGIES

Sat. May 18—Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter
4:00 PM - Parishioners of the Parish

Sun. May 12 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM— Helen Hannon — Ann & Kathy Hannon

11:00 AM *Recitation of the Rosary*

12:00PM *(African Mass)*

Tues., May 21 — Bob Lukey ~ his Wife

Sat., May 18—Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - Parishioners of the Parish

Sun., May 19 — 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM James F. Conway — 5th Anniversary ~ His Family

May 19, 2019
5th Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



(As of Monday)

Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center:
None Listed

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, May 25

Lector: Sandra Kucharski

Commentator: Deb Durnin

Ministers of Holy Communion: John Harrington, Eileen Kaminski

Sunday, May 26

Lector: Kathy Gibson

Commentator: Daniel Fullen

Altar Servers: Miranda Herschel & Noah Sulminski

Ministers of Holy Communion: Alissa Doiron, Patti Henry-Taylor, Jo Lukey, Patricia Reardon, Ben Sulminski, Kerri Sulminski

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love. The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you." They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.

Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another. In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently. I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others. However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words. History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough. The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus. Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him. Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization. Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

BINGO

May 24, 2019

Team # 4 — Judy Keenan, Michael Burgraff, Donald Ducharme, Dan Fullen, Sonny Collins

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 & Jeanne Lavallee**



**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
May 11-12, 2019**

Rice Bowls \$79.68; Weekend Offerings \$2,327.59

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.

Partners in Charity

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Partners in Charity Appeal. Sacred Heart St. Catherine has raised \$19,368.00 towards our goal of \$28,700.00. To meet our goal we still need \$9332.00. If you have not made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. No gift is too small, any donation is greatly appreciated.



Upcoming Events

May

- 30th—Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 9am and 7pm

June

- 2nd — Parish pancake breakfast immediately following the 10am Mass

The Ascension of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation

The Ascension of Our Lord, **May 30th**, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

Mass will be celebrated at 9am & 7pm

What are some benefits of a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration?

Everyone that spends time in adoration of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist develops a personal relationship with Jesus and grows in love and holiness. Quiet time with the Lord in adoration enables people to listen and recognize His voice as He speaks to their hearts. Many of the faithful who attend adoration report various miracles and healings. Parish communities experience increased Mass attendance, service of others, unity, conversions, the return of fallen away Catholics, as well as, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The laity work together to coordinate Eucharistic Adoration helping to build a faith filled community.

Please join us the first Friday of every month for adoration from 9:30am to 5:30pm