

SAINT ANNE PARISH

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We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish.
If you would like to join our faith
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Please send an email to:
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Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 6, 2021

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it."

(Mark 14:23)

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation.

He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup.

In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally.

If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm Sunday ~ 8:30 am and 10:30 am No Sunday Evening Mass during the summer.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am First Fridays and Fridays in Lent: 9:00 am

Healing Mass:

First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Please see Reopening Guidelines in the ONLINE bulletin for protocols for Sacraments.

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,
First Wednesday of each month ~
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.,
or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesdays: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. For the time being, baptisms are will be celebrated outside of Masses, rather than during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick Fr. Albert is pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Call the

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

Livestreamed St. Anne Masses (schedule subject to change):

ALL St. Anne Mass offerings will now be livestreamed: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through our parish website!

- Go to parish webpage: www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down to "ECatholic Live: St. Anne Southborough". *See logo on right.* Or click on Quick Link in box on the right of web homepage.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 5:30 p.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.





An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

June 5 & 6 ~ The Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

5:00 pm	Lector	Laura Schroeder
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Regina McAuliffe
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Nancy Denardo
10:30 am	Lector	Doug Parent
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Steve Buttiglieri

June 12 & 13 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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5:00 pm	Lector	Debbie Simon
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Elaine Yetman
10:30 am	Lector	Pat Draper
In church, not Hall	Communion Ministers	Joe Cruciani



Suspension of Sunday Evening Mass

The celebration of the Sunday evening Mass (5:30 p.m.) will be suspended from Sunday, June 6 until Sunday, September 12.

"Grace is what God gives us when we don't deserve and mercy is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve."

~ Anonymous





WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE with MASS INTENTIONS (June 5 to June 13)

To request a Mass Intention, stop in the Parish Office or call 508-485-0141.

SATURDAY 5		5:00 pm	For Joan and John Misener by Donna and Melissa Damina	
SUNDAY 6		8.30 am	For Paniitha Mary (Month's Min	

by Clem Martin family

10:30 am For healing intentions for St.
Anne parishioners

MONDAY 7 9:00 am For Georgette Prosperi by her daughter Suzanne

TUESDAY 8 9:00 am For Margaret Ann Hostage

WEDNESDAY 9 9:00 am For Ranjitha Mary by Fr. Albert

THURSDAY 10 9:00 am For Jane Wood by Suzanne

SATURDAY 12 5:00 pm For Bill and Nancy Deckin by Socorro Martin

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SUNDAY 13 8:30 am For Ranjitha Mary by Barbara and Matt Malloy

10:30 am For Marie McGue (5th

Anniversary) by her daughter Pat

Draper

























Congratulations to the Class of 2021

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His favour upon
you and give you His peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Dianne Higgins, Millie Garden, Seminarian Alex Quach, Pat Moran, Fr. Thirburse F. Millot, Katie Kulik, Elaine Arrison, Jackie Di Buono, Rachel Attaway, Matthew, Susan Cioppa, Lillian Franco, Mary Hunt, Hans, Elisabel Borreani, Peg Nicosia.

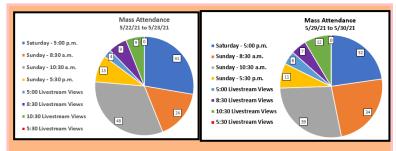


Hunt, Hans, Elisabel Borreani, Peg Nicosia, Dr. Malgorzata McMasters, Tom Livingstone, Bob Seariac, Pat Fitzgerald, Anne Meek, Paul LeDuc, Marie Martin, Sheila, Annie Lonzoria, Marilou Alvarado-Custodio, Janet Mattioli, Jane & Miles Gray, Zara Daniel, Julie Flanders, Karen, Fr. Ed, Bruce, Mike Allain, Mrs. Wallace (Holly Spicer's Mom), Reverend Deogratis Rwegassima, Helen Curran, Irudayasamy S. (Father Albert's Father), Pat Battles, George Stagno, Colby Morgan, Jeannine Godbout

Want to add your name or the name(s) of others to the Prayers for the Sick listing? Please email the names to the Parish Office at stanne403@stannesouthborough.org.

