

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



## Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Blessed Sacrament's parish family, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, seek to respond to God's call to love and serve one another. United as a faith-filled community, we joyfully strive to be Christ to others as we bring others to Christ. We accept our responsibility, as members of God's church, to expand the Kingdom of God in the Roman Catholic tradition through prayer, worship, education, service and our commitment to strengthening and building our parish community.

## Liturgical Schedule

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Holy Days: TBA

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Anytime by request

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## Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements by calling the rectory after the birth of the child. Baptisms are usually celebrated Sundays at 12:00 noon.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least a year in advance. A program of preparation is required for all couples planning to marry in the church.

## Bulletin Notice

Items for the parish bulletin must be received at the rectory by Monday morning.

## New Parishioners

Please introduce yourselves after mass or call the rectory at your convenience to register. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community.

## Sick Calls

Since the hospital does not notify us on the admission of parishioners please contact the rectory when a family member is admitted to the hospital

Communion Calls for the aged, shut-ins and convalescent and nursing home patients are our constant concern. Please call us for special ministerial visits.

## PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363

508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line

**Readings for Pentecost Sunday**

*First Reading*

*Acts 2:1-11*

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native-language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

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*Responsorial Psalm*

*Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34*

**R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme;  
I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

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*Second Reading* *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;

there are different forms of service but the same Lord;

there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

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*Alleluia*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

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*Gospel*

*John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father,

the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me.

And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

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Saturday, May 22, 2021

4:00 PM **Mary Xatse** (1st Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, May 23, 2021

8:00 AM **Mass**  
10:00 AM **Mass**

Monday, May 24, 2021

8:30 AM **Mass**

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

8:30 AM **Mass**

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

8:30 AM **Mass**

Thursday, May 27, 2021

8:30 AM **Mass**

Friday, May 28, 2021

8:30 AM **Mass**

Saturday, May 29, 2021

4:00 PM **Florence Flood** (7th Anniversary) by Barbara White

### STEWARDSHIP NOTE

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)*  
All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

### MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

Webinar: "Respect Life Ministry in the Parish: the Church's Vision" - **May 26, 3:00 pm**. Pre-registration required to receive link [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org)

Altar Servers (daily and weekend) - **May 27, 6:00 pm** at St. Anne and St. Patrick, Fiskdale

Ushers and Ministers of Liturgical Environment- **June 3, 6:00 pm** at St. Anne and St. Patrick, Fiskdale

### DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

All young adults (18-39) are invited to join our Diocesan Young Adult Ministry events this summer. Events include weekly pick-up volleyball, hiking trips to Mt. Wachusett and Mt. Monadnock, aerial adventure course and white-water rafting. To sign up or get more information, go to [neworchester.org/summer](http://neworchester.org/summer) or contact Tim Messenger at [tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org) or 508-929-4360.

**Collection Amount-week of 5/9/2021—\$3,668.00**

### FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS BLESSED SACRAMENT SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

Teddy Dobson

Kristina Rován

Anthony Cerundolo

Elena Perez

Reegan Ferretti

Ellie Joseph



### THANK YOU

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society, thanks to the support of parishioners and other generous donors, has been able to meet the needs of a number of individuals and agencies during the Lent and Easter season.

Some who have benefited from this support include Visitation House, SMOC Recovery residence for Women at Newton Square and rental assistance for one senior citizen and a shopping cart for another.

Thanks and God Bless You for your generosity.



### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

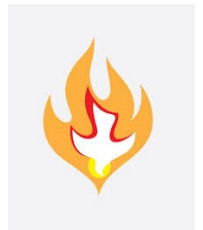
Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.

Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.

Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology.

Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day.

Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.



### C.Y.C. VOLLEYBALL

Last call for Volleyball sign-ups.

Open to C.Y.C. members, grades 7 to 12.

Season from mid-June until early August.

Mr. Kevin Lacouture is the coach, assisted by Mrs. Pat Lacouture.



