

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART A Stephen Ministry Parish 187 Hopedale St. Hopedale, MA 01747 508-473-1900 parishoffice@sacredhearthopedale.org www.sacredhearthopedale.org

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

#### <u>Mass Schedule</u>

Saturday Vigil – 4PM Sunday – 9:30AM Monday – Thursday 9AM

#### Pastoral Team & Staff

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:30am – 4:30pm



NEVER MISS MASS AGAIN! Sunday 9:30 AM sacredhearthopedale.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 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

How wonderful it was and is to see everyone at Masses during this Christmas Season wearing masks. We are experiencing an uptick in covid-19 numbers due to the Omicron variant and without being encouraged or asked everyone just put their masks on and are willing to keep each other safe during the times that we gather. Thank you so very much for your willingness to care for one another.

It is very difficult to know how to build community and navigate as the Catholic Community of Sacred Heart during a lingering pandemic. Everyone has different levels of comfort in being present with others. Isolation and fear can take over our lives and we can use the pandemic as an excuse rather than a reason not to gather together. Being fully vaccinated, boostered, and masked will keep us as safe as we possibly can when assemble as a community.

At the same time, we are depending on the few ministers who are willing to be readers of the Word, canters, greeters, AV operators and live streamers. My fear is that these same people get burnt out due to so few to share the ministry load. Some are waiting for things to get back to normal. I am afraid this is the new normal. We will not be able to share the communion cup during this pandemic. We have a difficult time getting ministers for two Masses on the weekend, so we certainly can't schedule three. We don't have the financial and personnel resources to have the luxury to do so.

My greatest fear is the isolation that many may be experiencing. Isolation leads to broken relationships, depression, and even worse, loss of hope and desire to live. I am encouraging everyone to make to effort to join us in worship on the weekend, or come to Mass during our weekday gathering at 9:00 A.M. Monday through Thursday. In the meantime, we are going to try to assemble outreach teams that will make phone calls to check in on each household. Also, if you have any wisdom on how we can help grow our community during a pandemic, please don't hold back, let us know.

Fr. Bill



Rita Coffey Mary Bacon Edward Holland Nelson Clement Karen Walker Alberta Lachina Regina Espanet Henry Ruggiero Michael DeLoia Jr Joan Moss Virainia Larkin Dorothy Gately Concetta Conciatori **Roger Beggs** Joanne Andreotti Doreen Cote Marilyn Douglas Dorothy Grillo Carmella Cedrone Rita Gendreau Robyn Magliocca Michael Grider Florence DeLoia



SANCTUARY LAMP Lou Thibault

# MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00pm	80
9:30am	78

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 12/25/21—End of the Year

> <u>Christmas</u> \$3,900.00

<u>Weekly</u> \$5,548.00

<u>Monthly</u> \$870.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc \$180.00

<u>SH Endowment Fund</u> \$465.00

# Christmas Tree Pickup Saturday, 1/8/22 8 am - 1 pm



# Hopedale BSA Troop 1

# Message Shaper's Corner The Vow

Baptism is universally recognized as a sacrament in virtually every Christian denomination. As Catholics, we primarily practice infant baptism: a family comes in and in front of the whole congregation promises to raise their child in the Christian faith. The congregation makes a similar pledge, to create an environment where that person can mature in their faith, where that person's life is wrapped up in the life of the Church. But after the celebration of baptism stops, to often the actions of both the family and the congregations stop too. Why are you here? Seriously, ask yourself the question and really ponder it for a moment. Why are you in church this weekend?

# **Reflection Questions**

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- Adults: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?
- Kids: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?



## <u>Sunday, January 9th</u>

8:30a Grade 8 Sacraments Module, CR Hall 9:30a Mass: Philip W. Morin 9:30a Come to the Tables, Teaching Mass FF & Rite of Enrollment First Eucharist 6:00p Confirmation II, Hall

Monday, January 10th 9:00a Mass:

<u>Tuesday, January 11th</u> 9:00a Mass: Annie Vautour

Wednesday, January 12th 9:00a Mass:

<u>Thursday, January 13th</u> 9:00a Communion Service 9:00A MFN Cherub's Corner

Friday, January 14th 7:30p AA Meeting, Day Chapel

Saturday, January 15th 8:30a AA Meeting, Day Chapel 3:00p Reconciliation 4:00p Mass: Pauline Kell

## Sunday, January 16th

8:30a Grade 8 Sacraments Module, CR Hall Grade 7 Trinity Module, Day Chapel FF grades 1-5 in person classes 9:30a Mass: Elizabeth Chen 9:30a Come to the Tables

## 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



Grades K-6 Come to the Table - 9:30a Mass Every Sunday

## Grades 1-5 In Person

January 9 - Teaching Mass January 16 - In Person Class January 23 - In Person Class January 30 - Service Sunday

## Grade 7

Church outside of Church Module : Ongoing Trinity Module: 3 week class - January 16 - 8:00-9:30a

#### Grade 8

Church outside of Church Module: Ongoing Sacraments Module: 6 week class - Jan 9 - Feb 20 (no class 2/13) 8:30-9:30a

**Confirmation I** January 23, Hall Conference Room 6-8p

**Confirmation II** January 9, Hall 6-8p

First Eucharist Prep January 9—Rite of Enrollment Mass 9:30a



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"The Good Shepherd left the 99 others and went out in search of it, he went off to look for one. But brothers and sisters, we have one sheep. We have lost the other 99! We must go out to them. This is an enormous responsibility ... to go out and preach the Gospel." Pope Francis

Starting in March Fr. Bill will host a 6 week course on Caring for Inactive Members. Keep an eye out for more information.



#### Paroisse St Gérard de Lagaudray

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Lagaudray, 23 Décembre 2021

Fr. Bill Konicki, IV Dei, Pastor The Catholic community of Sacred Heart 187 Hopedale Street Hopedale, MA 01747

Subject : Thanks

Dear Fr. Bill

With great pleasure I received the donation from your parish to mine to support families severely affected by the earthquake of August 14. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and all the donors for this particularly generous gesture. With these funds, I was able to pay school fees for some students and schoolchildren in our community. Some needed school materials, uniforms, transportation costs to go to school. I still have some money left, I will continue to support the weaker ones. For some it is a need for food. We try to help all of them as much as possible. In the next few days you will find a lot more information with the number of beneficiaries and possibly some photos.

Thank you. Merry Christmas to you and all the parishioners in Sacred Heart. Happy new year from St Gerard's parish

> Fr. Claude Renel Elysée, Pastor St Gérard's parish

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It is with excitement we are announcing our return to the Mustard Seed. After a long break due to Covid we are able to begin bringing meals the third

Tuesday of every month beginning in January. The Mustard Seed has asked that instead of bringing so many different meals that we choice just one type.

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We will send out each month what the meal will be starting in February since in January Oliva's Market and The Tinio Family will make and bring the food on our behalf. The Tinio Family has for many years paid for Oliva's to make Thanksgiving for the Mustard Seed in November and are excited to go back as well.

All our cooks be on the look out for what meal we will make in February and if you have suggestions on a healthy meal choice for one of the months please share!



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