

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

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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. Please 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



<u>Sunday, December 26, 2021</u>	
8:00 AM	Melecia Villabroza by Family
10:00 AM	Helen Sullivan by Nora Donoghue
<u>Monday, December 27, 2021</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Tuesday, December 28, 2021</u>	
8:30 AM	Edward Saulnier by Mack & Deanne Hill
<u>Wednesday, December 29, 2021</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Thursday, December 30, 2021</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Friday, December 31, 2021</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
<u>Saturday, January 1, 2022</u>	
8:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass for Sunday, Feast of the Epiphany

BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
<u>Wednesday, December 29, 2021</u>	
9:00 AM	Good News-Gospel Sharing, Parish Rectory
<u>Sunday, January 2, 2022</u>	
8:45 AM	Religious Education, Pre-K-grade 6 Epiphany House
11:00 AM	Religious Education, grades 7-11 Epiphany House
<u>Tuesday, January 4, 2022</u>	
6:30 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Charles Room

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary - New Year's Masses

Friday, December 31, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 1, 2022 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 1, 2022 4:00 p.m. Mass
(Yes, a Mass on Saturday, New Year's Day which is the vigil Mass for Sunday)
Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Worship—782

- Processional: Worship-#376— Angels We Have Heard on High
- Psalm: Gather- #111
- Preparation: Worship - O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Communion: Worship-#411— What Child is this?
- Recessional: Worship-#399— Joy to the World

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."
(1John 3:1)
During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

THE ANNUAL WORCESTER DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men (of all ages including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle. For further information call Msgr. Tom Sullivan at 508-450-2556. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21st; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

NEW ROOFS

Roofs have been replaced on the upper and lower garages. The building has been strengthened with supports for the steel beam and a new wall between the garage and the addition has been built.



GIVING TREE THANK YOU

Once again Blessed Sacrament proved just how much they care for others. There were 166 tags plus extra donations of gifts to 3 agencies and monetary donations to Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul ministry and our diocesan seminarians. Your generous deeds warm our hearts. Many thanks for being your generous giving selves year in and year out.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

There are no faith-formation classes for Pre-K-Grade 11 students during the Christmas vacation (December 26). Enjoy these times with family and friends. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Open registration, always room for more to join in. Program begins with pre-K and K which is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Lower level, Grades 1-6, Upper level, Grades 7-12.

Come and see.

BAPTISMAL GOWNS

Thank you to the sewing ladies who cut, sew and decorate the wonderful Baptismal gowns that the parish shares as a gift to all the newly baptized.

PERNET THANK YOU

To our friends at Blessed Sacrament Church,

We would like to thank you for the 575 pounds of food donated to Pernet during the month of November. This kindness to our clients in need makes a real difference in their lives.

This month we would like to share a success from our Family Community Development Department. Through our annual Holiday Program, this Thanksgiving we were able to distribute over 11,200 pounds of food to provide 288 families with complete Thanksgiving meals in the Worcester County Area.

Sincerely yours,
Sheilah Dooley

*Best wishes for a
Happy, Healthy and Holy
New Year!*

"CHRISTMAS OUTDOORS" THANK YOU

What a wonderful open house - so open as to be held in the open air on Sunday afternoon December 12, 2021.

Thank you to the planners, the worker elves, the bakers providing delicious homemade delights, the set-up from the Confirmation class and the men of the parish that rolled all the tables back to the Phelan Center.

Advent at its best.

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Remember us. O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and
ever.
Amen.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

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