To have a name removed, please email the Parish Office.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP



<u>5/23/2021</u>		<u>5/30/2021</u>	
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	41	Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	32
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	24	Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	34
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	48	Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	39
Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	13	Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	11
5:00 Livestream Views	4	5:00 Livestream Views	6
8:30 Livestream Views	9	8:30 Livestream Views	7
10:30 Livestream Views	9	10:30 Livestream Views	12
5:30 Livestream Views	0	5:30 Livestream Views	0
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From the Desk of the Director of Religious Education



Dan Doyle

2021-22 RE Catechist Interest?

Interested in sharing your faith with the young people of our parish during the 2021-22 academic year? If so, please contact Dan Doyle at dan@stannesouthborough.org or 508-485-0141 for more information, scheduling, and training information. Teaching teams for the 2021-22 school year are currently being assembled.

2021-22 Scheduling Commitment: Two Sundays a month, hour long instruction, from September 2021 thru May 2022

2021-22 RE Registration

Registration for Religious Education classes in the fall is now available online at

www.stannesouthborough.org or click here. If you are signed up for Flocknote, you received an email with a link to the online registration as well. Paper copies are available



in the Church and Parish Office. Any questions? Please contact Dan Doyle at dan@stannesouthborough.org or call 508-485-0141.

Pope Francis' Intentions for June

"The beauty of marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience."



PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR through May 30, 2021

Regular Weekly Offering: \$	1,320.00
Capital Improvement:\$	20.00
Peter's Pence:\$	20.00
Catholic Communications: \$	10.00

Online Giving: St. Anne Parish partners with WeShare for online giving. WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne's Website: With our website we have an additional resource for online giving and online CE registration. St. Anne Parish partners with eCatholic and BluePay for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

Thank you for your continued, generous support!



SUMMER IS HERE! There will likely be a drop in attendance due to summer vacations. Please do not forget St. Anne while you are away. Please consider either "WeShare" or "BluePay" for online giving. We depend on your prayers and contributions to keep our parish running.

Informal Coffee Hour



Weather permitting, there will be an informal coffee hour in the Parish Hall this **Sunday**, **June 6** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Come and reconnect with fellow parishioners, meet our summer seminarian Christopher, and wish Father Albert a belated happy birthday. (His birthday is June 4.)

Coffee/tea/juice and light snacks provided.

Ordination 2021 Schedule

The Diocese has been delaying setting dates for the ordinations, waiting to see how the pandemic continues to develop. While we



certainly pray that conditions continue to improve, it has been decided that the best course of action is to have multiple ceremonies in the hopes that sufficient space is available for guests. The dates are:

May 15 at 10:00 a.m. - priestly ordination of Deacons Ardila and Carvajal

May 29 at 10:00 a.m. - diaconate ordination of three of our transitional deacons

May 29 at 2:00 p.m. - diaconate ordination of three of our transitional deacons

June 19 at 10:00 a.m. - priestly ordination of Deacons Larochelle and LaRoche

Our parish Summer 2020 seminarian, Juan Parra, was ordained as a deacon on Saturday, May 29.

Please keep Juan in your prayers!



PARISH AND DIOCESAN INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Olive Wood Religious Articles Sale for Holy Land Families

Maysoon Khair representing Star of Bethlehem
Handicrafts returns! She will be outside of St. Anne
Parish before and after all Masses on **Saturday**, **June 12 and Sunday**, **June 13** selling beautiful hand-carved items
such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, Last Supper
and other religious statues. Maysoon is representing
School of Joy for slow learner children and over 100
Christian families who make their livelihood through the
selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.



Please stop by to look over the carvings that are available and help support this self -help project of Christians living in the Holy Land.

Website: starofbethlehemhandicrafts.com

United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry

Thank you! Thank you! Your outpouring of donations in such a short period of time has been overwhelming! The sorting, dating, and boxing crew have been very busy. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Health and Household:

Facial Tissues

Sides/Condiments/ Meats:

- Corned Beef Hash
- Vienna Sausages
- Salad Dressing
- Beets

- Mushrooms
- Cheez-It Crackers snack pack size
- Goldfish Crackers snack pack size

Drinks:

- Ground Coffee
- Hot Chocolate
- Cranberry Juice 64 oz.

Donations may be left in the foyer of St, Anne Parish Hall. As most food items are date sensitive, <u>please be sure that</u> your donation is not out of date.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to contact the Food Pantry.

Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) for CLIENTS returning to in-person shopping **starting June 10 and June 11** are Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Donations also can be left in bins outside the pantry door at Pilgrim Church anytime other than client hours listed above.





Baby Crib Quilts

Parishioner Sandy Callinan has sewn beautiful baby quilts blessed by Father Albert which are available in the Parish Office for sick infants and children in need of healing prayers.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

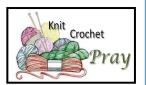
Prayer shawl members meet Mondays from 10:00 to noon in the **Parish Hall** to knit/crochet for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed prayer shawl.

Interested in joining this ministry? Stop in the Parish Hall any Monday or call the Parish Office for more information.

Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? Please call the Parish Office to arrange a shawl pickup or delivery. Donations collected for shawls are sent to our sister parish in Haiti to aid their rebuilding.

The Rosary portion of the Prayer Shawl Monday meetings will be live streamed via the parish website, stannesouthborough.org starting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Password: shawls



Novena to the Sacred Heart 2021 in Worcester

All are welcome to Sacred Heart-St.
Catherine of Sweden Parish for a Novena to the Sacred Heart on Thursday, June 3 through Friday, June 11 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mass for the feast will be celebrated by Bishop McManus on Friday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.



On each of these nine days, a deeper relationship with God and with those around us will be built.

The church is located at 596 Cambridge St., Worcester.

Diocesan Summer Young Adult EventsAll young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to

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weekly pick-up volleyball, hiking trips to Mt. Wachusett and Mt. Monadnock, an aerial adventure course, and whitewater rafting. Some events require registration in advance.

To sign up or to get more information go to www.neworcester.org/summer-young-adult-events or contact Tim Messenger

at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org or 508-929-4360.

Diocesan Summer Youth Events

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will be offering several exciting opportunities this summer for middle and high school youth! Events include a trip to an aerial adventure course, whitewater rafting, summer worship nights, the Diocesan volleyball league, and the Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team.

To get more information or to register a group for any of these opportunities go to the Diocesan Youth Ministry website at www.neworcester.org or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org or 508-929-4360.



DIOCESAN INFORMATION AND EVENTS



<u>Volunteers Needed</u> for Children in Homeless Shelters

Children living in more than 90 homeless shelters across Massachusetts count on Horizons for Homeless

Children volunteers. Can they count on you?

Volunteer to play with homeless children at our Playspace in one of more than 90 family shelters. We have a high need for volunteers in Worcester.

A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months and an orientation are required. **Upcoming online volunteer orientation:** Thursday, June 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

To find out more, view other orientation dates, or to apply, call 774.260.2612 or visit www.horizonschildren.org/playspace.



Seeking Minister of Faith Formation, St. Peter Parish, Northbridge

St. Peter Parish, Northbridge is seeking a Minister of Faith Formation to direct the program serving the young people of the parish in grades kindergarten through high school. This individual will oversee all aspects of the program, including resourcing the catechists and working with them directly during program hours (Sunday mornings and evenings, Tuesday evenings), and meeting with the pastor and Faith Formation Committee at their regularly scheduled meetings. The program currently serves 28 families with approximately 50 youngsters. This is a part-time position (20 hours per week). Interested applicants should possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree with relevant courses in religious education/theology, as well as experience in parish religious

education. To apply, please submit a resume and three references from experiences in ministry or from those responsible for your education/formation to: Rev. Thomas Landry, Pastor, St. Peter Parish, 39 Church Avenue, P.O. Box 446, Northbridge, MA 01534 or email to parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org.



Chicken Parm Dinner "To Go"

St. Peter Parish, 39 Church Avenue, Northbridge, is having a Chicken Parm Dinner "To Go" on **Saturday**, **June 12**

starting at 5:30 p.m. in their Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$12 per dinner and include salad and dessert.

All orders must be purchased in advance.

"Pay It Forward": Purchase an extra dinner and we will deliver it to someone in need in our local community.

Please call 508-234-2156 or email <u>parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org</u> to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

Camp and Retreat for Catholic HS age young men

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day overnight retreat and camp **Thursday, June 24 - Sunday, June 27** for young Catholic men of high school age (those entering high school through recent graduates of high school) sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester and the Archdiocese of Boston.

