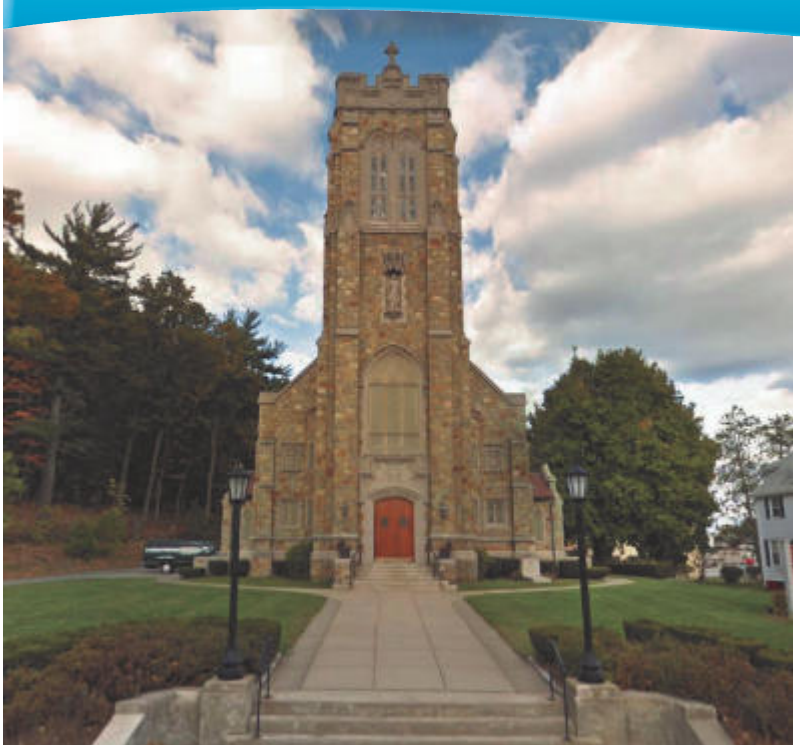
Blessed Sacrament Parish



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

Parish Staff

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am-1:00pm
Parish Website:www.blessedsacrament.us

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading *Acts 4:8-12*

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
"Leaders of the people and elders:
If we are being examined today
about a good deed done to a cripple,
namely, by what means he was saved,
then all of you and all the people of Israel should
know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the
Nazorean whom you crucified,
whom God raised from the dead;
in his name this man stands before you healed.
He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders,*
which has become the cornerstone.
There is no salvation through anyone else,
nor is there any other name under heaven
given to the human race by which we are to be
saved."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. (22) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his kindness endures forever.
R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading *1 John 3:1-2*

Beloved:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.
Yet so we are.
The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him. (continued on next column)

Second Reading (continued)

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like
him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Alleluia *John 10:14*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel *John 10:11-18*

Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
A hired man, who is not a shepherd
and whose sheep are not his own,
sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs
away,
and the wolf catches and scatters them.
This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
These also I must lead, and they will hear my
voice,
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.
This is why the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up
again.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my
own.
I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up
again.
This command I have received from my Father."

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." (John 10:14-16) When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 24, 2021
7:00 PM **Joseph & Carol Hennigan** (Wedding Anniverary Remembrance) by Sharon Hennigan

Sunday, April 25, 2021
8:00 AM **Mass**
10:00 AM **Mass**

Monday, April 26, 2021
8:30 AM **Catherine McGilloway Landry** by Paul Landry

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
8:30 AM **Catherine T. Morris** by Barbara Hannon

Wednesday, April 28, 2021
8:30 AM **Mass**

Thursday, April 29, 2021
8:30 AM **Linda Sacco** by Michael Scaglione

Friday, April 30, 2021
8:30 AM **Edward Urbanowski** (Birthday Remembrance) by Family
Mary Xatse (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul Conference is pleased to announce a new partnership with Urban Missionaries of Worcester located at 242 Canterbury Street in Worcester. We encourage our parishioners and friends to call Brian Hermanspan of Urban Missionaries at (508) 831-7455 when you have gently used clothing, furniture and household goods to donate. Parishioners may also drop off items at the store. In return, Urban Missionaries will issue a voucher to our parish conference which may be used by our clients at the Little Store on Canterbury Street to purchase needed items. Additional information and donation forms are available on the Blessed Sacrament parish website. Your generosity will help a family in need and we are most grateful for your support.

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Blessed Sacrament Goal is $76,000.

LIVESTREAMING THE MASS HERE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. for the Mass
Go to our web page www.blessedsacrament.us and click on the livestream.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Parents of Worcester Public School Students:
The Worcester School Committee's Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports will hold its next meeting on a proposed Sex Education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools on **Monday, April 26 at 5:30 pm.**
Two programs have been proposed, *Get Real,* a program developed by Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts, and *Rights, Respect & Responsibility.* You can see the curriculum for each grade of the latter program on line at: http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rs-curric-search/. The Planned Parenthood Curriculum is not available on line and although a public records request has been made of the City for this curriculum, it has not yet been made available for review.
The April 26 meeting will be by Zoom (link not yet available).

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

IVC opportunities to volunteer in agencies in the Worcester Area for men and women 50 years of age and over.
For more information check the website: ivcusa.org/new-england

DIOCESAN SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE COORDINATOR

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is looking for an individual to coordinate the Diocesan summer youth ministry volleyball league.
The league runs from mid-June—early August. The coordinator would be responsible for managing the league, scheduling games, communicating with teams and referees and serving as an on-site coordinator for games one night a week.
The full job description can be found at neworcester.org. If interested, please contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org by **April 30.**

ANNUAL PIETA MASS

On Monday, **May 3 at 7:00 pm** everyone is invited to attend the Pieta annual Mass to honor and remember all of our children. Sponsored by Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents and held at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. For more information contact Annie Doyle, 508-853-0183 or Terry Gentile 508-284-0796 or pieta3@gmail.com.

C.Y.C. VOLLEYBALL

As of now we are hopefully planning on sponsoring a Jr/Sr High co-ed volleyball team.
Season runs from late June to early August.
We have a coach, but we could use an assistant coach.
Call the rectory for details.

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