



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

A Stephen Ministry Parish

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

January 3, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

### 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)

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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,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! I am sure you, like me have been reading some of the “Year-in-review” articles that are out there, and it is not a pretty picture. Many are eager to put 2020 behind us and enter into a new year with hope and promise.

Personally, I learned a great deal during this past year and have taken the time to write down the many things I learned about myself, our community, and our nation. The pandemic has shed light on who we are as individuals, communities, and nations. Knowing the truth about who and whose we are helps us to work at trying to become the people God wants us to be.

We should be proud of the great outpouring of generosity toward others. At the same time, we need to face our divisions in our nation and our church with the hope that we can listen, learn and eventually become a united people. Reading Pope Francis’ Encyclical “Fratelli Tutti” has opened my eyes and heart to where we are, and what we need to do as communities of faith as we move forward post-pandemic. The most important challenge, which happens to many is that we get stuck under the “dark cloud” and weighed down by the events of the past; and are paralyzed. We need to walk in the light of Christ, learn from the past, walk in the present, and together work toward a future filled with hope and dreams of the world that God speaks of so powerfully in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.

I encourage you to take some time to do your own review of the lessons you learned about yourself, your family, and beyond, and let those lessons shape belief and behavior in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

A new year has lots of promise; may we promise to bring a new attitude, a new spirit, a deeper faith and hope that will shape our future together.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Bill

**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Rita Coffey  
Mary Bacon  
Nelson Clement  
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Matthew Masnik  
Karen Walker  
Alberta Lachina  
Regina Espanet  
Henry Ruggiero  
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Philip Morin  
Betty Morin  
Shirley Lapointe  
Michael DeLoia Jr  
Joan Moss  
Virginia Larkin  
Dorothy Gately  
Concetta Conciatori  
Roger Beggs  
Bill Johnson



Ken Maffia  
Clotilda Calabrese

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
Joseph Cogliandro

**MASS INTENTIONS**

1/2 4pm: Paulo Rebelo  
1/3 9:30a: Simon Tesfaye & Susan Beckvold

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

12/20/20 & 12/27/20  
4pm 57 & 38  
9:30am 61 & 42

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

12/20/20

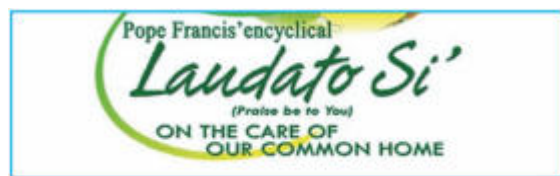
Weekly:  
\$5,350.00

Monthly:  
\$1,125.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc  
\$70.00

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\$185.00

Due to early transmittal dates  
the collection amounts for  
12/27/20 will be in the 1/10/21  
bulletin



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**Message Shaper's Corner**  
Family Matters

You've probably heard of the three wise men — but have you heard of the three wise women of Christmas? Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna had different life circumstances, but during the first Christmas, all three of them overcame a specific hurt by making wise choices. What are three wise choices you can make that will bless the rest of your life?

**Reflection Questions**

- ◆ Adults: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?
- ◆ Kids: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way

**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

## 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.

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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://sacredheartopedale.org/monthly-financial-reports>

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Hopedale Troop 1 Boy Scouts

## Annual Christmas Tree Pickup

January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

\$10.00 suggested donation for Trees and/or Wreaths

Trees and wreaths need to be outside, next to the curb by 8:00 am, either day.

For more information, please call 508-794-9971



FAITH FORMATION

**January 3:** Teaching Mass. **January 10:** Families will work on the Pflaum weekly work at home.

**7th Grade: January 3:** Revelation Module begins. **January 10:** Revelation class 2

**8th Grade: January 3:** Morality Module begins. **January 10:** Morality Class 2

**Confirmation I: January 23:** Session 4.

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

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## Confession

Due to the winter weather confessions will now be held in the Day Chapel. Saturdays 3:00-3:45p

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Thank you to all our Ministers that made our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses run so smoothly. Like Fr. Bill mentioned in his homily, it takes a village to raise a family. Same applies to our church family. Our ministers have allowed us in 2020 to continue masses while keeping everyone safe and also live streaming the masses to those not comfortable coming to mass during covid.

Also, a big thank you to Pam for all her work on the seating arrangements for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Her organization allowed everyone to attend mass safely.

As every year we need to thank Paula for the beautifully decorated church.

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### Sanctuary Lamps

The following dates are available to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp for a living or deceased loved one:

- February 13
- February 27
- March 13

All Lamps are reserved in memory for the week. To reserve please contact the office at 508-473-1900 or [tbuckley@sacredheartopedale.org](mailto:tbuckley@sacredheartopedale.org).



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