It serves to connect them to other young men striving to live lives of virtue, to deepen their faith, learn more about what it means to be a Catholic man in our world today (whether single, parent, or priest), and better discern God's call in their lives.

This event will be both prayerful and a lot of fun, with everything from epic capture the flag games to daily Mass.

For more information, https://

www.quovadisboston.com Financial aid is available for those who need assistance. For more information contact Fr.

Donato Infante, Diocesan Vocations Director, at donato.infante@gmail.com.



Young Adult Weekly Pick-up Volleyball & Hangout

All young adults (ages 18+) are invited to join us for weekly pick-up volleyball at St. Christopher in Worcester!

Join us every Friday at 6:00 p.m. beginning on June 11 through the end of August.

These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult (regardless of skill level!).

If you are looking for a fun way to meet up with other young adults in the area, then this is perfect for you!

There is no commitment or formal sign-ups, but if you would like to receive text or email updates during the summer, feel free to sign up at the following



link: www.neworcester.org/young-adultsummer-volleyball.

Summer Youth Worship Nights

All high school youth are invited to attend our Diocesan summer worship nights!

The first worship night will take place on Friday, June 18 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Holy Family of Nazareth in Leominster.

The second will take place on Friday, July 9 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Luke's in Westborough.

These events are open to any incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors. Worship nights include icebreakers, witnesses, praise and worship music, and Eucharistic

Adoration!

There is NO COST to attend!

To sign up a group from your parish go to www.neworcester.org/summer-worship-nights



BISHOP MCMANUS' PASTORAL LETTER



Coming Home to Mass

A Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Worcester

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this past year so much of our life has moved online, to a "virtual" reality, including Masses streamed from our parish churches. However, as much as technology has helped us to bridge somewhat the pandemic divide, virtual reality remains virtual and is not the same as

being present at the celebration of Holy Mass in person.

We only have to remember the longing we have felt to be present for a meal with family members or friends for anniversaries, weddings or birthdays. How much we have yearned to see them face-to-face. It's the same with the Mass. As helpful as it has been to stay connected to our parishes virtually, it is nothing like gathering in person with our brothers and sisters at Sunday Mass.

The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Roman Catholics. It is where Christ gives himself to us in his Body and Blood. Christ is present at every Mass, in his Word proclaimed, in a tangible way in his Body and Blood and in the person of his priest. He is present to feed us with Word and Sacrament, to embrace us with his love and to give us the grace we need to face the struggles of our daily lives. We hunger for his presence. We draw from the Mass the grace we need to love and we return to it in thanksgiving to God for all he has given to us.

In the early Church, when cruel judges condemned the first Christian martyrs for worshipping God they replied, Sine dominico non possumus: "Without the Lord's day, we cannot live." With the inspiring words of these martyrs, our beloved Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminds us, "the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment but an inner necessity... Without [Christ], who sustains our lives, life itself is empty."

That is why our hearts ache when we see the pew where a brother or sister used to sit in Church. We must admit that the great societal change in our world, and especially in New England, has led to profound changes in the relationship of many Catholics with the Sunday obligation of attending Mass. So often Sunday, the Lord's Day, has been supplanted by "the weekend," a sort of secular sabbath, a weekly break from work set aside for everything from sports to recreation, from shopping to cleaning the house.

Rest is good. Time for family, recreation and catching up on the practicalities of life is good. However, can any leisure activity inspire us to know that we are loved for who we are, or forgiven for our failings or make us stronger as a family? How much more fulfilling our lives would be if we would give our hearts to Sunday Mass and allow the Mass to satisfy them.

Christ waits for you, my dear friends. He waits for you to come home with all your brothers and sisters in the Church, to hear his saving Word proclaimed, to join your joys and sorrows to his Holy Cross, and to receive him in Holy Communion, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, 9 September 2007.

BISHOP MCMANUS' PASTORAL LETTER, CONTINUED

As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote, not so many years ago:

Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ! Yes, let us open our time to Christ, that he may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and he gives us "his day" [Sunday] as an ever new gift of his love...Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human.³

Just think of that. Our attendance at Mass is not "time lost," but "time gained."

