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

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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,

I want to make sure that we as a parish stay open so that all of us can celebrate a healthy and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas. That is going to take the cooperation of all who enter the doors of our church for worship. The pandemic is not abating, it is surging. We are walking through a Covid-19 shadow and so we must be on our guard and walk together, wearing masks and socially distancing. Everyone has been so very cooperative thus far. However, there have been a few questions that I want to address. We are following the rules and regulations posted by the medical experts of our state, and the regulations sent to us by the Office for Worship for the Diocese of Worcester very closely.

We must control the numbers of people entering the church and provide for contact tracing. Thus, we can only have one entrance into the building so that people can sign in and allow the ushers to get an accurate head count. It is state and diocesan regulations that require one entrance and one-way traffic to protect each other during this pandemic. It is not punishment, it is protection.

I am personally trying to stay as healthy as possible. I always wear a mask when I am in public and I stay close to home except to do my grocery shopping and of course working here in the parish. Remember, if I get sick; the parish is closed for at least 2 weeks.

We are being asked to stay in our own households for Thanksgiving, not to gather as we usually have. **WE CAN GIVE THANKS WITHOUT HUGH AMOUNTS OF FOOD AND FOOTBALL!** It is better to put Thanksgiving off until the pandemic ends; then we will have a huge reason to give thanks. May I suggest that we gather here at church, safely on Thanksgiving Day and come to the 9:00 Mass and raise up our hearts in thanksgiving for the gift of health, life, safety and sanity!

Yes, I really mean it when I say I want to make sure that we as a parish stay open so that all of us can celebrate a healthy and safe Thanksgiving and Christmas. Let's encourage each other to stay faithful to the protections the experts have put in place so that we will be around for many holidays to come.

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
Virginia Larkin
Dorothy Gately
Concetta Conciatori



Thomas Cormier

SANCTUARY LAMP

Brian Riley

MASS INTENTIONS

11/21: 4pm: Frank Rummo
11/22: 9:30a: Cristina Hurley &
Mary Fitzpatrick

MASS ATTENDANCE

11/15/20

4PM	102
9:30AM	67



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

11/15/20

Due to early bulletin transmittal date the Collection report for 11/15 will be included in the 11/29 bulletin.



Did you know?

We all need to reduce water use during recurring droughts. Brushing your teeth with water running wastes up to 5 gallons.

What you can do

Turn water off while brushing and only keep the water on while rinsing a toothbrush.

Message Shaper's Corner

#Grateful

How can you be thankful when you lost your job? How can you feel grateful when the one you love just walked out of your life? Or when your dream has collapsed, or when all the money you worked hard for has been wiped out by a bad economy?

This Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to give thanks to God, although life is not always good, God is always good. That even though we don't have all the answers, God does. God can bring good even out of the bad in life, when we give Him all the pieces.

Reflection Questions

- ◆ Adults: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?
- ◆ Kids: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of 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! 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 continue 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.

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As a nonprofit organization, Sacred Heart relies on the weekly collection to pay our bills, including payroll. During this crisis our donations have decreased about 25%.

We understand during this time of uncertainty you may not be able to continue your normal commitment, however any amount you contribute will help to assist us in meeting our payroll and other obligations.

Parishioners can donate online through our website, under the Connect banner, place in basket at mass or mail to the parish house.

Our Monthly financial reports can be accessed under the connect banner on our website as well. <https://sacredheartopedale.org/monthly-financial-reports>

Upcoming Faith Formation

K-6: November 22 & 29: Parents and children will do this week's digital Pflaum lesson at home.

7th & 8th Grade: November 22 - Trinity Module class 1, Hall. No class **November 29**

Confirmation II: December 6 - Session 3, Hall

Confirmation I: Session 3, Sunday, December 12, 5-7p in the hall.

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We received the following thank you for from the Hopedale Memorial School.

"Dear Sacred Heart Church, Thank you so very much for such an incredible outpouring of

donations to the Hopedale Schools Food Pantry. You all continually express your faith by your selfless giving of time and goods to help those within our community. You are an answer to prayer and a true blessing to those served by our pantry. Sincerely, Barbara

Mangano

P.S. Last year's donations allowed us to not only help during the "in-person" school vacations, but also allowed us to help many families during the shutdown. From the bottom of my heart...Thank you!!"

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Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul has volunteer opportunities.

Food insecurity. Loneliness and isolation, Fear of being forgotten or abandoned. These realities are all by products of the pandemic in our community.

Normally there are dinners hosted on Thanksgiving and Christmas for neighbors who would otherwise be alone and often go hungry during the holidays. Due to Covid 19, a sit down meal cannot be offered as normal. Instead, they will be offering to go meals and limited seating at St. John's food for the Poor. You can help! **Volunteer: Information to sign up for deliveries will be posted on ccworc.org.** Many hands make light work, and it will take many hands, feet and even wheel to deliver a warm dinner and a friendly albeit masked face!

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