



SACRED HEART CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Parish

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 4PM
Sunday – 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Monday – Thursday 9AM

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:30am – 4:30pm

CONNECT:



Never miss Mass again!

Watch Mass on TV
Verizon Fios Channel 29
Comcast Channel 8

Thursdays & Sundays
8:30am & 10:30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

All people are welcome at Sacred Heart Parish. Regardless of your experience of Church, regardless of your marital state, regardless of your personal history, background or sexual orientation. Please know that you are invited, accepted and respected at Sacred Heart.



Audio/Visually
Enhanced

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear Catholic Community,

Life-changing experiences are often few and far between. Sometimes they occur and we don't even notice them until we stop long enough to let the events sink in and realize that God has brought us to a new point in life. Our understanding of God's presence is enhanced. Patience as clay in the potter's hands as we are molded and shaped more and more into the image of Jesus the Son is the life-changing experience awakened during this Lenten season.

My fasting from technology this Lenten Season has given me ample opportunity to listen attentively to God speak as I read **Perfectly Yourself** and meet with a small faith sharing group. Listening to the readings for daily Mass has expanded my understanding of the confusing events of our world. I can't make sense of everything, but God helps make sense as it all unfolds and shows me how to respond and accept his peace in these troubling times.

In my Lenten time of reflection I realize that for 54 years of my 65 years of life I have always entered fully into the liturgical events of Holy Week. I have even had the opportunity to celebrate seven Holy Weeks (Called "Great Week") in Haiti. What a powerful experience each and everyday! During Holy Week I have always had a life-changing experience. I know not when it will happen, but I patiently listen attentively to the readings, the powerful ritual, and the movement of those who join in worship. God touches me in a powerful way, when I least expect it. I look forward to Holy week, and hope you will take an ordinary week and make it Holy, and Great!

How are you planning on making March 25th to March 31st more than simply an ordinary week and making it a "Holy Week?" For those who have attended Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday celebrations in the past, I am inviting and encouraging you to simply add one other Holy Week experience to make the week a bit more special.

- Have you ever attended the Seder Supper? What a wonderful way to deepen our understanding of the Last Supper and the Mass we celebrate as Catholics.
- Have you ever witnessed the Chrism Mass, at the Cathedral? Come and join people from throughout the diocese as the oils for the sacraments in each parish are blessed for the year ahead.
- When's the last time you went to Confession? Come and receive the mercy and forgiving power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Tenebrae.
- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are opportunities to enter fully into the Passion, Death, and Resurrection through ritual and prayer.

What can you participate in during March 25th-31st to make it a Holy Week for you? Check for the full schedule in this week's bulletin.

Fr. Bill

REMEMBER in your prayers

Alice Slattery
Dorothy Breen
Ed Holland Sr.
Elaine Malloy
Gladys King
Jack Dwyer
Jynetta Reise
Mary Bacon
Mary Volpe
Nelson Clement
Rita O'Brien
Robert Marelli
Rita Coffey
Jim Griffith
Janice Griffith
Ted Powers
Cristina Hurley
Mike Iacovelli
Joan Burns
Ed Holland Sr



Lorraine Thyne
Robert Funk

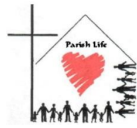
SANCTUARY LAMP Barbara Reardon

MASS ATTENDANCE 3/11/2017

4:00PM	141
8:30AM	147
10:30AM	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the beautiful snowy weather we will have this weeks report in next weeks bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.



Meeting Summaries

Stewardship: Focusing on communication of ministry needs to community, assisting others to recognize their gifts and utilizing the website for ministry sign ups.

Youth Ministry: Discussed ways to take out current ministry and enhance our work with our youth.

Community Engagement: Discussed creating a card listing all our events, ways to make current events more fun.

Formation: Reviewed activities, Vibrant Faith and Awesome worship website

Worship: Focused on Holy week, how to bring inactive parishioners back and Awesome Worship

Finance: Budget is on track and discussed live streaming the masses.



Palm Sunday	Saturday – 4:00pm Sunday – 10:00am
Tuesday	10:30am Chrism Mass @ St. Paul's
Wednesday	7:30pm Tenebrae with Reconciliation
Holy Thursday	7:30pm Holy Thursday Service
Good Friday	10:00am Walk the Walk 12:00pm Simple Meal 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday	7:30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	8:30am Easter Sunday Mass 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass with Children's Choir

Message Shapers Corner

Every "what if" question separates and isolates us from life, God, one another, and ourselves. It keeps us from bearing fruit. We are just a single grain of wheat. We might survive but we aren't really alive. Jesus did not ask to be saved from death. He did not come into the world to merely survive. He came into the world to live; to be really live and to serve others.