How grateful we now are that we can "gather once again to praise God's name in the heart of his Church, delivered from all distress and confident in his mercy!" As a community of faith we have been praying for this moment during these many long months of the pandemic. Now our ability to be present personally at Mass is a blessed reality.

With this letter, therefore, I restore the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.

Whether you attended Mass every Sunday before the pandemic, or not for many years, I invite you to come home now to Mass which is "a foretaste of the eternal bliss and repose to which we are called and which we share, even now, in Holy Communion."

Come home to joy. To the God who waits to embrace you with his tenderness and become the joy of your soul.⁶

Come home to hope. To hope that in the present moment at Mass, Jesus will change your life by giving you the strength to love. To hope for heaven, where you will "forever enjoy the fullness of the Lord's glory."

Come home to the Church, to your brothers and sisters, as imperfect and struggling as we all are, but each of us in need of the Lord Jesus, joined together with him through our worthy reception of Holy Communion.

Come home to Mass. Christ invites you and so do I, along with your brothers and sisters in the Household of Faith, the Body of Christ, his Church.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

For Robert J. Mc Manus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester

³ Pope Saint John Paul II, Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini*, no. 7.

⁴ Diocese of Worcester, *Prayer in Time of Pandemic*, 2020.

⁵ Pope Francis, General Audience, December 13, 2017.

6 Cf. Isaiah 61:10.

⁷ Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer III.

REOPENING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Answering Your Questions about Returning to Mass as of May 29, 2021 in the Diocese of Worcester

- 1. **Did Governor Baker lift the use of masks and other restrictions in churches, too?** As of May 29, 2021 fully *vaccinated* people are no longer required to wear masks or physically distance from others in our parishes, as in other public settings. This applies to attending Mass as well as other parish activities, but does not apply to schools and not to the office spaces.
- 2. Will someone be checking whether I was officially vaccinated?

 We are not policing our parishioners. This is an honor system and we pray that people will be honest and avoid participating unmasked near other parishioners if they have not been vaccinated.
- 3. What if I am not yet vaccinated? How can I safely return to Mass? You should continue to attend Mass as you have been over these past months during the pandemic. All parishes are being advised to have a section of the church available for people who want to wear a mask and remain physically distanced 6 or more feet apart. You can always wear a mask anywhere in the church even if you have been vaccinated but are still concerned for personal reasons about the pandemic.
- 4. Will Mass feel like it did before the pandemic began?

 For the most part things will return to normal as your parish can accommodate it.

 Worship aids (e.g., missalettes and hymnals) can be used again and you will notice more congregational singing. The Diocese of Worcester is recommending waiting until the fall for choirs to resume. For the time being we will not exchange the sign of peace and Holy Communion will not be offered from the chalice.
- 5. I heard that Bishop McManus is restoring the obligation to go to Sunday Mass. What if I am sick, or have compromised health or care for someone at home whose health is compromised?
 - The obligation to be at Mass in person never applies to someone who is sick, or has compromised health, or caring for someone who is sick and at risk or infecting someone for whom they provide care at home. For this reason, parishes are encouraged to continue to stream Mass on their social media channels and the Diocese offers Sunday Mass from the Cathedral on select cable access stations and on the internet at worcesterdiocese.org.
- 6. I've been away from Mass for a while. What if I'm just not ready to go back? We understand that for some people, you may feel uneasy for a variety of reasons to come back to Mass. All we ask is that you read the letter from Bishop McManus about going to Mass in which he reflects on what the Mass means for all of us as baptized Catholics.

MASS GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING

COMING HOME TO MASS

With the lifting of most pandemic gathering restrictions this week, Bishop McManus has announced the restoration of the obligation to take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021.

Bishop McManus has also modified those adaptations of liturgical practices which we have been observing for the past year in mitigation of the virus.

Beginning on **Saturday**, **May 29**th, masks and social distancing are no longer required of all parishioners. However, per CDC guidelines, non-vaccinated persons are still encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing. The tape has been removed but a segment of pews in the front-right section of the church has been reserved for those who wish to social distance.

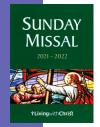




The cleaning of most commonly touched surfaces may be reduced to once a week and limitations of the size of gatherings in non-liturgical spaces have also been lifted.

The singing of hymns and acclamations has been restored, although choirs will not return until the end of the summer.





