

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>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
<u>Sunday, January 2, 2022</u>	
8:00 AM	Wayne Beals by Kevin McCormack
10:00 AM	Robert, Marie and Thomas Shortsleeve by Family
<u>Monday, January 3, 2022</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Tuesday, January 4, 2022</u>	
8:30 AM	Michael J. Mahoney by the Urbanowski Family
<u>Wednesday, January 5, 2022</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Thursday, January 6, 2022</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Friday, January 7, 2022</u>	
8:30 AM	Mass
<u>Saturday, January 8, 2022</u>	
4:00 PM	Mass

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord
Worship—786

Processional: Worship-#409– As With Gladness Men of Old

Psalm: Worship- #786

Preparation: Worship - 406– We Three Kings

Communion: Worship-#377– Angels From the Realms of Glory

Recessional: Worship-#408– The First Nowell

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Charles Room

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

9:00 AM *Good News* - Gospel Sharing Parish Rectory

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:45 AM Religious Education, Pre-K-grade 6 Epiphany House

11:00 AM Religious Education, grades 7-11 Epiphany House

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

9:00 AM *Good News* - Gospel Sharing Parish Rectory

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Charles Room

**THANK YOU
RESETTLING AFGHAN FAMILY**

Our recent special free-will offering raised \$4,000.00. Thank you parishioners for this extraordinary accomplishment.

The City of Worcester and Blessed Sacrament Church have always been welcoming communities.

PRAYER SERVICE

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On Sunday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. members of Trinity and Concordia Lutheran Churches and members of Blessed Sacrament Church, are invited to a Service of the Word at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street in Worcester, in observance of the week of prayer January 18-25. A special feature of this prayer service will be the blessing of the Trinity Neighborhood Support Team (NST) that is comprised of members of the three (3) congregations.

Please plan on joining this ecumenical service as we live out our NST partnership and our ecumenical Covenant.

Please contact Fr. Trainor with any questions.

Wise men (and women) still follow Him.



**CHRISTMAS CARD DONATION FOR
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

If you received religious Christmas cards this year, and don't plan to keep them, please consider donating them to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program!

Our pre-school and kindergarten children enjoy using these lovely images for art projects and prayer cards.

There will be a basket in the church vestibule where you can drop off cards.

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.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)
What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold—we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense—represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh—is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

PARISH FINANCES

Due to early publishing dates for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, parish finances have not been reported in the bulletin. Below is an update:

November on-line giving amount: \$1827.50

The collection amount for 12/4-12/5/2021 is \$6275.00
Maintenance fund: 365.00

The collection amount for 12/11-12/12/2021 is \$4668.00
Religious Retirement fund: \$857.00
Christmas Flowers: \$181.00

The collection amount for 12/18-12/19/2021 is \$5307.00
Christmas Flowers: \$605.00
Religious Retirement fund: \$226.00

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will begin again on **Sunday, January 9, 2022.**

Error on the master calendar.

No classes on Sunday, January 2, 2022—still on Christmas break.

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS

What a wonderful Christmas at Blessed Sacrament.
The Liturgy people did a fine job of decorating.
The Music ministry was marvelous.
Christ is at Christmas and all is calm and bright.
Grateful to all who helped in any and every way.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

(continued)

In Memory of the deceased members of the Reardon and Kenary families by Alison Kenary
Margaret Shea

In Memory of the Ludy and Kriff Families by James and Maryann Ludy

In Memory of the deceased members of the Sharawara and Stansky Families by John and Mary Ellen Stansky

In Memory of Edward L. Urbanowski by Family
Joanne Martin

In Memory of Sr. Dolores Strong by John Griffin

In Memory of Mary and Jack Coakley and Elizabeth Coakley by Catherine Coakley

In Memory of the Venincasa-Talbot Family by William and Gloria Talbot

In Memory of Marie LaVallee and Viola Laplant by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Laplant

In Memory of Joseph E. McGuire by Sheila McGuire

In Memory of Christine K. Anderson by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Anderson

In Memory of Donna Pavao and Mary and Tim Collins by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pavao

In Memory of Robert (Bob) McNally by Paul and Sharon Hoey

In Memory of Veronica and Ted Plotczyk by Linda Plotczyk

Dcn. Roy and Denise Briggs

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