



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

A Stephen Ministry Parish

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

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

### 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](http://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 have asked, “And how are you doing in all this?” Others have been attentive to the prayers on the weekend, “Is the Fr. Charlie we prayed for at Mass your friend from Haiti?” And someone made note, “Your homilies have been addressing the larger picture of our nation, and not just individual preparation this Advent.”

So how am I doing? This is a very challenging time for us all, and when I hear some people believing that this pandemic is a hoax, wearing masks infringes on my freedom, let the most vulnerable die through herd immunity... I just shake my head in disbelief.

My experience is firsthand, beginning with the graveside services for parishioners from March through mid-May. So many personal losses have come my way. My sister-in-law Mary’s sister died of Covid-19 and I was the celebrant and homilist at her funeral. Our parish lost Frank Rummo to Covid-19 in April and then last Saturday I received a call from the Oblate Infirmary informing me that Fr. Charlie Heon, whom I served with in Haiti for the seven years I lived there, and the many years I worked on and off in Haiti from 1987-2001 was Covid positive. Within three days he was dead. He wanted me to preach at his funeral, but the Oblate facility is on lockdown due to the pandemic.

I serve on the Board of Trustees and am on the leadership team for Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library in Webster. Two weeks ago, Amanda Grenier, our Library Director died of an aneurism. She was 37 years old. I have had to “anoint” dying Covid-19 patients via Zoom. It is awful to pray with a family and not be able to be with them physically.

I feel surrounded by death. I am in contact with the people on our prayers list, and the loneliness, isolation, and lack of contact with family members is loud and clear even through a phone call.

What a year it is, and it’s not over yet! How am I doing? In the midst of it all I am trying to stay healthy, so our parish can continue to proclaim the Word of God. I am trying to stay safe and sane tuning into the words of the Prophet Isaiah, “Comfort, give comfort to my people says the Lord!” And the promise of “A year of favor from the Lord!” As the calendar moves to 2021, may a vaccine and continued diligence make that year of favor a reality!

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  
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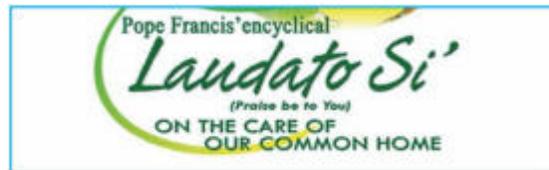


**Ken Hanley** uncle of Deacon  
Tom Tierney  
**Richard MacDonald**

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
Patti Oneschuk

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**12/12 4pm:** Margaret Morelli  
**12/13 9:30a:** Michael &  
Elizabeth Iacovelli  
**12/14 9am:** Margaret Tolenti



**Did you know?**

Estimates indicate that over 665,000 people  
from Pacific islands could be displaced by  
2050 because of rising sea levels  
due to climate change.

**What you can do**

Watch and discuss this video.  
<https://youtu.be/9P7jXveokDY>

**Message Shaper's Corner**  
*Advent-ually*

Through his ministry, John the Baptist opened the way for Jesus of Nazareth. As Christians, we, too, prepare the way of the Lord. We are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Our words, our example, our character need to be transparent, like John's. While the world may not understand us, it will never be able to charge us with duplicity or diversion. Our witness will be true and from the heart. And everyone will know who we follow, who we expect to soon arrive.

*Reflection Questions*

- ◆ Adults: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?
- ◆ Kids: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
**12/6/20**

4pm	27
9:30am	52



**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
**12/6/20**

Weekly:  
\$4,188.50

Monthly:  
\$605.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc  
\$10.00

SH Endowment Fund  
\$220.00

**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

## Have the best Advent Ever!

- ◆ **The Virtual Giving Tree** is located on the parish website. **There are still so many needed items this year.** If you need help with the Virtual tree please call the office, 508-473-1900. Please return your gift under the tree in the vestibule.
- ◆ **Reverse Advent Calendar**—Add the item on our Advent Calendar into a box and then bring the contents of the box to Sacred Heart at the end of each week. <https://sacredhearthopedale.org/advent-events-2020>
- ◆ 12/21—Outdoor **Communal Reconciliation Service**—prepare your hearts for Christmas. At 7pm we will gather outside the front of the church, masks and social distance required.
- ◆ Advent devotionals are available in the vestibule for anyone to pick up...please help yourself!
- ◆ Visit [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) to participate in "The Best Advent Ever".
- ◆ Give yourself the gift of SILENCE—**Candlelight Eucharistic Adoration**—Join Deacon Tom each Monday from 6:30-8p for Scripture reading and Eucharistic Adoration

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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@sacredhearthopedale.org](mailto:parishoffice@sacredhearthopedale.org)



**Thursday, December 24 4pm**  
**Friday, December 25 9:30a**

Due to covid we are limited in the number of people we are able to have inside the church. In order to follow state and church issued guidelines we will be taking reservations for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Once we reach our limit the reservations will be closed.

**The Church will not be open until 30 mins prior to mass time. All seats are assigned based on reservations.**

Both masses will be live streamed and those watching the live stream will be able to come and receive communion after mass is over.

To make reservations please call or email the office. 508-473-1900 or [parishoffice@sacredhearthopedale.org](mailto:parishoffice@sacredhearthopedale.org)

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## Upcoming Faith Formation

**K-6: December 13:** Parents and children will do this weeks digital Pflaum lesson at home. **December 20:** Community Service Week.

**7th Grade: December 13** - Trinity Module Class 3.  
**January 3:** Revelation Module begins.

**8th Grade: December 13** - Trinity Module Class 3.  
**January 3:** Morality Module begins.

**Confirmation I: December 12** - Session 3. **January 23:** Session 4

**Confirmation II: January 10** - Session 4. **January 31** - Session 5.

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As a nonprofit organization, Sacred Heart relies on the weekly collection to pay our bills, including payroll.

We understand during this time of uncertainty you may not be able to continue your normal commitment, however any amount you contribute will help .

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 on our website as well. <https://sacredhearthopedale.org/monthly-financial-reports>

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