Holy Water, Hymnals and Missalettes will, once again, be available. Processions will also be restored. The distribution of Holy Communion will return to its pre-COVID form, although the distribution of the Precious Blood will be restored in the fall.

We will also begin using the confessionals and rooms of reconciliation and visitation of the sick will return to its previous schedule.



All of this will take some time to get used to. Please be assured we will continue to carefully monitor the number of cases as we proceed to return to a "new normal." Please join in praying that the success we have so far enjoyed in quelling the pandemic may continue throughout the summer and the months to come.

READINGS FOR THE HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR B

READING I Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the Book of Exodus

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD.

they all answered with one voice,

"We will do everything that the LORD has told us."

Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and,

rising early the next day,

he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites

to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD,

Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls:

the other half he splashed on the altar.

Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people,

who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do."

Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying,

"This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

The Word of the Lord.



I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

John 6:51

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me?

The cup of salvation I will take up,

and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD

is the death of his faithful ones.

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

READING II Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from St. Paul to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works

cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL FOR THE HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR B

GOSPEL Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him,

"Where do you want us to go

and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

"Go into the city and a man will meet you,

carrying a jar of water.

Follow him.

Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house,

'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room

where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"

Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready.

Make the preparations for us there."

The disciples then went off, entered the city,

and found it just as he had told them;

and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating,

he took bread, said the blessing,

broke it, gave it to them, and said,

"Take it; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,

and they all drank from it.

He said to them,

"This is my blood of the covenant,

which will be shed for many.

Amen, I say to you,

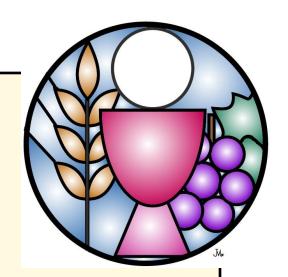
I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine

until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Then, after singing a hymn,

they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.





Blood and Sacrifice The Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B June 6, 2021 Ann Naffziger

Reading I: Exodus 24:3-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Reading II: Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

The church celebrates the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ today with three readings about blood, sacrifices, and covenants. The first reading retells the

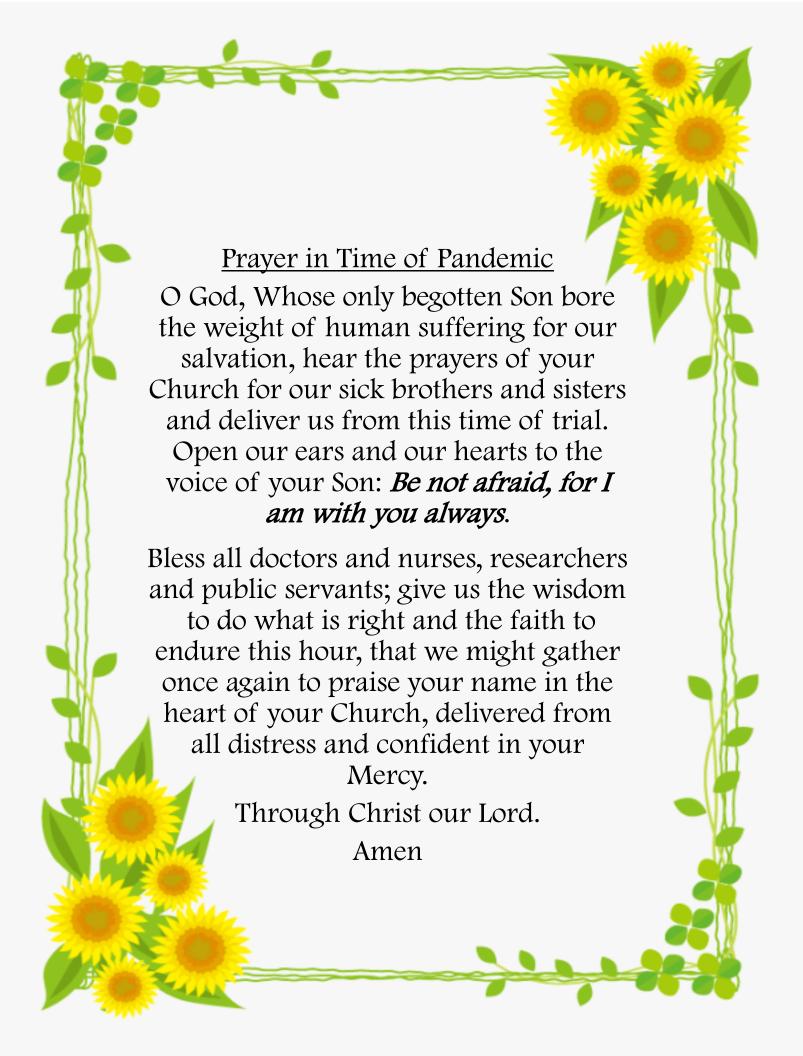
story of Moses using the blood of young bulls to symbolically seal the covenant between the Israelites and God after God gave them the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. The Letter to the Hebrews declares that Jesus' sacrifice is more effective than the blood of goats and bulls in sanctifying us. Finally, Jesus' words at the Last Supper reveal a new understanding - that Jesus will take the place of animals in Jewish worship by offering himself up to death for us.

