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AUGUST 9, 2026
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FR. PERI. ANANDARAYAR, SdC *Pastor*

FR. SILVIO DE NARD, SdC *Assistant Pastor*

Sacred Heart Parish is entrusted to the care of the Servants of Charity, an international Religious Order founded in 1908 by St. Luigi Guanella in Italy.

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WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday: ***3:30*** *pm (City View Manor) &* ***5:00*** *pm*
Sunday: ***9:00*** *am &* ***11:30*** *am*

DAILY MASS
Monday-Friday: ***7:00*** *am*
Saturday: ***8:00*** *am*

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
9:00 *am &* ***7:00*** *pm (Church)*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (Chapel)
Tuesday & Wednesday: *7:30 am – 3:00 pm*
Saturday: *8:30 am – 4:00 pm*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm or by appointment

BAPTISM *Sunday at 12:30 pm*

CCD CLASSES
Sunday from 10am to 11am from September to April

REGISTRATION
Please call the rectory and make an appointment with the Pastor. We warmly welcome you to the Sacred Heart Parish Family.

MATRIMONY: *Contact the Pastor one year before the date of your wedding.*

COMMUNION CALLS: *Every Thursday. Please call the Rectory when someone desires to receive a visit from one of the priests.*

SENHOR SANTO CRISTO CHAPEL
O Senhor Santo Cristo, we thank You for all the benefits that You have given us. Keep us away from physical and spiritual dangers. May Your peace reign in this world so far away from You, the ultimate source of peace and love on earth. Bless our families and parish. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

We kindly ask you to keep the members of our parish family who are ill and suffering in your prayers:

Ligia McCormick; Cecelia Ceprano; RR; ST; Viriata Roderick; BD; Kim Bausch; Amanda Perry; Donna Lemos; Danielle Lachance; Susan Burcroff; Linda F.; Jody Nivins; Donna Lima Johnson; Kristen Conti.; Sara F; Joan Leonardo; Maria Costa; Dennis Rodrigues; Louise Peck; Stephen Evans; Dennis Shea; Joan Marie; Jean Vincent; Jeff Purcell; Gloria Pacheco; Anna L.; Amy Joy; Julie DaSilva; Maria Duarte; Freddy Rego; John Tavares; Richard Laiter; Marie Lawrence; Landon F.; Evelyn Cole; Lucia Dutra; Cheryl Dutra; Elizabeth Smith; Gabriela Costa; John & Jacob Thomson; Adriana; Megan Alix; Helia M. Nunes; Michael Adams; Francisco Gonzalez; Lisa Aguiar; Jennifer Griffith; Christine Luciano; Dorothy Hutson; John Carvalho; Gregory Zella; Kathy McCoy; Arlindo Borges; Roberto; Cheryl Parella; Marilyn Lucier; Derek; George Shea; James Barbosa; Ezequiel Melo; Hope Laiter; Matthew Boudreau; Daniel Lewis; Allison Roberto; Alex Wilson; Zachary Leiszler; Amy Federivicz; Carol Ladeira; TC; DC: Monica Rainville Baton; Fred Rioles; Rosa Maria Santos; Katie Gauthier; Theresa C.; Sofia Lima; Cheryl, Gloria & Maria Lima, Bill Lynch; Ryan Massey, and all our sick parishioners at home, in nursing homes, hospitals and hospices.

May ***God bless you all.***

Sanctuary Lamp Lit

for this week is in memory of

CARLA CASTRO

by Parish Family

If you would like to have the sanctuary Lamp lit for the week in memory of loved ones, please, put your intention in the collection basket along with a free-will donation.

SOMETHING TO REFLECT UPON…

AUGUST 9, 2026

Today we celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Jesus offers to our meditation another outstanding miracle: He walks on water.
After the multiplication of bread and fish, while people were resting after a great meal, for free, Jesus left the place and went to a mountain close by to pray. People in the meantime were discussing to make Jesus their new king. The apostles were busy in collection the left-overs and discussing what just happened: five loaves and two fishes multiplied so much that five thousand people were satisfied.

