



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

A Stephen Ministry Parish

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

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.



January 10, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Happy New Year everyone! And what strange events are unfolding as we enter this New Year. Several time I have read the words "Navigating the New Year!" When I think of navigating, I tend to think of finding the right way to deal with a difficult or complicated situation. Why should this year be different from any other year? It could be the unknowns, but there are lots of those for all of us in every year. The pandemic certainly plays a part and the political situation sure is complicated. All are out of our hands. Many things will continue to occur here at Sacred Heart in the months ahead.

On February 2nd we will begin our Faith and Racial Healing course. I am looking forward to making the journey together and deepening our understanding and desire to embrace truth, justice, and restoration. Grappling with the big picture of racial injustice with others helps us to come to a place where we can make a difference in the world.

That Man is You will begin another 13-week journey with a Saturday 7:30-8:00 A.M. Zoom meeting for men. If you are interested, please let Ernie Chaplin know and he will send you the link for the weekly half-hour film and the link for the zoom meeting.

The Annual Partners in Charity appeal has begun, our goal in the same as last year, \$43,200.00. I am asking everyone to be as generous as possible. It would be great if parishioners who have not given in the past help us out in meeting our goal to assist the Diocese in the ministry and educational needs all our parishes.

The Pastoral Planning Team is looking for your wisdom. We want to make sure we are asking everyone the right questions as we prepare for a post-pandemic parish community. If you are interested in helping us put together a parish needs assessment/survey please let me know, we would be happy to have your wisdom in this process.

In the spring we will be conducting a Diocesan Capital Campaign "Legacy of Hope." We have a team together from last year when we were supposed to conduct the campaign. Will keep you posted as that unfolds. We will do the best we can.

This Lent, Holy Week and Easter will be an improvement from 2020 in that we will be able to invite you to church, rather than simply live-streaming our services. So, let's breathe, take one day at a time, and see how everything unfolds, as we "navigate" a New Year!

Fr. Bill

REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rita Coffey
Mary Bacon
Nelson Clement
Charles Lee
Matthew Masnik
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
Roger Beggs
Bill Johnson
Alexa Shey



SANCTUARY LAMP
Madeline Buckley

MASS INTENTIONS

1/9 4pm: Julia Lobisser
1/10 9:30a: Marilyn Monaghan &
Darryl Chaisson
1/11 9a: Nancy Corcoran
1/12 9a: Annie Voutour
1/13 9a: Anthony LeRose
1/14 9a: Anthony LeRose

MASS ATTENDANCE

1/3/21
4pm 48
9:30am 63

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

12/27/20 & 1/3/21

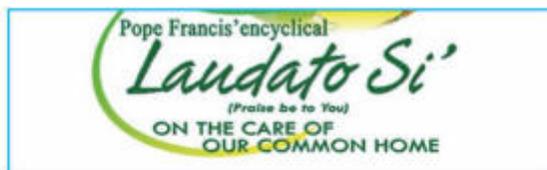
Weekly:
\$5,300.00 & \$3,783.00

Monthly:
\$1,370.00 & \$1,200.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
\$90.00 & \$20.00

SH Endowment Fund
\$115.00 & \$245.00

New Year, New ways to care for OUR Home



Did you know?

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What you can do

Buy products in the top 25% using the Energy Star rating. Evaluate existing products' power consumption using Killa-Watt or similar tools.

Message Shaper's Corner

Hindsight is 2020

LAST YEAR WAS CRAZY, unsettling. 2020 was filled with a pandemic, political unrest, racial discord and natural disasters. All of these disagreements have polarized our world and the Church. Our opinions and causes have sent us to our corners, and many of us came out fighting in the ring of what we thought was right.

As we start a new year it can be a good idea to look back. Evaluating where you've come from is a great way to help you establish where you're going. Remembering where you were before Christ came into your life is a great motivator for putting your all into telling others about the Lord!

Reflection Questions

- ◆ Adults: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?
- ◆ Kids: What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

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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Sanctuary Lamps

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

March 13
April 3
April 10

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



FAITH FORMATION

K-6: January 10: Pflaum at home. **January 17:** No Classes

7th Grade: January 10 & 17: Revelation class

8th Grade: January 10 & 17: Morality Class

Confirmation I: January 23: Session 4.

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

**All classes will be virtual

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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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Start saving your plastic bags! Sacred Heart will be participating in the NexTrex plastic film recycling challenge. Once we have the recycling bins here you will be able to bring qualifying plastic shown below. We will report the amount collected every month for six months. Not only are we helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills, if we meet our goal we will receive a Trex bench.

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