Jesus' Last Supper was a Passover supper. It took place on the day that Jews traditionally sacrificed and ate a lamb in remembrance of the night when God "passed over" the houses of the Israelites. On that night in Egypt, following Moses' instructions, each Israelite family sacrificed a lamb and used its blood to mark their door posts. That same night, the firstborn of all the Egyptians were killed, but death passed over the Israelites, and they followed Moses to freedom through the parted waters of the Red Sea. The Passover supper included a ritual of breaking and sharing unleavened bread (which is why the bread we use for Communion is unleavened) and sharing wine together.

When Jesus and the disciples shared their Passover meal, they were following all of the Jewish traditions. What made that particular Passover meal different was that Jesus declared that the bread they were eating was his body and the wine they drank was his blood, the "blood of the covenant." From then on, the Passover supper became a remembrance both of how God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and how Jesus saves us by showing us how to live and die.

Questions of the Week

- 1. Have you ever been to a Passover or Seder meal? What was your experience of it? What did you learn about our Jewish history?
- 2. What does the Eucharist mean to you? How does it feed you spiritually?



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Dear Food Pantry Clients,

We are opening for in-person shopping starting **Thursday**, **June 10** and **Friday**, **June 11**. Thursday hours are now 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Friday hours are now 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. **We have to adhere to these new hours.***

Please park in the marked parking spaces when you arrive.

A volunteer will let you know when to enter the building.

Masks are still required.

Only seven (7) clients will be in the hall at any one time.

Six (6) clients will sit on safely spaced chairs in the center of the hall while one (1) client shops at the Pantry.

**Please fill out your grocery list with quantities before you come to the Pantry.

One (1) client will shop at a time and will give their shopping list to the volunteer in the Pantry.

We have installed a full plexiglass window in the Pantry.

When the volunteer has completed bagging the order, the client will go to the Pantry door and get the shopping cart with their order.

Volunteers will direct you when it is your turn to shop at the Pantry or the tables.

IMPORTANT: For clients who are sick or personally unable to get to the Pantry, please ask about delivery to your outside door or patio.

Sincerely,

The Food Pantry Coordinators

*Please keep these times for Pantry Clients only. Donations can be made at any other time by leaving items in bins by the pantry door at Pilgrim Church (or at local parish collection sites). Please secure donation bin lid, especially during inclement weather.

SOUTHBOROUGH YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

we are still here to serve

While our building is closed to the public, SYFS is still available to the residents of Southborough.

Our need-based services are here to help all families affected by Covid-19. If you are worried about a bill, heat, a car payment or food, our Emergency Fund may be able to help you.

For more resources, check our website: https://www.southboroughtown.com/youthand-family-services

For questions about how to apply for help, please call/text Shannon at (978) 310-1182 or email skinayman@southboroughma.com



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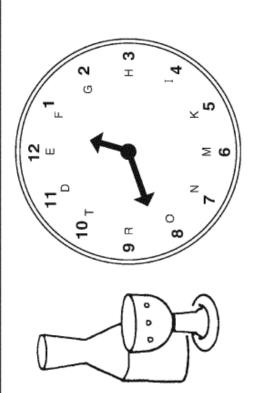


Jesus knew He would soon die, but He also knew that after that, He would rise again and live with God forever.

