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

January 17, 2021

Second 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



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Sunday 9:30 AM

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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,

It is Ordinary Time in the Church calendar, but we are living in extraordinary times in our nation. It is Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, and I am thinking of all my travels throughout our country as I “Walked in the Spirit of MLK.” I visited Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Lorraine Hotel, which is now a museum, the Rosa Parks Museum, the MLK Library and burial site; you get picture. I had the wonderful opportunity to meet people who knew Martin.

When the Deacon of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama found out I was a Catholic priest he invited me into the sanctuary and sat me down in the chair where MLK sat at the funeral for the four girls were killed by the bomb blast. He asked if he could pray over me and of course I was honored. He prayed that the Holy Spirit that led brother Martin to walk in nonviolence and peace would fill my heart and soul. He prayed that I would be strong in the face of adversity and always seek to listen attentively to the way God speaks through the least, the lost and the last. I felt so empowered and will never forget the words, peace, and unity with the least, last and lost.

I needed to be reminded of the nonviolent civil rights movement, even when attack dogs, fire hoses, guns and clubs were used to prevent the cry for justice and the same rights white people have. I needed to hear the voice of Christ “Peace I leave you; peace is my farewell gift to you.” I needed to hear the voice of reason after I watched a mob of Americans attack the capitol.

I am struggling still to process the events of January 6th (the actual Feast of Epiphany) as are most of you. I have to preach this weekend and it is a challenge as I know there are people on both sides of the political spectrum. Epiphany is an event that brings about an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure. January 6th 2021 has brought to light that words matter. Speaking words of peace, justice and unity, as did MLK, made a difference in obtaining the goals of the civil rights movement. Repeating misinformation over and over again, inciting violence, shouting words of division, and refusing to accept a legitimate election prevents meaningful progress for the common good. We need to now recognize what we have become and decide whose voice and whose message we want to listen to.

I am praying that in these extraordinary times, we walk in the truth, build bridges, and work toward a spirit of peace and unity.

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
Nancy Collins
Benjamin Burns
Xavier Garcia



Frank McGrath

SANCTUARY LAMP
Lou Thibault

MASS INTENTIONS

1/16 4pm: Margaret Hynes
1/17 9:30a: Elaine Vosburg
1/18: No Mass
1/20: Ruben Aspiras

MASS ATTENDANCE

1/10/21
4pm 47
9:30am 59

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1/10/21

Weekly:
\$3,767.00

Monthly:
\$1,710.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
\$110.00

SH Endowment Fund
\$145.00



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Message Shaper's Corner

Hindsight 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.

Confession: Every Saturday, in the Day Chapel between 3-3:45p.

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



Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Monday, January 18

Office will be closed and there is no morning **mass**.

The **Pastoral Planning Team** will meet Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm

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### Weekday Morning Mass Changes

The week of January 25 there will not be morning mass. We will however have Communion services Mon-Thurs at 9am that week.

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FOOD PANTRY The Food Pantry is serving more local people than ever during this pandemic. As we know so many people are unemployed and need help putting food on their tables. Please do not forget to drop some non perishable items in the food pantry box at the entrance to the church. Thank you to all our parishioners who have been donating.

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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 & 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, including Mass Cards. We will arrange pick up or mailing. 508-473-1900. parishoffice@sacredheartopedale.org**

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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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### Collection for Priests' Retirement.

Beginning this **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17**, the parishes of our diocese will take up an annual collection to support the retirement costs of our diocesan priests. For many years the parishes of our diocese have generously supported a collection to assist religious communities with the retirement costs of their sisters, brothers and priests. These funds have gone to religious communities like the Venerini Sisters, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, the Assumptionists and the Trappists.. These funds have not gone to support the retirement costs of the priests of the Diocese of Worcester. We will continue to support the Retirement Fund for Religious in December but please join us in taking care of our priests this Ash Wednesday as we work to find new revenues to support them in their retirement. Thank you for your support. We do not have collection envelopes for this collection, but if you plan on donating please put in a regular envelope or one of our weekly envelopes at the entrances to the church and mark for Priests retirement. Thank you so much for your support.

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FAITH FORMATION

**K-6: January 17: No Classes.
January 24: Community Service Project**

7th Grade: January 17 & 24: Revelation Module.

8th Grade: January 17 & 24 : Morality Module.

Confirmation I: January 23: Session 4.

Confirmation II: January 31 - Session 5.

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