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Becoming and Making Disciples, Welcoming all to Follow Jesus Christ.

November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM

Sunday – 9:30AM

Monday – Thursday 9AM

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:30am – 4:30pm

NEVER MISS MASS AGAIN!



Sunday 9:30 AM

sacredheartopedale.org/mass-video

Watch Mass on Cable TV
Verizon Fios Channel 29,
Comcast Channel 8

Thursdays & Sundays—8:30am & 10:30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

All people are welcome at Sacred Heart. Regardless of your experience of Church, regardless of your marital state, regardless of your personal history, back-ground or sexual orientation. Please know that you are invited, accepted and respected at Sacred Heart.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Yard Sale was truly a wonderful success thanks to all of you who took the time to go through your homes and donate items that we could sell. The number of items was tremendous, and so were all those who came forward to price things for two weeks as people brought their treasures forward. All hands were on deck at 7:00 A.M. to set everything up in the dark to open at 8:00 and many staffed tables right through till noon. Another crew arrived at Noon and many who worked all day worked together to clean up everything and get items ready for Salvation Army, Big Brothers and Sisters. We made over \$3000.00. This doesn't make up for all the fund raisers and Thrift Shop we hold during the year, but it sure is a huge help to making our expenses!

During the yard sale several people asked me how I was doing with my new puppy, or why didn't I bring Stella, so here is what happened: Just wanted to let you know and ask your prayers to heal my broken heart. On Monday (October 19) Stella (my new puppy) ran into the road and was killed; she died in my arms. I am a mess!

Fortunately, the two guys from the Ambulance station across the street and neighbors came running to MY rescue. They brought comfort to my tears and, when I said I was going to bury her in the backyard, their response, "No you won't, you go in the house and wash off the blood, we'll take care of things." Five men dug her grave, we prayed together as we buried her.

The outreach from my family, friends, community and neighbors has been incredible. Tuesday, Gary, (EMT captain) left me a note to check on me. My next-door neighbor, Don brought some loam and reseeded the grass and Rita who lives across the street brought flowers. Such love and support. Don, said, "What else can I do, no one could ask for a better neighbor!" Wow, all those actions help to heal a broken heart.

In five short months Stella has left a big hole in my heart. I continue to beat myself up, wishing it didn't happen, but no one can turn back the hands of time. Thanks for listening and send up prayers when you get a chance. Stella was wonderful company and helped to keep me sane especially with covid-19 and the current political situation.

Also say an extra prayer for the people living in fear who are under Temporary Protective Status and the Dreamers. As I mentioned in my homily, I know many personally and they are so fearful of their lost protections because many have no connection to their country of origin or have nothing to go back to. This is so contrary to the Gospel and Christian Discipleship as heard in today's Gospel.

Fr. Bill

REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rita Coffey
Mary Bacon
Nelson Clement
Charles Lee
Matthew Masnik
Rita O'Brien
Karen Walker
Alberta Lachina
Regina Espanet
Henry Ruggiero
Claudette Hughes
Philip Morin
Betty Morin
Shirley Lapointe
Michael DeLoia Jr
Joan Moss
Nancy Collins
Virginia Larkin
George Darche
John Hogarth
Bill Johnson
Dorothy Gately



Verna Kathleen Fahie
Sister of Charles Lee
Sandy Voshake
Sister of Pat Schonhoff

SANCTUARY LAMP
Deb Clare

MASS INTENTIONS
10/31: 4pm: Memorial Mass
11/1: 9:30a: Scott Jennings

MASS ATTENDANCE
10/25/20
4PM 51
9:30AM 121



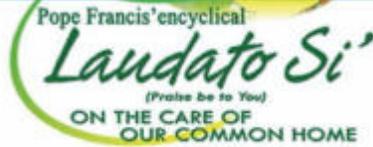
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
10/25/20

Weekly:
\$4,612.00

Monthly:
\$1,040.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
\$70.00

SH Endowment Fund
\$125.00



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Message Shaper's Corner
#Grateful

As Thanksgiving approaches, we give thanks. But this isn't always as simple as counting your blessings or saying thank you. When we "give" thanks, we are taking a deliberate action. Gratitude gets to the heart of what it means to understand ourselves as Catholic Christians. In this series we will look at gratitude as a perspective, a practice, and a choice that we make in light of God's choice to love us.

Before Jesus speaks of the kingdom of heaven, he demonstrates it. Through Jesus, we are reminded that the "kingdom of heaven" isn't just a location on the other side of the grave. It's "happening" on this side of the grave. The Beatitudes serve as a way of getting our bearings as to how God operates and what God values.

Reflection Questions

- Adults: How would you like to be remembered after you pass on?
- Kids: Who are the "saints" in your life?

While in Church:

- At all times wear a mask covering your mouth and nose.
- Sit only in pews with the signs that read "sit here".
- When you are the first to enter a pew please sit in the middle of the pew. This will allow room for everyone without having to climb over anyone.

If you have any suggestions or questions on keeping everyone safe and healthy please reach out to the Parish Office.

Funerals: Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including social distancing and liturgical adaptations.

Weddings

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations.

Baptisms:

Only individual Baptisms may be celebrated with a prudent limitation on the number of people present and the requisite considerations for social distancing. All rites should take place with the family remaining in the pew. Either the parents **or** godparents approach the font while carrying the child and then, after the explanatory rites, return to their pew. All who are present wear masks throughout, with the exception of the child to be baptized.

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

Parish News



Stewardship Renewal

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card! Last week was Stewardship Commitment Sunday. If you were out of town, you can still mail your Commitment Card to the parish. Returning your card is an important parish of being an active member of Sacred Heart. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish!

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## Contact Tracing

To ensure a safe church environment we are asking one person from each family to sign-in prior to Mass in case we need information for contact tracing. One family member needs to give a name and telephone number on the sheets at the entrance. Pens will be sanitized.

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Our Community & the Coronavirus

- ◆ Continue to watch **Fr. Bill's Briefs**—daily on our Facebook page
- ◆ Weekly Sunday Masses will continued to be **live streamed** at 9:30a on our website under Worship and Mass Video. Miss the live stream? All videos are available after 10:00a to watch at your convenience.
- ◆ The **parish office remains closed** to the public until further notice. Please call or email the parish office for service.
- ◆ **Mass Cards** are still available by calling or emailing the parish office. We will arrange pick up or mailing. parishoffice@sacredhearthopedale.org 508-473-1900.

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The Mustard Seed is still not accepting prepared meals at this time. They are continuing to make bagged lunches which they are handing out to those in need of a meal. If you normally prepare a meal and would like to give a monetary donation to the Mustard seed in it's place this month they will use it towards their bagged lunches. You can drop off any monetary donations in the mailbox at the parish house, in the collection basket, or mail to the parish house.



A big thank you to all who helped with the yard sale and Fill a Ford. To all those too numerous to name who sorted for weeks prior, priced, moved, set up, worked day of, cleaned up and collected food. To all those who donated food for the schools and items for the yard sale. For all those who came and shopped the yard sale. It was a successful weekend for both the Parish and the families in need through the Hopedale schools.

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We will have an **Advent Wreath Drive through blessing** following both mass on the weekend of **November 21 & 22**.

Advent candles for home use will be available for \$4.50 per set.

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## The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. If you are interested in reading more please go to <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>.

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