**Important thought:** If you are headed in the wrong direction—God allows U-Turns.





*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

**Sunday, Mar 15, 2020**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT**

**Great expectations**

The view from today is limited. From here, some things may look irreparably broken, from personal relationships to global ones. Yet Jesus promises a future of hope available to anyone who reaches out for it. A Samaritan woman at a well had endured a loop of failure and disappointment that seemed impossible to transcend. When Jesus invited her to step out of it, she did—and was reborn as an apostle to her people. Today, we pray for our Elect (those in the process of joining the Catholic Church) as they choose the way of rebirth and hope. Let's choose the same, with them!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (28). "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth."*

**Monday, Mar 16, 2020**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**Stand with the prophets**

Prophets have never had an easy time of it. It's been pointed out that we often assassinate prophets when they speak out too forcefully, and then once they are safely silenced and buried, we might later build a monument to honor them (or perhaps to flatter ourselves for honoring them?). Jesus saw all this and yet continued to speak out despite the resistance and hostility he often faced from his own people. Not all of us are gifted prophets, but each of us can do our best to recognize the prophets in our midst and stand with them when they speak the truth, even against the angry mob.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30 (237). "No prophet is accepted in his own native place."*

**Tuesday, Mar 17, 2020**

**MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP**

**A feast of merriment and mercy**

How odd it seems that the feast of Saint Patrick falls during Lent. But despite the merriment of the day, Patrick's story is a serious one—of captivity and freedom, of cruelty and forgiveness—starting with his teen years as a slave to his escape and return to the Emerald Isle where he became a shepherd to his people and shared the Good News. Patrick even set out on a mission of mercy and forgiveness to see his cruel former master. Join Patrick by reciting his loric (prayer of protection) against the dark forces we battle during Lent, asking "God's host to secure me against snares of devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?"*

**Wednesday, Mar 18, 2020**

**MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**People come first**

Saint Cyril (c. 318-386) was between a rock and a hard place. A severe food shortage was afflicting Jerusalem and the people were starving. As bishop he had to do something. So he sold church treasures, in violation of the rules, to buy food for his people. That got him into trouble with church higher-ups, and he was deposed for a time as punishment. Jesus taught that the rules are there for the sake of people, not people for the rules. Cyril understood that. It's good for us to be mindful of it as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets."*

**Thursday, Mar 19, 2020**

**SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY**

**Watch for signs**

There are times in all of our lives when we face dilemmas or challenges: How to help a child struggling with tantrums. How to guide a teen who is making bad friend choices. How to recognize and act on the need to make a job change. How to listen to a friend who is negative about so much of life. How to support a spouse who is unhappy and grumpy. God is present in all things and will help us if we ask and pay attention to the signs that are sent our way.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him."*

**Friday, Mar 20, 2020**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

**Go where no (wo)man has gone before**

Mother Catherine Spalding, who died on this day in 1858, was a pioneer in every sense. Not only did she live on the Kentucky frontier, but she was elected to lead a new community, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth—at a time when female leaders, especially young ones, were almost nonexistent. To top it off, she broke ground bringing education to girls and healthcare and social services to those who received none. Her legacy, alive in her sisters and in groups who do the same work, now spans the globe. Where do you see unfulfilled needs, and how can you blaze new trails to meet them?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). "You are not far from the kingdom of God."*

**Saturday, Mar 21, 2020**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**Walk humbly**

Truly humble people know that in the scheme of life, they have a unique role to play that is theirs alone—but it is no more significant than that of any other human being. Scripture tells us to bring that spirit of humility to prayer, comparing ourselves to no one. We may use words. We may sit in silence. We may tell God what we are thinking, or trust that God knows. We may ask for help or express gratitude. We may share our feelings of sorrow, frustration, contentment, anger, or joy. The most important step is to show up with head bowed. There God awaits you with a crown of love and forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). "For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, while he who humbles himself shall be exalted."*



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