



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

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

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

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,

We begin our Lenten Journey 2021 on Ash Wednesday February 17th. Our journey during a pandemic will certainly be much different from our past Lenten experiences. I touched upon opening our eyes to the miracles of the touch of Jesus healing Simon Peter's mother-in-law. Maybe this Lent we can all open our eyes to the many ways we are touched by the presence of Jesus by those around us, and at the same time bring that healing touch to the people we encounter.

Recording each day my "Moment closest to Christ" has caused me to open my eyes to the many members of The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart who day in and day out bring that healing presence of Jesus to so very many people beyond the campus we share. I praise God for all of you who day in and day out make every effort to live out the Gospel message and make the presence of Christ alive even in the midst of Covid -19.

Our homily series for Lent 2021 is "Into the Wilderness." Certainly, this has already been a wilderness journey, wearing masks and social distancing, and trying to keep healthy, safe, and sane! In the wilderness we are tested to our limits. As we navigate this difficult spiritual territory, let's make sure we are not in isolation.

The church is open everyday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. How comforting it is to enter the church for prayer and to see another person there, kneeling in prayer, lighting a candle, or at one of the prayer stations. Give yourself a gift of quiet time and come down to the church and be in the presence of Jesus. I often am mesmerized by the tabernacle lamp reminding me of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. How comforting it is to relax in a space bigger than my home and breath in the wonderful presence of God. Each time I enter and pray I feel like I am in the wilderness, yet at the same time on retreat breathing in the presence of God.

So, take some time to plan your journey "Into the Wilderness." How will you take full advantage of this sacred time? One thing is for sure; I don't want to rush through the journey but take advantage of the life-lessons along the way. Last Holy Week I celebrated the services in an empty church. It will be good to have others present during those sacred moments and rituals bringing us all into the sacred touch of the God who loves us. Might I lastly encourage us all to keep a journal of the lessons that the wilderness offers us this Lent.

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
Pauline Kell
Nancy Collins
Stephen Brothers
George Miller
Esther "Tootsie" Deletti



Eugene Rogers, brother of Paul Rogers
Richard Brault father of Fr. Larry Brault

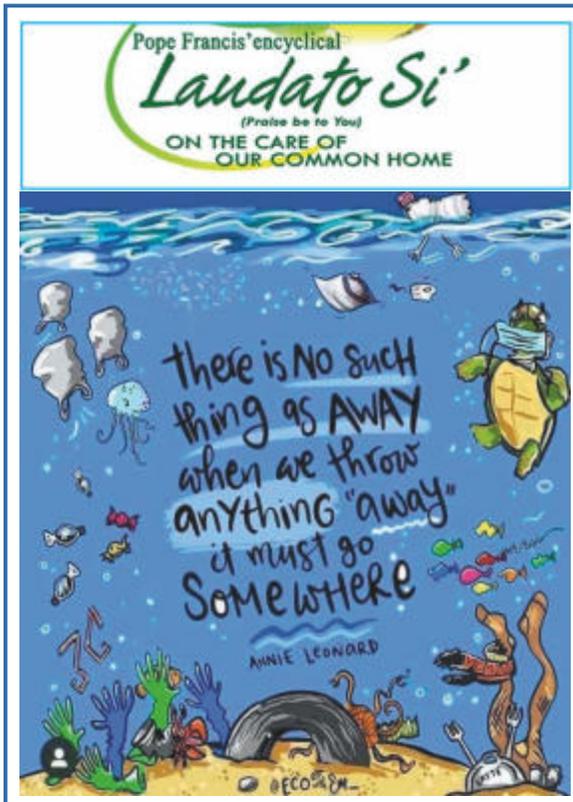
SANCTUARY LAMP
Shawn Fitzgerald

MASS INTENTIONS
2/13 4pm: Patti Oneschuk
2/14 9:30a: John Dwyer

MASS ATTENDANCE
2/7/21
4pm 59
9:30am 59

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
2/7/21
Weekly:
\$5,025.00
Monthly:
\$758.00
Fuel, Utilities, Etc
\$170.00
SH Endowment Fund
\$388.00



Message Shaper's Corner
Hindsight 2020

Mercy is undeserved forgiveness and unearned kindness. We must not only need to receive God's mercy, but also give it to others. Through God's mercy, you receive freedom. When you extend mercy to others, you are helping them experience that same freedom. What does mercy mean to you and how can you show forgiveness to others?

Reflection Questions

- ◆ Adults: Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?
- ◆ Kids: What can you do this week to be an example to others?

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.

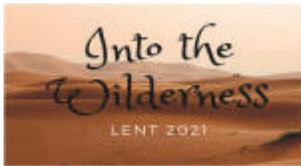
Baptisms: Only individual Baptisms may be celebrated with a prudent limitation on the number of people present and the requisite considerations for social distancing. All rites should take place with the family remaining in the pew. Either the parents **or** godparents approach the font while carrying 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.

Lent Begins Wednesday!

On Wednesday, the whole church goes on retreat together for 40 days. Are you going to participate?

Ash Wednesday—February 17th
Masses 9AM, 7:30PM
Distribution of Ashes 3PM



The Wilderness is a part of our lives. We cannot engage life in mean-

ingful ways without sometimes ending up in the wilderness. Wilderness times are those times when we feel we are tested to our limits, and we describe those times in wilderness terms: dry, desolate, lonely, trying, difficult, agonizing. We speak of hunger, thirst, and longing in the wilderness. This series explores this difficult spiritual territory.

Lenten Virtual Events and Programs

- ◆ The Best Lent Ever – www.dynamiccatholic.com
- ◆ Praying Lent – www.onlineministries.creighton.edu
- ◆ For more Lenten resources—check our website at: <https://sacredhearthopedale.org/lent>

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**Grades K-6:** February 14: No Faith Formation Class. February 21: Plfaum at home lesson  
**7th Grade:** February 27: Trinity Movie Module  
**8th Grade:** February 28: Church Movie Module  
**Confirmation I:** March 13  
**Confirmation II:** February 28

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Diaper Drive
February 27 & 28
12p-4p in our parking lot

Please join our 7th & 8th grade Church Outside of Church class and donate diapers for those in need on behalf of Catholic Charities in Milford.

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We received a beautiful and thoughtful thank you from the Mustard Seed for the Donations we have made that helps them continue to provide bagged meals to those in need during the pandemic. They were also so thankful for all the hats and gloves (provided by the Girl Scouts) and Sweatshirt and sweatpants we sent along.



Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time to Partners in Charity. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. We need the support of all members of the Catholic Community of Sacred Heart if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of **\$43,200**. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! Thank you!

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COMMUNITY SUPPER



Community Suppers at Trinity Church have taken on a new identity! Since pausing last March due to Covid 19, we have been providing Grab 'n Go meals every Thursday to those experiencing food inse-

curity. The meals are purchased from local restaurants, and volunteers (many from Sacred Heart) distribute them from the Trinity Church entrance.

If you would like to assist in volunteering, please contact Jean Bonetti at 508-779-7661. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be put in the Offertory marked for Community Supper.

For more information about free community services, please check our website at: <https://sacredhearthopedale.org/trinity-church-community-suppers>

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