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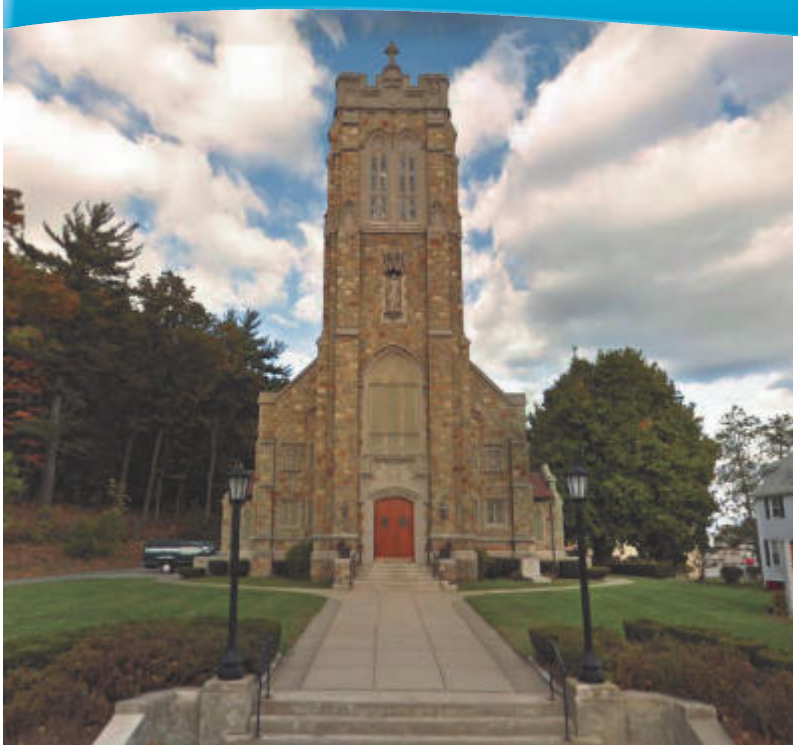

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Blessed Sacrament's parish family, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, seek to respond to God's call to love and serve one another. United as a faith-filled community, we joyfully strive to be Christ to others as we bring others to Christ. We accept our responsibility, as members of God's church, to expand the Kingdom of God in the Roman Catholic tradition through prayer, worship, education, service and our commitment to strengthening and building our parish community.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Holy Days: TBA

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 pm
Anytime by request

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Sacrament of Baptism
Please make arrangements by calling the rectory after the birth of the child. Baptisms are usually celebrated Sundays at 12:00 noon.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least a year in advance. A program of preparation is required for all couples planning to marry in the church.

Bulletin Notice
Items for the parish bulletin must be received at the rectory by Monday morning.

New Parishioners
Please introduce yourselves after mass or call the rectory at your convenience to register. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community.

Sick Calls
Since the hospital does not notify us on the admission of parishioners please contact the rectory when a family member is admitted to the hospital

Communion Calls for the aged, shut-ins and convalescent and nursing home patients are our constant concern. Pleases call us for special ministerial visits.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363
508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line

Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading *Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm
Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

Alleluia *Isaiah 61:1*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel *John 1:6-8. 19-28*

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.
And this is the testimony of John.
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"
He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."
So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?"
He answered, "No."
So they said to him,
"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who
sent us?
What do you have to say for yourself?"
He said:
"I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"
as Isaiah the prophet said."
Some Pharisees were also sent.
They asked him,
"Why then do you baptize
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"
John answered them,
"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not recog-
nize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.
This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1Thessalonians 5:16 - 18)
This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12, 2020
4:00 PM **Mass**

Sunday, December 13, 2020
8:00 AM **Mass**
10:00 AM **Mass**

Monday, December 14, 2020
8:30 AM **Mary Pat True** by Julie O'Shea

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
8:30 AM **Ursula Shea** by Family (Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
8:30 AM **Paul Stone**

Thursday, December 17, 2020
8:30 AM **Claire Erickson**

Friday, December 18, 2020
8:30 AM **Mass**

Saturday, December 19, 2020
4:00 PM **Marwin Ghabour** by Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Committee

IT'S NOT TOO LATE GIVING TREE 2020

We are offering parishioners the option of "virtual giving" in hopes of getting gifts and/or donations to agencies we have supported over the years **with as little physical contact as possible.** The parishioners of Blessed Sacrament have an incredible history of generosity. The links below are to local organizations who would be blessed with whatever way you are comfortable giving.

Pernet Family Health Service 237 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA 01610.
There is a direct link to Amazon where you can purchase a gift and it will be shipped directly to their offices. Additionally, there are a few other ways to "give".
www.pernetfamilyhealth.org/holiday-gifts.html

Veterans, Inc. 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605
They have a wish list of needed items. You could ship to their location or drop items off at the Grove St. address.
www.veteransinc.org

Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope,
242 Canterbury Street, Worcester, MA 01603
"Go fund me" They will use your cash donation to purchase a gift. www.urbanmissionaries.com Or you can go to their website and get a tag for a specific gift.

We respectfully request that you do not bring any gifts to the church or the rectory.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24, 2020
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm
9:00 pm Candlelight
(please note this is a change from the 9:30 pm usual Mass time)

Friday, December 25, 2020
Christmas Day
8:00 am
10:00 am

Rejoice for the Savior has come!

A Christmas Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the countless blessings you have poured into my life.

As I wait Your blessed birth this season,
help me to see You in the face of the poor whom I meet.

May I rush to make room in my heart and my home,
welcoming those in need with love and great joy,
just as I would welcome You.

Give me a spirit that ever more readily sees and serves You by seeing and serving others — especially the poorest among us.

In Your name, our Infant Savior, I pray. Amen.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

New Year's Eve
Thursday, December 31, 2020
4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2020
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary.

LIVESTREAM MASS

4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Go to website: www.blessedsacrament.us click below the pictures.

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