Once everything returned to normality, the twelve apostles took their boats and tried their best to reach the other side of the lake. But they had a hard time for a strong wind and dangerous waves surrounded the boat. Being efficient sailors since their birth, they did their best to survive. But they were concerned. Things were getting worse and worse. The boat was going up and down like a ball on the water. At this point they were scared to death. There was nothing they could do to survive. They were doomed to die.

Suddenly they saw a ghost walking on the water in the middle of that disaster: a spirit from the dead appeared. They lost control of themselves and started to panic. They were lost for good. Death was coming to them and bring them to the other life.

"Guys, do not be afraid! It's me, Jesus!" They were not persuaded 100%. Maybe Jesus died during the night on the lake and now He was coming to get them too.

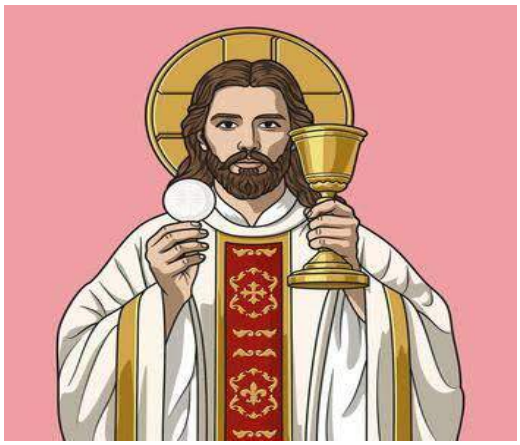
"Guys, do not be afraid! It's me, Jesus.
Peter right away asked Jesus the impossible too:
"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
"Take courage. Do not be afraid. Be my guest!" Jesus said.
And Peter started to walk on the water to reach Jesus. But the storm took from Peter all his trust in Jesus and he started to sink.
"Jesus, save me."
Jesus gave him his hand and Peter found himself walking with Jesus. But they found themselves already on a shore.
Another miracle of Jesus.
"Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
"Truly, you are the Son of God."
This is the first time the apostles made an act of faith in Jesus Christ. But fear was still in them.

Jesus told them and all of us not to be afraid of Him. He did not come to scare us but to bring faith in Him.
I found out that some people are afraid of God. According to them God is good only by sending upon them sickness, poverty, difficulties, and bad things. They have no idea who God truly is. The New Testament presents God as Love. God is love.
When we have the wrong idea of God, we see God as miserable, happy to make people's life miserable and more miserable.
But this is not coming from God, or from the teaching of Jesus, or from the Holy Spirit.
The Blessed Trinity is love and they will love us until the end of our life. And after this earthly life, God is more than happy to bring to Himself those people who truly loved Him, praised to Him, listened to Him, and followed Him as their God and Savior.

There are people who accuse God for doing nothing to stop violence and wars in the world. It seems that God likes to look down on earth and do nothing to build a better world, family, and society.
As I say all the time, God is NOT the Maintenance Man of the world. He is not the One who loves to make our life miserable. We are the ones who ruin everything and then we have the guts to say that God is on vacation. No, He is never on vacation. He takes care of us and sends his Holy Spirit to change the hearts of people. If we don't listen to Him, He is still loving us. However, we are supposed to build a society and family according to what He says.
Not vice versa. Let us be thankful.
O Jesus, we trust in You!

May the Good Lord bless us all! Amen.

Fr. Silvio



MASS INTENTIONS

August 9 - 16, 2026

Saturday, August 8th

St. Dominic, Spanish priest, founder (d. 1221)

8:00am: ***NANCY MASSIMINO** by friend
***SOULS IN PURGATORY** by Judith Qujioc

3:30pm: ***DAVID McGUIRL** by B. M.