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

- ◆ Do you know what you want out of life?
- ◆ Do you have a clear sense of your core values?
- ◆ What methods have you used to simplify your life? How well have they worked?

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Saturday, March 17th

8:30a AA Meeting
11:00a Funeral Mass for Robert Funk
3:00p Reconciliation
4:00p Mass: Lou & Rose Thibault

Sunday, March 18th

8:30a Mass: George Bushnell
9:00a Thrift shop open
9:30a Coffee &...
"Sacraments" grades 7 & 8
10:30a Mass: Mary D'Ofrio
11:30a Faith Formation grades 1-6 Lenten Retreat

Monday, March 19th

9:00a Mass: Our Parish Family
7:00p Cub Scout Pack Mtg

Tuesday, March 20th

9:00a Mass: Our Parish Family
10:00a Toddler Story Time
11:30a Stations of the Cross
12:00p Lenten lunch & Small Group, House
5:00p Mustard Seed
7:30p Lenten Small Group – Jana Loughlin
7:30p Lenten Small Group – Mary Wilson

Wednesday, March 21st

9:00a Mass: Our Parish Family
9:30a MFN Playgroup
7:00p Lenten Small Group – Dee Russell
7:00p Sacred Heart Beats Rehearsal

Thursday, March 22nd

9:00a Mass: Our Parish Family
9:00a Thrift Shop Open
7:00p Small Group, House – Karen Barrett

Friday, March 23rd

9:00a Communion Service
7:30p AA Meeting

Saturday, March 24th

8:30a AA Meeting
3:00p Reconciliation
4:00p Mass: Palm Sunday Vigil
5:00p Seder Supper

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

Anointing of the Sick

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



Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. To date 97 of our 685 have responded. However, we need the support of all members of Sacred Heart if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$43,200. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope today in the pew today, visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!



The mysteries of **HOLY WEEK** explained...

Ever wonder what the Holy Week services were all about?

Here is your chance to find out! Prior to each Holy Week service, there will be a brief explanation of each prayer experience and the meaning behind the ritual. Connect our rich Catholic traditions to the sacramental life we share. Gather at 6:45 in the parish center for a brief presentation on the service you are about to experience.

ATTENTION CHOWDER MAKERS AND BREAD BAKERS!

Chowder, soups and bread are needed for the simple meal, which takes place on Good Friday at noon. If you are an awesome chowder maker (or even if you're not!) or an incredible bread baker, please contact the parish office or sign-up in the information booth.

HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will occur following the Holy Thursday service until midnight. Sign-up for Eucharistic Adoration in the information booth.



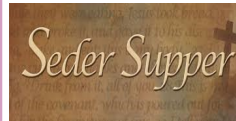
WALK the WALK

Good Friday at 10am
Registration at 9:30am in the Fr Reilley Center
Donations accepted for the needy
Simple Meal to follow at noon
Invite your friends!



This Tuesday March 20th is Mustard Seed Tuesday! We are in need of many salads, side dishes and main dishes.

Drop off: Hall Kitchen, Monday March 19th 9:30-4:30 or Tuesday March 20th 9:30-3:30. Sign up by going to the link on our website, call (508-473-1900) or email tbuckley@sacredhearthopedale.org at the parish office.



Please join us: Saturday, March 24th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Father Reilley Center

The Jewish Passover is part of our heritage and enables us to understand the institution of the Eucharist within the biblical setting. Our evening will be a festive, enlightening Passover experience intended to encourage audience participation including traditional Seder plate foods, songs, blessings and short stories. A full, catered dinner will be served including dessert and coffee. Wine will be provided during the evening.

Seating is limited so please RSVP to Julia Manning julia_manning@verizon.net no later than Sunday, March 18th.



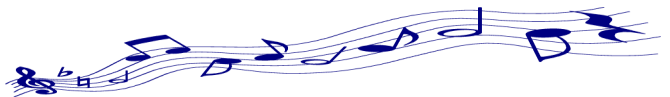
Italian Family Night Dinner - April 7th

**Ticket prices: \$15
Appetizers at 5pm**

Dinner at 6pm including:

Chicken Parmesan Stuffed Eggplant Chicken and Broccoli Penne Macaroni with Marinara Meatballs Salad Garlic Bread and Cannolis .

Purchase Tickets at coffee & after the 8:30 Mass or at the Parish office.



Acapella Benefit Show

For the Hukanovic Families

SUNDAY April 15 — 3:00PM

\$15PP

At Sacred Heart Church

FEATURING Narragansett Bay Chorus

Followed by a reception in The Fr Reilley Center hosted with The Hopedale Unitarian Church

Tickets can be purchased from Christine Gaffney 508-473-3035 — chrsg5354@yahoo.com or at the Parish Office.