



SACRED HEART CHURCH

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.

Mass Schedule

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

~

Pastoral Team & Staff

Fr. William Konicki, IV Dei, Pastor
508-981-4611 (cell)

Pam Chaplin, Ministry & Operations Mgr
pchaplin@sacredhearthopedale.org

Darlene Page Administrative Assistant
dpage@sacredhearthopedale.org

Tina Buckley Administrative Assistant
tbuckley@sacredhearthopedale.org

Tara Corcoran
Children's Faith Formation Coordinator
tcorcoran@sacredhearthopedale.org

Joe Calabrese-Maintenance

~

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 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Dear Catholic Community,

We are in the last stretch of Lent and head toward Holy Week and Easter. Often times I see the "finish line" of Easter Sunday and forget to reflect on what I learned about God, my spirituality and myself during this Lenten Season. I have talked to a few others, and I guess I am not alone. This year I don't want to miss the opportunity to miss the gifts I received during this Lenten Season, because the "prize" of Easter Joy overshadowed the blessings received during these 40 days.

I invite you to join me in this time of reflection during this Holy Week. I begin by placing the "lump of clay" we received on Ash Wednesday in front of me. We prayed throughout the Lenten Season, "Lord, mold us and shape us into your image!" The clay I have and others confirmed, is all dried out and crumbled pieces. Quite a message there, don't you think? We'll all see it differently. How important water is on our spiritual journey, especially the waters of Baptism. Someone mentioned, it reminds them of being a "cracked-pot." Without the grace of God we all thirst for the presence of the living God. Beside restful waters he leads me, and there he refreshes my soul. Some others have thought, "it is a reminder that our relationship with God is multi-faceted, like the pieces of clay has become. What are your thoughts as you sit with what was a lump of clay forty day ago? Take the time to reflect on this journey.

How about your visits to the six prayer stations around the church? Did you make time? What were the lessons? Too busy? Can you make time now? I am carrying a heart in my breavery so that each time I pray throughout the day I am reminded of the promise I made during this Lenten Season, and try to keep during the Easter Season and beyond.

Lessons learned from reading Matthew Kelly's Perfectly Yourself? We all received a copy at Christmas, and had an opportunity to join one of the small groups for discussion. There were also the Daily reflections offered by Kelly and members of the Dynamic Catholic staff on the same topic. Where did that take you on this spiritual journey and in your relationship with God? Our Tuesday group is going to need two more weeks in the Easter Season to complete our reading due to Tuesday snow storms. Our sharing was powerful and supportive for me and those who are attending.

The "finish line" - the final stretch of Lent is very near. Don't miss the opportunity to reflect on the gifts, and grace received during these 40 of Lent! It certainly gives us more reason to celebrate the 50 days of Easter!

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
Lynn Dillion
Phyllis Collins
Mike Iacovelli
Colleen Iacovelli
Michelle DeCarlo
Paul Antico



David Perry

SANCTUARY LAMP
George Bushnell

MASS ATTENDANCE

3/18/2017

4:00PM	120
8:30AM	114
10:30AM	185

FINANCIAL REPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

3/11/2017

Weekly:
\$3,620.00

Monthly:
\$875.00

Fuel, Utilities,
Maintenance &

Repairs:
\$210.00

Capital Campaign:
\$337.00



Tuesday 10:30am Chrism Mass @ St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester

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

The lesson for us in this Gospel is that the Lord can take our humble offerings and turn them to gold. He can use our modest gifts in ways that we could never have anticipated. The issue is not whether we have value, but whether we will answer the call. If we do, we can be assured that God will make something important of us and our faithful service.

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

- ◆ What is your mission in life?
- ◆ What do you worry about?

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Saturday, March 24th

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

Sunday, March 25th

9:30a Faith Formation grades 1-6
Grades 7 & 8 Sacraments Module
10:00a Mass: Pam Sunday (begin in Hall @ 9:45)
Thrift Shop Closed

Monday, March 26th

9:00a Mass: Our Parish Family
6-8:00p Eucharistic Adoration
7:00p Pastoral Planning Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 27th

10:30a Chrism Mass—St Paul's Cathedral, Worcester
7:30p Lenten Small Group – Jana Loughlin

Wednesday, March 28th

9:00a Mass: Our Parish Family
9:30a MFN Playgroup
6:45p The Mysteries of Holy Week Explained, Hall Sacraments Module for Grades 7 & 8
7:30p Tenebrae with Reconciliation & Anointing of the sick
Confirmation I & II

Thursday, March 29th

6:45p The Mysteries of Holy Week Explained, Hall Sacraments Module for Grades 7 & 8
7:30p Mass: Holy Thursday
Confirmation I & II
Thrift Shop Closed

Friday, March 30th

10:00a Walk the Walk
12:00p Simple Meal, Hall
3:00p Stations of the Cross
6:45p The Mysteries of Holy Week Explained, Hall Sacraments Module for Grades 7 & 8
7:30p Good Friday Liturgy
Confirmation I & II
7:30p AA Meeting

Saturday, March 31st

8:30a AA Meeting
3:00p Reconciliation
6:45p The Mysteries of Holy Week Explained, Hall Sacraments Module for Grades 7 & 8
7:30p Easter Vigil
Confirmation I & II

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: Second Sunday of the month after the 10:30 Mass

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



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. Sacred Heart is 70% towards our goal of \$43,200.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located at the church entrances. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!



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

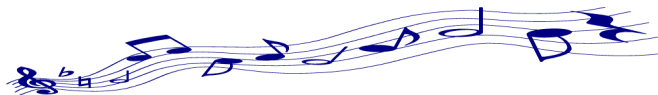
Ever wonder what the Holy Week services were all about? Here is your chance to find out! Prior to each Holy Week service, there will be a brief explanation of each prayer experience and the meaning behind the ritual. Connect our rich Catholic traditions to the sacramental life we share. Gather at 6:45 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!



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 — chrisg5354@yahoo.com or at the Parish Office.



Italian Family Night Dinner -
DATE CHANGE*April 28th**
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.



MAR 30 APR 27 MAY 25

Various needs include Cooks, Servers, Clean-up.
 Looking for 10 to 20 people
 Pick your time slot:
 1PM-3PM Cooking & Meal Prep
 4PM-5:30PM Food Prep & Serving Meal
 5PM 6:30 PM Cleanup
 EASY SIGN UP BY GOOGLE DOC & Parish Web Site
 Jean Bonetti jeanvendetti@verizon.net 508-779-7661
 Robyn York at robyneyork@gmail.com



Thank you to all who brought food for the Mustard seed this month.
 Our next trip to the Mustard Seed is April 17th. 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.