



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

A Stephen Ministry Parish

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

November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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,

Several people commented on how lucky I am to have such good neighbors who came to MY rescue when Stella was hit. Some went further to say, “How lucky you are to know your neighbors! As I was reflecting on that I realize that we have been socially distancing from others for years, and not just since Covid-19. This happening is made more evident in Robert Putnam’s book, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*.

We are the Catholic Community of Sacred Heart. There is no way we can be a community and be distant from each other. My role as your pastor is to build community, and I must tell you it is becoming more and more of a challenge. In the past few years, we have been losing the ability to enter into civil discourse. How sad I am when I see these flags and banners flying from people’s homes and front yards that seem to shout out to others, “This is where I stand, like it or not!” We seem to be in each other’s face, not listening, not talking, not building community but digging trenches and walls that cause us to separate.

We are asked to protect each other’s health by socially distancing and wearing masks in public spaces. Even that request has become a movement from, “being in this together and looking after one another”, to “don’t infringe on my freedom!” Some have eliminated the words “us and we” from their discourse, to only look after “me, and my kind.” How do we build bridges that connect and take down walls that separate? All these questions weigh heavy on my heart.

We are the only ones that can build community and look after and take care of each other. We are the only ones who can be “neighbor;” only we can build bridges. As individuals and households, we are the only ones that can develop listening skills necessary for civil discourse. The Gospel continues to challenge us to take care of, look after, carry, assist, walk with, accompany, and companion. There seems to be a message contrary to the Gospel that is shouting out to divide us. My prayer is that we will work together to plant the Gospel message that will lead to common union with each other as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, so we can truly live up to being “The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart!”

It is not by chance that my neighbors came to my rescue. I go out of my way to make sure I know all my neighbors, and at the same time, I strive to be a good neighbor.

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
Dorothy Gately
Clarence Jackson
Carlton Stevens



Emma Mae Flaherty
Joao DeSousa

SANCTUARY LAMP
Donald Halpin

MASS INTENTIONS

11/7: 4pm: Frank Rummo
11/8: 9:30a: Mario Sousa
& Paulo Rebelo
11/10: Annie Vautour
11/11: No Mass

MASS ATTENDANCE
11/1/20

4PM	77
9:30AM	77

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

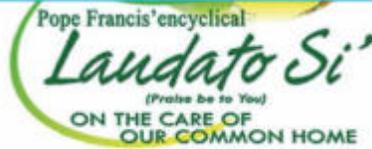
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Weekly:
\$4,104.00

Monthly:
\$1,430.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
\$90.00

SH Endowment Fund
\$380.00



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Message Shaper's Corner

#Grateful

We live in a world inundated with messages about what "the good life" is. In a world of mixed messages, it's difficult to know when you're flying right-side up or upside down. Happiness has a pretty important role in our lives and has a huge impact on the way we live our lives.

The parable of the bridesmaids serves as a call to self-examination. If our priorities are aligned with God's priorities, perhaps our definition of happiness is re-defined.

Reflection Questions

- ◆ Adults: We meet Christ sometimes when we least expect it. How can you be ready to see him in all the ways he is present?
- ◆ Kids: What are some surprising ways in which you meet Christ in your daily 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! Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of The Catholic Community 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



When coming to church, please keep your mask on at all times. Make sure your mask is covering your mouth and nose.

- ◆ 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@sacredheartopedale.org
508-473-1900.



Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. There will not be a morning mass and the office will be closed. Thank you to all who have served and who are serving.

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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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Upcoming Faith Formation

Confirmation I: Session 2, Saturday, November 7, 5-7p in the hall.

K-6: November 8: Parents and children will do this weeks digital Pflaum lesson at home. **November 15:** Family Service Project.

7th Grade: November 8 - Church Module continues in the hall from 10:30a-12p. **November 15** - Final Church Module Class, in the hall 10:30-12p.

8th Grade: November 8 - Kingdom of God Module continues in the Day Chapel from 10:30a-12p. **November 15** - Final Kingdom of God Module Class, in the Day Chapel 10:30-12p.

Confirmation II: Session 2, Sunday, November 8, 6-8p in the hall. **Retreat & Rite of Enrollment November 14.**

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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.

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