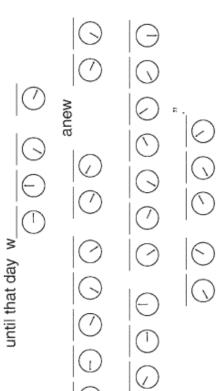
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Ages 7+

Jesus' life was not limited by earthly time. Use the clock code to complete His statement.



"I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine



The Body of Christ
Jesus told His disciples to find a man
carrying a jar of water and follow him to the house
where a dining room would be ready for them.
Follow the path through the city from the man to the house.

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In that dining room, they were going to celebrate a Jewish feast.

In the word search, find the names of eight foods. Circle only the first letter of each one. Write the letters in order on the blank line.

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The disciples left, went into the city and found things just

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as Jesus had told them.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take it; this is My body."

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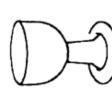


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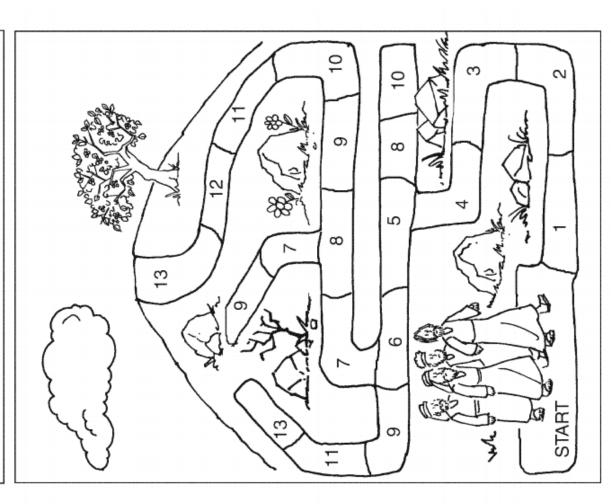
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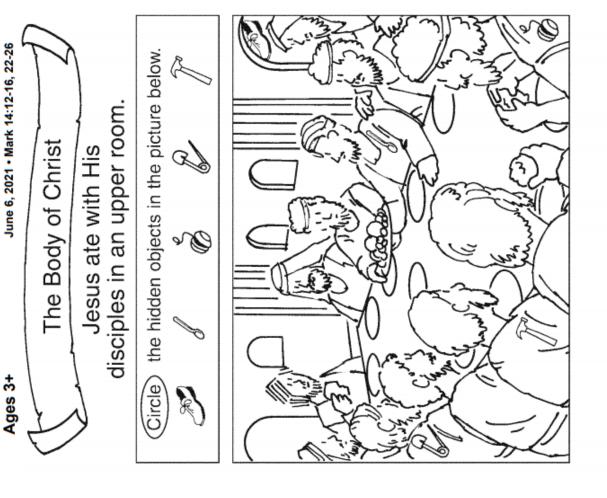
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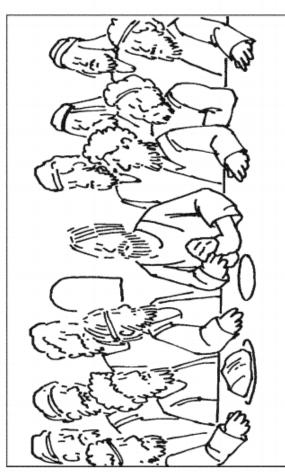
After they sang a song, they all went to the Mount of Olives.



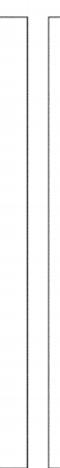


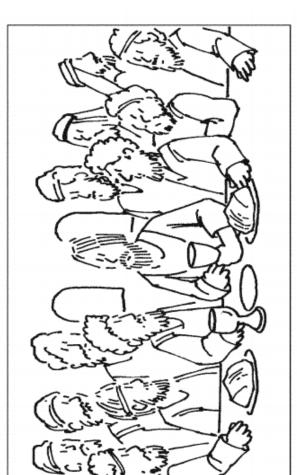
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Jesus broke the bread and gave it to His disciples. Jesus offered the cup to His disciples. Circle) the 6 differences in the 2nd picture.









Jesus said, "This is My body."

Use the code to fill in the missing letters. What else did Jesus tell His disciples?

W = V