5:00pm: ***JOANNA KING (6th Ann.)** by Jeanette Simoes & family
***DAVID AREY** by Diane Wallace
***ANDY ERNST** by family friend

Sunday, August 9th

19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am: ***CONCETTA HOPKINS** by James Hopkins Jr
***LUIS DaSILVA** by Maria DaSilva
***JAMES CARNEY (2nd Ann.)** by family
***MANUEL & GRACE AZEVEDO** by family
***JAMES DUTRA** by Barbara & family
*** MURIEL & FRANK DUARTE** by Fran Clerx

11:30am: ***JAIME D'OLIVEIRA** by wife & family
***WILLIAM & ALICE MURPHY** by family
***ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

Monday, August 10th

St. Lawrence, Roman Deacon, martyr (d. 258)

7:00am: ***KATHLEEN ROY** by family

Tuesday, August 11th

St. Clare of Assisi, Italian foundress (d. 1253)

7:00am: ***EDWARD ROY** by family
***SOULS IN PURGATORY** by S.D.

Wednesday, August 12th

St. Jeanne de Chantal, French foundress (d. 1641)

7:00am: ***PAUL ROY** by family

Thursday, August 13th

St. Pontian, 18th Pope, martyr (d. 235)

7:00am: ***TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA** by Rosa Costa
***MEREDITH COOLEY** by family

Friday, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Polish priest, martyr (d. 1941)

7:00am: ***HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY** by Carmen
***JOEL CRUCETTS** by family friend

Saturday, August 15th

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00am: ***DEBBIE DENNIS** by family friend

3:30pm: ***SOULS IN PURGATORY**

5:00pm:

***ANTHONY J. FIANDACA** by Maria & Sandy Duarte
***ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

Sunday, August 16th

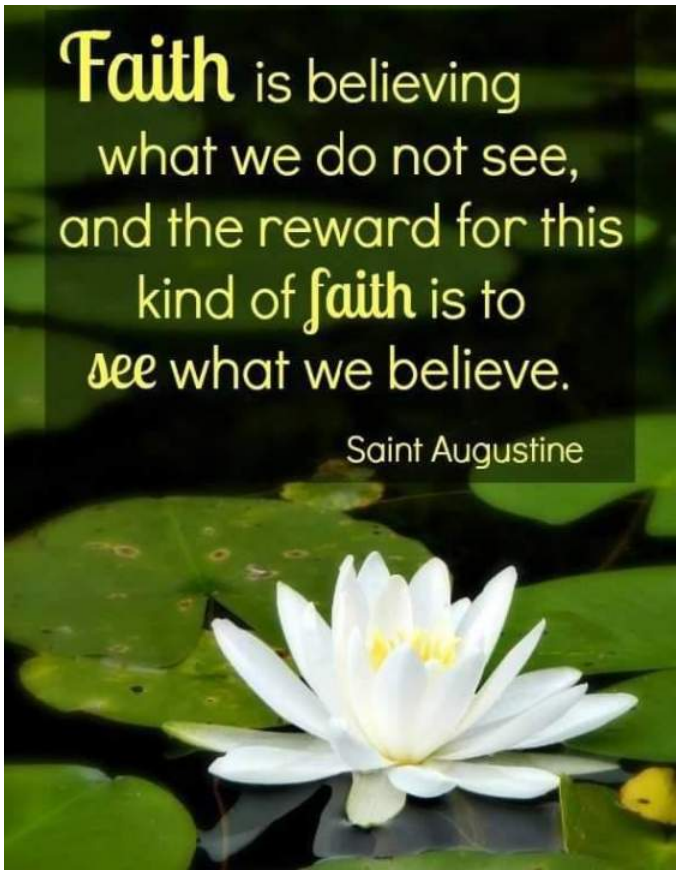
20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00am:

***JAMES HOPKINS SR.** by James Hopkins Jr
***ARNALDO DINIZ & DAVID ABELHA** by family
***JAMES DUTRA** by Barbara Dutra & family
***MANUEL & GRACE AZEVEDO** by family
***MURIEL & FRANK DUARTE** by Fran Clerx

