



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SACRED HEART

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

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM

Sunday – 9:30AM

Monday – Thursday 9AM

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00am – 2:00pm



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.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Everyday when I celebrate Mass some words and phrases stand out more than others. Lately I have been focusing on the sign of peace that we have refrained from since the pandemic. It is a powerful prayer and currently has so much meaning for us all. It reads "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace, I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant us **peace and unity** in accordance with your will..."

For some reason over the years, I just didn't hear the word **UNITY** in that prayer and realize how important it is today. There are so many issues that divide us: Pro-life/Pro-choice; Roe v Wade; gun ownership/gun safety; masks/no masks; social distancing; Black lives Matter/All lives Matter; Marriage between a man and a woman/gay marriage; build walls/build bridges; welcome the stranger/keep "them" out; and that is just the tip of the iceberg of divisive issues in our country, church, and world.

How do we reach unity and peace in such a divided state? I think of the words of Jesus in Matthew 12:25 "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and no city or house divided against itself will stand." All of us have positions and opinions on all these issues and watching protesters with megaphones screaming at each other doesn't seem to help us reach any sense of peace and unity. In my thinking, it only makes the divisions worse.

Everyone has a story, and for me it is important to listen to their story in a non-judgmental way. I can walk with someone as they make the tough decision, but I am not going to judge what is in their best interest. I love the words of Pope Francis, "Who am I to judge?" I just pray that we stop beating up on each other. The words of Jesus in John 8:11 "Has no one condemned you?" "No one sir." Neither do I, go and sin no more!"

So, it continues, every day I celebrate Mass I pray for peace and unity, and hope that we will be able to bring that about, not by judging, but by listening with the heart of Christ.

John 13:34

Happy Easter,
Fr. Bill



Rita Coffey
 Mary Bacon
 Edward Holland
 Nelson Clement
 Karen Walker
 Alberta Lachina
 Regina Espanet
 Michael DeLoia Jr
 Joan Moss
 Virginia Larkin
 Dorothy Gately
 Concetta Conciatori
 Roger Beggs
 Joanne Andreotti
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 Florence DeLoia
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 Stephen Brothers
 Paul Beggs
 Dewie Mann
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SANCTUARY LAMP
 Nancy Corcoran

MASS ATTENDANCE
 5/8/22
 4:00pm 138
 9:30am 165

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
 5/8/22
Weekly
 \$4,771.00
Monthly
 \$1,800.00

Fuel, Utilities, Etc
 \$45.00

SH Endowment Fund
 \$240.00



Message Shaper's Corner
 Why Easter Matters on Monday

"Today's gospel Jesus gives us one commandment: love one another. There it is. There is no need for multiple tabs and reference books. No need for strategy sessions. Such a simple and such a demanding commandment.

Reflection Questions

- ◆ Adults: When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?
- ◆ Kids: Do you believe love is stronger than hate? Why?



Sunday, May 15th

8:30a FF InPerson Circle of Grace
 9:30a Mass: Joseph & Margaret Hynes
 Charles Gaskill Baptism

Monday, May 16th

9:00a Communion Service

Tuesday, May 17th

9:00a Communion Service
 3:45p Mustard Seed

Wednesday, May 18th

9:00a Communion Service

Thursday, May 19th

9:00a Communion Service
 9:00a MFN Cherub's Corner
 6:00p Sign Language Class
 7:00p Bible Study

Friday, May 20th

7:30p AA Meeting, Hall

Saturday, May 21st

8:30a AA Meeting, Hall
 3:00p Reconciliation
 4:00p Mass: Lou & Rose Thibault

Sunday, May 22nd

9:30a Mass: Brian Breen
 Celebration Mass for
 Graduating Seniors

SACRAMENTS

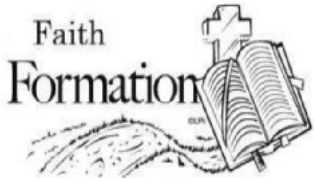
Baptism: Call the office prior to your child's birth to begin preparation.

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



This weekend is our last weekend of Faith Formation for 2021-2022 classes.

This was an adjustment year coming back still in the midst of Covid, but was made successful by the dedication of our teachers. They have taken the time to plan their lessons and connect with while teaching our children our faith. We appreciate you all so much. Thank you:

Meredith Daelhousen
John Walek
Briana Lima
Josh Ingemi
Jess Allen
Joe Buckley
Jeff Aytte
Rick Alves

Allison Fishlock
Kathleen Kavanaugh
Kristin Babinski
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## How lucky are you????

Sacred Heart is joining a fun multi-parish summer raffle! Sometime next week, you will receive five raffle tickets in the mail at \$25 apiece. Please consider purchasing these tickets for yourself, or selling them to family members, friends, or neighbors. The prizes are GREAT.

The purchaser keeps the right half of the ticket. The left half of the ticket, along with payment, should be placed in the enclosed envelope for return. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart. Please include any unsold tickets in the return envelope and return by August 1st.

The raffle will be drawn on Saturday August 13, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. and can be viewed live at [www.parishraffle.com](http://www.parishraffle.com)

**There are twenty three (23) American Express Gift Card prizes to be awarded totaling \$68,000.00:**

1st Prize: \$30,000 American Express Gift Card

2nd Prize: \$10,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$8,000 American Express Gift Card

And Twenty (20): \$1,000.00 American Express Gift Card Prizes



Thank you to all who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. We are almost there and it is because of you! We have made 98% of our goal. If you have not given

yet please do so we can fulfill our goal and help thousands of families right here in Worcester County. Envelopes are in the pews or you can go online at [partners-charity.net](http://partners-charity.net). Thank you!

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The Mustard Seed (founded in 1972) is a community of faith, hope and love that has manifested as a living room, as a refuge for the hungry, lonely, and homeless and as an ideal (that in the ideal) is what a Christian community looks like or should look like in practice. A non-profit organization that serves the homeless and low income families and individuals in Worcester.

Sacred Heart has been serving the Mustard Seed from the beginning. Since we have returned to serving the Mustard Seed following Covid they have asked us to bring one type of meal so everyone has the same food. We have tried to choose meals we think are easiest for all to make, but if you have other suggestions please share that with us for one of the months.

We have found since covid we have not had enough food to send monthly and have used monetary donations given for the Mustard Seed to purchase meals. That money will not be enough to continue every month. If you are able to make a meal please sign up on our site or call the office (508) 473-1900. We need help to serve those in Worcester a healthy, filling meal.

Our next trip is this **Tuesday, May 17**. We need to complete the meal:

- Pulled Pork (Chicken)
- Salad

All meals must be fully cooked.

Drop off: Hall Kitchen, Monday, May 16 9:30a-4:00p or Tuesday, May 17 9:30a-3:00p.

The Mustard Seed has also welcomed us back to begin serving the meal we bring. If you would like to come one month and serve please let Tina know. If you have any questions please contact Tina Buckley at 508-473-1900 or tbuckley@sacredheartopedale.org

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