



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

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

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM

Sunday – 9:30AM

Monday – Thursday 9AM

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Monday-Thursday

9:30am – 4:30pm



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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,

“A time for praying and a time for grieving, a time for everything under heaven.” Isolation is enlarged when we must grieve during this pandemic. These past thirteen days during my brother Ed’s hospitalization have been overwhelming for my family. Trying to make decisions, trying to support, encourage, think clearly and rationally, trying to walk together from a distance, give people space, hold things together, have made for a very emotionally exhausting two weeks for us all. The situation was further complicated by the positive Covid-19 test results for those caring for Ed and Jane.

I wish to thank all of you for your support, thoughts, and prayers during this time. I thank you too for your understanding as I grieve and continue to journey with you in faith as we enter into the wilderness of the Lenten experience. Sometimes that journey is dictated by the calendar, sometimes by the circumstances of our lives.

Grief can sometimes lead us down the rathole of focusing on all the disturbing situations around us. I keep telling myself that I do not need to rewrite the Book of Job! I have learned wonderful things from my brother Ed. He was a licensed plumber, electrician, and carpenter. I learned all those skills from him, and he helped me work on many projects in and around my home. My fondest memory was his assistance in my freshman high school science fair project. We worked together, making a robot in our cellar. Then the challenge came of getting it out of the cellar, and then realizing that to get it to the auditorium for the science fair I had to walk it down main street since it wouldn’t fit any of our vehicles! This story was a topic of our “Breakfast with the Bros,” conversation several times.

Ed has not passed away. He has passed on. Our faith tells us that we will one day join with all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and celebrate at the banquet in heaven. When this pandemic is over, and we resume “Breakfast with the Bros” there will be three instead of 4. I am sure Ed’s wisdom and his spirit will live on in our hearts.

Fr. Bill

REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rita Coffey
Mary Bacon
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Charles Lee
Matthew Masnik
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Bill Johnson
Pauline Kell
Nancy Collins
Stephen Brothers
George Miller
Esther "Tootsie" Deletti
Jane Konicki



Edwin Paul Konicki

SANCTUARY LAMP

Paul Cash Rogers

MASS INTENTIONS

2/20 4pm: Marilyn Monaghan

2/21 9:30a: Alvin & Helen
Goyette

MASS ATTENDANCE

2/14/21

4pm 54

9:30am 64

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

2/14/21

Weekly:

\$3,532.00

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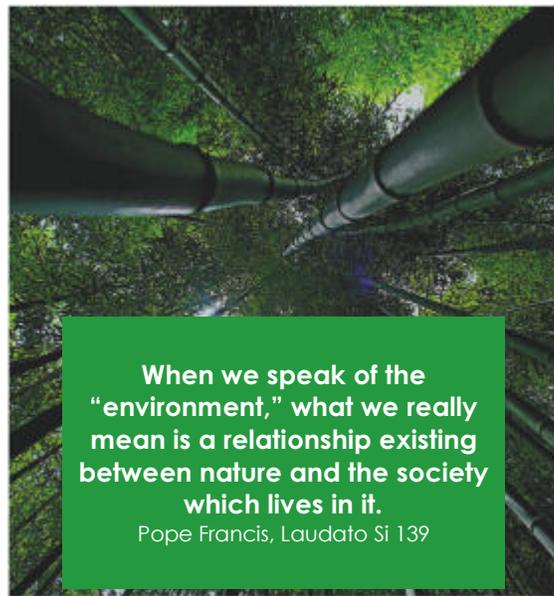
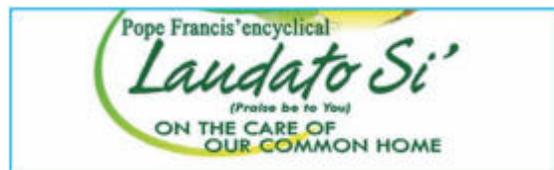
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When we speak of the
"environment," what we really
mean is a relationship existing
between nature and the society
which lives in it.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si 139

Message Shaper's Corner

Into the wilderness

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

Reflection Questions

- ♦ Adults: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?
- ♦ Kids: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

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 !



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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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FAITH FORMATION

**Grades K-6:** February 21: Community Service. February 28: Pfau at home lesson

**7th Grade:** February 27: Trinity Movie

Module. At home Revelation Lent Retreat

**8th Grade:** At home Revelation Lent Retreat

**Confirmation I:** March 13

**Confirmation II:** February 28

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Deacon Information Sessions:

The Office of the Diaconate is seeking active men of faith in the Diocese of Worcester who may be discerning a vocation as a permanent deacon.