11:30am:

***CHARLIE DeMEDEIROS; MANUEL & MARIA BARBOSA** by Mary DeMedeiros
***LUIS DaSILVA** by Maria DaSilva
***JOSE & MARIA CARREIRA** by family
***ADRIANO & EMILIA CARREIRA** by family
***DECEASED MEMBERS OF LUBRANO & FONSECA FAMILIES** by Lubrano family
***WILLIAM & ALICE MURPHY** by family



<< CCD Corner >>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AND COMPLETE BY AUGUST 17, 2026

ATTENDING MASS ON SUNDAY IS MANDATORY NOT OPTIONAL. PLEASE, DEAR PARENTS, BE THE FIRST FORMATORS OF GOOD CATHOLICS FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sandy at 401-434-0326, Ext. 4 or via email at sduarte@sacredheartepri.com

Legion of Mary

Join the Legion of Mary and do a little extra to help Jesus and Mary in saving souls.

Sacred Heart Church - 118 Taunton Ave
Every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM at the Parish Hall

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"

SUNDAY COLLECTION A WEEK AGO

At Mass Giving	$ 3,783.00
Online Giving	$ 145.00
Total	$ 3,928.00

A Year Ago $ 2,493.00

THANK YOU for your generosity

"Sacred Heart Parish Jubilee Year Pilgrimage"

We are excited to announce a bus trip to the **Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA**
To help us plan, we would love to know how many parishioners are interested in joining us.
The round-trip transportation cost will be $60–$70 per person, and may be lower depending on the number of participants.
Food is available for purchase at the Shrine, or you are welcome to bring a packed lunch.
We are planning to travel on Saturday September 26, 2026.
If you are interested in attending, please call the Rectory Office **at 401-434-0326 Ext. 3** and register your names to the receptionist.
Thank you and God Bless! ***Father Peri***

SACRED HEART PARISH ASSEMBLY

- Bishop & Priests Want to Hear From You -

Join us for our Parish Assembly on
September 23, 2026, at 6 PM
We'll be reflecting together on:

1. What do you need from the Church right now?
2. What is our parish doing well?
3. What needs to be strengthened or improved?
4. What should we begin doing?
5. What should we stop doing?
6. What should the diocese focus on at this time?

Your voice matters. All are welcome to join.
Please register as soon as possible.
Sign-up sheets are available at the front and side door of the church.

Sacred Heart Bible Study

"Learn the Bible and Grow Closer to God"

Monday AUGUST 10

6:00 PM

BIBLE CLASS

SACRED HEART 365 CLUB

April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

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MISSIONARIES IN EAST PROVIDENCE

Would you do something beautiful for God?

Join us for our first planning meeting for a Day of Evangelization at Sacred Heart Parish in October.

Learn what you can do to help.

Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 PM in the church hall.

A Word about Reverence In Church

I've often noticed our neighbors at the Second Baptist Church arriving for Sunday service dressed in their very best — and it moves me, while also giving me pause about what I sometimes see among us. They don't have the Mass or the Eucharist. Yet they dress with reverence for the Word of God alone.

How much more should we dress with reverence for Christ Himself, **truly present on our altar**?

So I ask you, young and old: please choose modest, respectful clothing for Mass — nothing beachwear, nothing too casual.

We are coming before the Lord.

I say this because I love this parish, and want us to give God our very best.

Sunday Chuckle

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An old farmer writes to his son in prison: 'Dear son, this year I won't be able to plant potatoes because I can't dig the field by myself. I know if you were here you would help me!

The son writes: Dad, don't even think of digging the field because that's where I buried the money I stole! The police read the letter and the next day the whole field is dug up by police looking for the money, but nothing is found. The following day the son writes again: Now plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I can do from here!

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK

Teacher: "Whoever answers my next question can go home."

One boy at the back of the class throws his bag out the window.

Teacher: "Who just threw that?"

"Me" replied the boy, "and I'm going home."

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