



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

A Stephen Ministry Parish

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

June 6, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Sunday 9:30 AM

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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,

Whenever we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi I have in the past always wished they were spaced out and not one right after another. I decided to take some time to reflect on what message there was for me personally and for us as a community in the celebration of each of these feasts. I shared that this past weekend and want us to recognize the mission the whole Church is called to as we deepen our relationship with God and the world.

On Pentecost the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Rather than filled with fear they were filled with faith, a faith they were willing to share and willing to die for. With the fullness of God as Father, Son, And Spirit we deepened our relationship with God and heard the command of Jesus, “Go out to all the world and tell the Good News; baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!” Fed and nourished by the Word of God and the Body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ and are empowered, as were the disciples to use our faith to make a difference. As I like to say, “Make the world the place God says it ought to be!”

With this in mind, we are called to “Rethink Church!” How can we work together as the Catholic Community of Sacred Heart? To discern this and listen well to the guidance of the Holy Spirit we need two important ingredients: dialogue and kindness. Dialogue is approaching conversations with a listening heart, a desire, not to get our opinion across, but a desire to understand what is in someone else’s heart. A desire to listen to what they are hearing. Most important is kindness in accepting what is presented, not challenging even when we have a totally different perspective.

Working together as Catholics is the principle of Solidarity. The Church defines solidarity as recognizing others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good. In our connected humanity, we are invited to build relationships, to understand what life is like for others who are different from us.

Who is it we need to be in solidarity with? Who do we need to understand? Who do we need to give a seat at our table? For whom do we need to advocate? Questions that help us discern the Spirit of the living God!

Fr. Bill

REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rita Coffey
Mary Bacon
Nelson Clement
Matthew Masnik
Karen Walker
Alberta Lachina
Regina Espanet
Henry Ruggiero
Philip Morin
Betty Morin
Michael DeLoia Jr
Joan Moss
Virginia Larkin
Dorothy Gatley
Concetta Conciatori
Roger Beggs
Pauline Kell
Nancy Collins
Stephen Brothers
Joanne Andreotti
Doreen Cote
Cecilia Shaughnessy
John Sweet



Arthur Peters Sr
Wade Peters

SANCTUARY LAMP

Florence DeLoia

MASS INTENTIONS

6/12 4p: Brenda Bonetti
6/13 9:30: Annie Vautour

MASS ATTENDANCE

6/6/21

4:00pm 58
9:30am 79

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

6/6/21

Weekly
\$3,451.00

Monthly
\$500.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
\$100.00

SH Endowment Fund
\$195.00



Message Shaper's Corner
Rethinking Church

There is a gap between where we are and where we see ourselves in God's story. This gap can seem insurmountable, overwhelming, and even impossible. But here's the thing: God often plants seeds by placing a call or burden upon us to spur us on towards His mission.

The mustard seed becomes a tree for all; the kingdom of God is for every man, woman and child. Have you ever brought something of the kingdom of God – of love and peace, prayer and faith, justice and hope – when you didn't recognize it?

Reflect...

- ◆ Adults: What is the "good soil" that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?
- ◆ Kids: How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Saturday, June 12th

8:30a AA Meeting, Hall
3:00p Reconciliation
4:00p Mass: Brenda Bonetti

Saturday, June 13th

9:30a Mass: Annie Vautour
9:30a Blessing for Graduating Seniors
11:00a George Hughes Baptism

Monday, June 14th

9:00a Mass:
7p Girl Scout Leader Meeting

Tuesday, June 15th

9:00a Mass:

Wednesday, June 16th

9:00a Mass:

Thursday, June 17th

9:00a Mass:
7:00p Bible Study, Hall

Friday, June 18th

7:30p AA Meeting, Hall

Saturday, June 19th

8:30a AA Meeting, Hall
3:00p Reconciliation
4:00p Mass: All Deceased Fathers

Saturday, June 20th

9:30a Mass: All Deceased Fathers

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the office prior to your child's birth to begin preparation.

Marriage: Call the parish office one year prior to your wedding date to begin preparation

Reconciliation: Saturday – 3PM or by appointment

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

Post Pandemic Guidelines:

Gatherings in Church

- With the lifting of occupancy restrictions, parishes may return to full occupancy of churches.
- Masks and Social Distancing Masks are no longer required of all parishioners. However, per CDC guidelines, nonvaccinated persons, including minors, are still encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Sacred Heart will reserve the left side of the Church for those needing to maintain 6' social distance and for those wishing to continue a social distance.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances and in the center aisle to be used prior to Communion.

Gatherings in the Parish Hall and Non-liturgical Spaces

- All limitations concerning the size of gatherings in nonliturgical spaces have also been lifted.
- Sacred Heart will be re-opening slowly. The parish hall will undergo deep cleaning prior to re-opening.

Liturgical Changes will be implemented slowly

- The singing of hymns and acclamations may be restored. However, the re-institution of choirs or multiple cantors should be delayed until the number of COVID-19 cases have fallen to a lower level.
- The Distribution of Holy Communion may be distributed in the customary, pre-pandemic manner.

The Sacrament of Penance

The use of traditional confessionals and "rooms of reconciliation" may be resumed. Penitents should be invited to wear masks for the immediate future.

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COMMUNITY SUPPER



The Community Suppers at Trinity Church are providing Grab 'n Go meals every Thursday to those experiencing food insecurity. The meals are purchased from local restaurants, and volunteers (many from Sacred Heart) distribute them from the Trinity Church entrance. Most of the funding has come from grants from Trinity and the Unitarian church in Hopedale. Any donations can be put in the Offertory marked for Community Supper.

Volunteers are also needed to hand out the meals. If you would like to assist in volunteering, please contact Jean Bonetti at 508-779-7661 .

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



As of June, the Mustard Seed is continuing to make bagged lunches to hand out to those in need of a meal.

If you normally prepare a meal and would like to give a monetary donation to the Mustard seed in it's place this month they will use it towards their bagged lunches. You can drop off any monetary donations in the mailbox at the parish house, in the collection basket, or mail to the parish house.

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Religious Freedom Week will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from June 22 to June 29. Throughout the week we will focus on the



importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith. This year's theme is "Solidarity in Freedom". The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity. Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" pages for each day on various religious liberty topics. Additional information and resources for parish and personal use can be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek.

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### Homemakers Wanted! Walk-in Interviews Every Tuesday from 10 am-12 pm

**Catholic Charities**, located at 10 Hammond St. in Worcester, is hiring homemakers and hosting walk-in interviews every Tuesday from 10 am-12 pm. Homemakers and Home Health Aides are trained by our Homecare team to provide a variety of support services, which are essential in maintaining a disabled or dependent person's safety and wellbeing. To keep this program alive, we need to grow our Homecare team to meet the increasing demands of the areas that we serve, which consists of Amherst, Athol, Leominster, Milford, Southbridge, Greenfield, Shelburne Falls, and Worcester. Walk-ins welcome, or contact Paula, Homecare Supervisor: **508-414-9084**. Those interested may also apply online at [ccworc.org](http://ccworc.org).

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