Two online information sessions have been scheduled on **February 23 and March 4 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. Each session should last from 1.5 to 2 hours.

Men between the ages of 31 and 60, married or single, who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate and the process for become a deacon may pre-register for one of the Information Sessions at worcestardiocese.org/register-for-information-session. An email with the link to the online session will be sent out prior to the scheduled date.



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. The Catholic Community of Sacred Heart is 87% towards our goal of \$43,200. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located at the entrances and exits of the church. Or visit partners-charity.net to do it online. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 27 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

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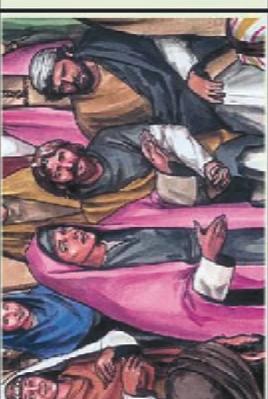


**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**  
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**2021 LENTEN CALENDAR - CARE FOR CREATION**

This calendar is rooted in bible selections read in mass from Ash Wednesday through Easter 2021. We made it to connect the dots between God's word and actions that show how to practice integral ecology in our lives. The goal of each reflection is simple: to let God's presence in our lives be expressed to the benefit of our neighbors near and far in the world. We selected illustrations to capture the attention of children, teens, adults, and seniors. We hope our action statements resonate with people in all age groups and walks of life.

| Date                                                                                                                                                   | Reflection                                                                                                                                                                     | Illustration                                                                         | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br/>February 17, 2021<br/>Jl 2:12-18<br/>Psalm 51<br/>2 Cor 5:20-6:2<br/>Ps 95:8<br/>Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</p>                       | <p>The Church teaches us to pray, to fast, to just from food but from anything that gets in the way of deepening our relationship with God), and to give to those in need.</p> |    | <p>In addition to eating fish on Fridays during Lent, consider giving up meat on one or more days of the week. Consuming less meat can promote the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reduced livestock-related fertilizer use and Greenhouse Gas emissions</li> <li>-Turn grazing farms back into CO2-absorbing Forests</li> <li>-Healthier diet (plant-based)</li> <li>-Combat climate change, soil, air and water pollution and reduce food waste</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>1st Sunday of Lent</b><br/>February 21, 2021<br/>Gn 9:8-15<br/>Ps 25:4-9<br/>1 Pt 3:18-22<br/>Mt 4:4b<br/>Mk 1:12-15</p>                         | <p>As we enter into Lent we are called to journey inward, to look into our own hearts, and change what needs to be changed in order to draw closer to God.</p>                 |    | <p>Water is scarce in many parts of the world and millions of people do not have access to clean drinking water. Here are a few suggestions that will help us be mindful of the use of water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or shaving.</li> <li>-Turn off the water while soaping or shampooing.</li> <li>-Keep drinking water in the fridge instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.</li> <li>-Only use the dishwasher and washing machine when they are full</li> <li>-Add plastic/glass jars filled with sand to the tank to conserve water</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b><br/>February 28, 2021<br/>Gn 22:1-2, 7a, 10:13, 15-18<br/>Ps 116:10, 15-19<br/>Rom 8:31b-34<br/>Mt 17:5<br/>Mk 9:2-10</p> | <p>Scripture says: "On this mountain the Lord will provide." Not knowing or understanding God's ways, Abraham was faithful to God, knowing God would provide.</p>              |   | <p>God asks us to be good stewards of the universe. When we are faithful, God will give us the confidence to ask local leaders, school officials and municipalities to adapt environmentally-friendly habits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Buy chlorine-free paper with post-consumer recycled content</li> <li>-Update mailing lists to save on paper, printing and postage</li> <li>-Buy remanufactured ink and toner cartridges</li> <li>-Eliminate Paper Towels – replacing with hand dryers or cloth towels</li> </ul>                                                                                        |
| <p><b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b><br/>March 7, 2021<br/>Ex 20:1-17<br/>Ps 19:8-11<br/>1 Cor 1:22-25<br/>Jn 3:16<br/>Jn 2:13-25</p>                          | <p>Do good in your life, not because you are told to but rather because it is the right thing to do. Live your life loving one another as God calls us to do.</p>              |  | <p>Jesus smiles at us when we do things that come from our heart and serve the greater good. Some suggestions, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Carpool to work, church or school – save time on commute, improve air quality</li> <li>-Organize a Litter Pick-up in your local parks, ponds/lakes or trails</li> <li>-Organize a Recycling Fair at your local parish – proceeds donated to charity</li> <li>-Teach a class or hold webinar on your eco-friendliest talent!</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                |

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| <p><b>4th Sunday of Lent</b><br/> March 14, 2021<br/> 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23<br/> Ps 137:1-6<br/> Eph 2:4-10<br/> Jn 3:16<br/> Jn 3:14-21</p>   |   | <p>God's mercy is freely given, and God is always merciful. We do not earn God's love or mercy by our good works.</p>                                                                                                                           | <p>Pledge to give up one "nonessential" item daily next week (i.e., coffee, ice cream, soda, texting, online gaming) and donate the money saved or gather lightly-used clothing, shoes, housewares, and furniture to donate as follows:<br/> -Your local food banks or charity-run thrift shop<br/> -Your Church's offering at Lenten Rice Bowl<br/> -Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Make-A-Wish International<br/> -Check with your employer to sponsor matching gift/contribution</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>5th Sunday of Lent</b><br/> March 21, 2021<br/> Jer 31:31-34<br/> Ps 51:3-4, 12-15<br/> Heb 5:7-9<br/> Jn 12:26<br/> Jn 12:20-33</p>     |   | <p>Jesus was sacrificed because people forgot they are connected and that the path to true happiness is through serving one another. Everyone has the ability to respond to God's grace at work. It is a gift, freely given to all, by God.</p> | <p>Pope Francis calls for Integral Ecology which expands the narrow scientific definition of ecology to include the economic and social relationships of the human family - not 2 independent issues but a complex challenge that requires solutions with an integral approach. What can each of us do to promote integral ecology?<br/> -Step out of your comfort zone - advocate, participate in a climate strike, write to your local government officials regarding laws/bills<br/> -Educate yourself about scientific knowledge and sustainable technology - share with friends, family, parishioners and colleagues<br/> -Research ways in which you can positively impact the life of a living creature outside your family by making a change to its environment</p> |
| <p><b>Palm Sunday</b><br/> March 28, 2021<br/> Is 50:4-7<br/> Ps 22:8-9, 17-30, 23-24<br/> Phil 2:6-11<br/> Phl 2:8-9<br/> Mk 14:1-15:47</p>   |   | <p>"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" As we enter this hallowed of weeks in the liturgical year, let us commit to following Jesus with our whole heart, mind and body.</p>                                             | <p>When considering following Jesus with our whole body - we need to ensure that our bodies are not polluted with plastics which pose a threat to human health as well as adversely affecting our world.<br/> -Ordering take-out? Say "no" to the utensils, straws, and napkins<br/> -Attempt to ban the "plastics trifecta" - plastic bags, plastic straws, and polystyrene - from your local town/city, county or state<br/> -Stop buying water! Carry a reusable bottle - some have filters!<br/> -Buy in bulk versus single-serving yogurts, travel size toiletries or tiny packaged snacks. Consider the product-to-packaging ratio.</p>                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Easter</b><br/> April 4, 2021<br/> Acts 10:34a, 37-43<br/> Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23<br/> Col 3:1-4<br/> 1 Cor 5:7b-8a<br/> Jn 20:1-9</p> |  | <p>Mary Magdalene loved Jesus so much that when she found out that Jesus was not dead, she believed it to be the best thing she had ever seen. She couldn't keep it a secret and had to tell everyone.</p>                                      | <p>Work hard to make the world better than it was before you entered, specifically in its beauty and fairness. Tips:<br/> -Choose native plants and trees - support healthy ecosystem, restore biodiversity<br/> -Create water-wise landscapes by grouping plants by water need<br/> -Minimize chemical use to prevent killing beneficial insects (bees)<br/> -Composting is simple and valuable in keeping carbon locked up in the soil and out of the atmosphere.<br/> -Use rain barrels to collect water from the roof during wet months - ideal for watering the lawn, washing the car, doing the laundry, taking a shower</p>                                                                                                                                           |

Thank you for choosing to use our tool to celebrate Lent this year. Looking for more information on how you can Care for Creation? Please check us out at the following:


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